

University of Alberta Faculty of Law



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Transformative
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FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Dean's Message



It's a complex task to choose a law school, and it's important to find the right fit. If you are looking for a legal education at a world class university that will prepare you for the legal profession and advanced legal studies, then the University of Alberta is for you.

Studying at the University of Alberta means that you will have the opportunity to be one of Canada's leading students, taught by the best professors, with world class facilities and resources at your disposal – including more than \$1 million dollars in Faculty-based scholarships and bursaries for law students.

The Faculty of Law has a century-long tradition of excellence in preparing students with the foundational skills and knowledge required to succeed in your chosen legal career. Our nearly 40 full-time professors bring a depth and range of experience to the Faculty. In fact, many of our professors are leaders in their field and have written the textbooks that other law schools use.

We take pride in offering the best services and support for our students. During your time here, you will be mentored and challenged by dedicated professors committed to your success, and be supported by programs and systems designed to help you realize your academic and personal goals.

The most rewarding aspect of your stay at the University of Alberta will be the relationships you form in our uniquely vibrant student community. We strive to provide a positive student atmosphere and work hard to maintain a level of excellence that is second to none. There are nearly 30 law student groups (and more than 400 active student groups on campus) that you can become involved in, such as Law Students' Association, Law Show, Student Legal Services and Law and Older.

For more information, please visit our website at www.law.ualberta.ca. We look forward to seeing you at the University of Alberta!

PHILIP BRYDEN

Dean and Wilbur Fee Bowker Professor of Law





Outstanding Faculty

Made up of some of the finest legal scholars in the country, University of Alberta faculty members encourage students to think critically, to argue coherently, and to set a foundation for their future success. They have authored important textbooks, casebooks and articles that are used by judges and lawyers, are leading commentators on legal issues, and are involved in a wide range of innovative legal research.

To Name a Few...

SANJEEV ANAND LLB LLM PhD Professor Sanjeev Anand teaches and writes in five fields: substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, sentencing and constitutional law. A particular area of interest is youth justice. He is considered by many to be a leading expert in his field and has been honoured numerous times for his service as a public commentator.



JOANNA HARRINGTON BA LLB PhD A past recipient of the Martha Cook Piper Prize for research excellence, Professor Joanna Harrington specializes in constitutional law and international law, including international criminal law and practice, and the legal protection of human rights. A former legal adviser with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Professor Harrington has participated in the negotiation of new human rights instruments at the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and she has represented Canada at the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.



ERIN NELSON BScPT LLB LLM JSD Professor Erin Nelson's research focuses on health care law and policy, with a particular emphasis on women's health and reproductive health. She teaches courses on health care ethics and law, health law and policy and tort law. She is a Research Fellow with the Health Law Institute and has published articles and book chapters on a number of health law related topics, such as consent, the regulation of health care practitioners, intervention in pregnancy, pediatric genetics and the tort law duties of pregnant women.



DAVID PERCY LLB MA LLM Former Dean of Law David Percy holds the inaugural Borden Ladner Gervais Chair in Energy Law and Policy and is recognized internationally for his expertise in water rights, water allocation law and energy law. Professor Percy is the recipient of several teaching awards including the W.P.M. Kennedy Award for outstanding merit as a law teacher in Canada; the Rutherford Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching at the University of Alberta; and the Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award at the Faculty of Law. He is co-editor of *Contracts: Cases and Commentaries* (8th ed.), a leading casebook.



FOR A FULL LIST OF U OF A LAW FACULTY MEMBERS, VISIT WWW.LAW.UALBERTA.CA.



"The professors at the Faculty of Law are genuinely interested in

seeing their students succeed and are willing to go the extra mile to ensure that the law school experience is highly fulfilling and rewarding."

Cameron Jefferies
2010-2011 Canadian
Fulbright Student



Transformative Experience

The Faculty's rigorous program of study is well-known among leading law firms for providing students with the knowledge to succeed in the legal profession. Through the University of Alberta's targeted program of required courses and a wide-range of options, you'll receive a strong foundation in the law—its origins, meaning, and limits—while also having flexibility to customize your studies. The end result is a degree that opens doors.

Preparing You: The LLB* Curriculum

First Year

The mandatory first year of study is designed to provide you with fundamental knowledge in the major areas of law and the profession. Courses include Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law, Foundations to Law, Legal Research and Writing, Property Law, and Torts.

Employers place a high value on effective and efficient legal research and writing. Dedicated instructors teach first-year law students fundamental skills through the Legal Research and Writing class, including electronic and traditional research techniques and writing case briefs, legal memoranda, and facta. A first-year compulsory moot is also a component of the course.

Upper Years

Seven courses are compulsory in the upper years of law school: Administrative Law, Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws, Corporations Law, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and either Jurisprudence or Legal History. These courses provide students with the foundations for lawyering in both public and private practice.

Optional Courses

During upper years, optional courses allow you to customize your studies by exploring areas of interest. Each year, the Faculty offers a diverse range of more than 70 optional courses to enrich the core program. With Faculty permission, students may also take an out-of-Faculty University of Alberta course, a limited number of courses at another law school, or obtain course credit through a growing number of study abroad or exchange programs.

Optional courses involve a wide variety of learning opportunities including:

- Participating in a competitive moot
- Working on the Alberta Law Review
- Conducting directed research with a faculty member
- Participating in an internship with the courts or public agencies
- Developing skills in negotiation, conflict resolution, client counseling, drafting, or advocacy

Other Degree Programs

The Faculty of Business and the Faculty of Law offer a program of joint study which permits students to earn both the MBA and LLB degrees in four years. Students in the first year of either the regular MBA program or the Faculty of Law, as well as new entrants, are eligible to apply for the joint program.

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law, in conjunction with the University of Colorado Law School, offers a dual LLB/JD program which allows students who successfully complete the program to receive a JD degree from Colorado and an LLB degree from Alberta. The dual program involves four years of full-time study with two years (consecutive) spent at Colorado and Alberta, respectively.

We offer two postgraduate law programs, one leading to the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) and the other leading the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). The LLM program provides students with an opportunity to study a particular area of law in much greater depth than is possible in the LLB program, and students may select either the thesis-based LLM or the course-based LLM program. The PhD program is designed to provide outstanding students from Canada and around the world with advanced academic training and the opportunity to engage in original scholarly research resulting in a major dissertation. Our faculty members have a broad range of research interests and can supervise graduate students in a wide variety of subject areas.

**Proposal to change LLB degree to JD in progress*

Optional Courses

ABORIGINAL LAW

Aboriginal Peoples
Aboriginal Self Government
Aboriginal Women and Law
Critical Issues Restorative Justice
Indigenous Legal Theory

THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

Administrative Law*
Immigration Law
Legislative Process and
Legislative Drafting
Municipal and Planning Law
Privacy & Access to Information
Statutory Interpretation

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Advanced Problems in
Constitutional Law
Alberta Human Rights Practicum
Canadian Human Rights Law
Civil Liberties
Constitutional Litigation

CORPORATE/ COMMERCIAL LAW

Advanced Corporations Law
Bankruptcy and Insolvency
Comparative Corporate Law
Construction Law
Contract Drafting
Corporate Law*
Corporate Reorganization and
Restructuring
Corporate Securities
Insurance Law
Intellectual Property
International Business Transactions
Internet Law
Judgment Enforcement Law
Musicians and the Law
Personal Property Security

CRIMINAL LAW

Advanced Criminal Law
Advanced Evidence
Civil Liberties
Criminal Procedure
International Criminal Law
Law and Practice of Sentencing

ESTATES

Estate Planning
International Taxation
Taxation
Trusts
Wills

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Environmental Law
International Environmental Law
Natural Resources Law
Oil and Gas Law

FAMILY LAW

Family Law
Family Law Practice Issues

HEALTH LAW

Biotechnology Law
Contemporary Issues in
Health Law
Health Care Ethics and the Law
Health Law & Policy
Health Law Seminar Series
Law and Medicine
Mental Health Law
Privacy and Access to Information
Public Health Law, Ethics and Policy

INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
Pacific Rim Law
Public International Law

JURISPRUDENCE*

Democracy and the Judiciary
Drama of Justice - Tragedy,
Comedy, and Law
Emotions of Conflict and Justice
Law and Economics
Law and the Holocaust
Law and Popular Culture
Liberal Law and Lawyering
Property Theory

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Employment Law
Labour Arbitration
Labour Law
Workers' Compensation Law

LAND LAW

Construction Law
Land Titles
Municipal and Planning Law
Oil and Gas Law
Real Estate Transactions

LAWYERING SKILLS AND LITIGATION

Advanced LRW:
Social Sciences & the Law
Advocacy
Alberta Law Review
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Civil Procedure*
Constitutional Litigation
Court of Appeal Internship
Courts Clerkship
Dispute Resolution
Evidence*
Interviewing and Counseling
Low Income Individuals
and Law Clinic
Mediation Advocacy
Professional Responsibility*
Public Law and Practice
Techniques in Negotiation

LEGAL HISTORY*

Legal History:
Canadian Legal History
Legal History: Foundations
of the Common Law
Legal History: (Re)making of
the Canadian Constitution
Legal History: Topics in
Legal History

PRIVATE LAW

Advanced Private Law
Advanced Torts
Conflicts of Laws*
Fiduciary Obligations
Insurance
Judicial Remedies
Unjust Enrichment

TAXATION

Corporate Taxation
Estate Planning
International Taxation
Specialized Taxation Topics
Taxation

**indicates compulsory upper-year course. Optional courses may or may not be offered in a particular year.*

Building Your Skills: Student Life

Student life in the law school is dynamic and offers many opportunities to learn, develop skills and build relationships. This, along with an atmosphere of co-operation, collegiality, and community spirit, results in an environment that is both personally and academically rewarding. A few examples of how to get involved include:

The Law Students' Association (LSA)

A representative body of students of the Faculty of Law. The LSA executive is responsible for organizing sporting, social, and charitable events, and acting as a liaison between the student body and the Faculty administration.

Student Legal Services (SLS)

SLS, the largest student legal services organization in Canada, is a student-managed, non-profit society dedicated to helping low-income individuals in Edmonton and area understand their legal issues and solve their legal problems. With more than 250 volunteers, SLS provides year-round free legal information and court assistance for those in need. SLS offers a great opportunity for students to develop legal skills by applying legal principles in real cases, to network with upper-year students, and to be a part of the legal community.

Alberta Law Review

A scholarly legal journal, published quarterly by upper-year law students in consultation with faculty members. Students can receive academic credit for their service on the editorial board of the Alberta Law Review.

Peer Mentoring Program

A program designed to assist first-year law students in making a successful transition to law school. Peer Mentors are upper-year students selected to act as a guide to help first-year students navigate academic expectations, listen to questions, recommend resources, and if needed, offer advice on a variety of non-academic topics (e.g. how to deal with stress, effective time management, etc.).

Other opportunities include the Aboriginal Law Students' Association, the Environmental Law Students' Association, Law Hockey, Law Rugby, Women's Law Forum, Law Students Philanthropy, OUTlaw, Law and Older, and many more. For information on how to get involved, visit www.law.ualberta.ca.



"Being involved in student groups at the law school made it possible

for me to contextualize and apply what I learned in the classroom. Through work with Student Legal Services, the Women's Law Forum and other groups, I was able to gain a better understanding of the potential and also the limitations of the law, making me a more accountable and creative lawyer."

Alex Bailey
Past President, OUTlaw;
recipient of the
Honourable Cecilia
Johnstone Equality Award

Undergraduate Leadership Awards

The Faculty puts a high value on citizenship and encourages students to make community involvement a core element of their personal and professional lives. By promoting both leadership and citizenship, we believe that our students will enhance their global perspective, as well as make contributions to their community.

A number of awards are available to students who demonstrate active citizenship and leadership. For a full list of awards, visit www.law.ualberta.ca.

Undergraduate Research Awards

ROGER S SMITH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

These awards are worth \$5,000 each and provide law students with an opportunity to work on research projects under the supervision of faculty members.

BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS (BLG) RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Two grants, worth \$12,000 each, are awarded annually to top performing law students who have completed their first year of studies. The grants allow the students to undertake specific legal research initiatives under the direction of faculty members.

Student Resources: Achieving Your Goals

Career Services

At the Faculty you will be supported through every aspect of your legal education to help achieve your personal, academic and career goals. The Career Services Office offers guidance and practical support in all aspects of your career search—from individual career counseling and legal career seminars and fairs, to regular bulletins and application information on current employment opportunities.

Graduates usually article with private firms, the courts, government (Federal and provincial) or public interest organizations for one year before becoming practicing members of the bar. Many later pursue careers in private firms, but there are others who apply their legal knowledge in a variety of areas, such as the following:

- Public Service
- Labour Relations
- Law Reform
- Legal Research
- Public Interest Advocacy
- Banking
- Legal Education
- Sports and Entertainment
- Politics
- Foreign Service
- Business
- Mediation Services

Financial Support

More than \$1 million in funding support is disbursed each year to law students through a generous program of more than 350 bursaries, prizes, awards, scholarships, internships and research fellowships.

For more details, including application requirements and deadlines, visit www.law.ulberta.ca.

Facilities

The Faculty of Law is housed in the Law Centre on north campus with easy access to all the amenities the University of Alberta offers its students. Officially opened in 1972, the Law Centre features smart classrooms, a student lounge and café, locker facilities, two Moot Courtrooms, the John A. Weir Memorial Law Library, and several interdisciplinary research institutes.

Over the last five years the Law Centre has been extensively renovated and classrooms have been converted to smart technology. With completion of the Frank and Beverley MacInnis Centre, new graduate program facilities, a new computer lab, seminar rooms and a Student Services centre have been added on the first floor of the building.

The John A. Weir Memorial Law Library, with an extensive print and electronic collection, is considered one of the leading law

libraries in the country. The library's collection has grown to close to 400,000 volumes including law reports and statutes from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and other common law countries. One of the largest acquisitions budgets among Canadian law school libraries keeps this collection current on legal developments in Canada and abroad, which means that students are on the front edge of progress in law. Students have the benefit of Wi-Fi, a large number of rooms for group study and individual study carrels. In addition, students can connect to the second-largest research library collection in the country through the campus library system.

Indigenous Academic Services (IAS)

IAS is a program designed to assist current and prospective Aboriginal students in their goals of obtaining a legal education.

Funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, the program provides Aboriginal law students academic support, personal assistance, and career and employment counseling. The program also facilitates seminars on effective examination writing and oversees the Peer Mentoring Program, both of which are available to all law students.

The program's Director is available to advise prospective Aboriginal students on admission procedures and criteria, and provide ongoing assistance throughout the law school application process.

In addition to working at private, public, national and international law firms, our Aboriginal law graduates are also employed as on-reserve legal counsel and as decision makers in special tribunal hearings. After spending a number of years in legal practice they have also gone on to become judges, law professors, negotiators, and mediators. Many of our Aboriginal alumni share a desire to represent the needs of other Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities and do so by working in the areas of mediation, collaborative law, alternative dispute resolution, and restorative justice circles.

Information Technology

The Faculty of Law is a leader in the use of technology in classrooms. From smart classrooms and campus-wide Wi-Fi to online course delivery and computerized examinations, the Faculty takes full advantage of available technological resources.



"The professors are the law school's biggest asset, and

I can say with confidence that the Aboriginal law students at the University of Alberta can seek guidance and instruction from an excellent group of professors who are ready to offer their support when needed."

Brock Roe
Past President, Aboriginal
Law Students' Association



Respected Graduates

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law is well-known in the Canadian legal community for preparing high quality well-rounded graduates. They have gone on to become distinguished scholars, respected lawyers, and business, community, and political leaders, and have held such positions as Chief Justice of Canada, Premier of Alberta, and owner of the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club.

Alumni

BEVERLEY McLACHLIN, CHIEF JUSTICE OF CANADA, OTTAWA



The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin was appointed as a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1989, and in 2000 she became the first female Chief Justice of Canada. She began her journey at the University of Alberta where she obtained a bachelors and masters degree in philosophy, as well as an LLB at the Faculty of Law. As Chief Justice, she also chairs the Canadian Judicial Council, the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada and the Board of Governors of the National Judicial Institute.

MICHAEL DE JONG, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER, BRITISH COLUMBIA



The Honourable Michael de Jong graduated in 1988 and spent a number of years practicing law in British Columbia before entering politics. First elected to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly in 1994, he has served as Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services, and Minister of Forests. In 2009 he was appointed as Attorney General and also currently serves as the government house leader and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

TIMOTHY CAULFIELD, PROFESSOR, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



As a Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy, Professor Timothy Caulfield is recognized internationally as an outstanding researcher and by his peers as a leader in the fields of biotechnology, ethics and the law, and the legal implications of health care reform in Canada. Professor Caulfield, a 1990 graduate, is currently examining emerging technologies that generate profound ethical, legal and social challenges, such as those resulting from stem cell, neuroscience and genomic research, which remain central to science policy agendas throughout the developed world. Professor Caulfield has served as Research Director of the Health Law Institute since 1993, and has been teaching at the Faculty of Law since 1996.



"The U of A Faculty of Law has a strong academic

program, with practical application for legal practice and a notable national reputation. The education obtained from this program allows graduates to succeed in their careers across Canada, including Bay Street and international markets."

D.J. Lynde
Student-at-Law, McCarthy
Tétrault LLP (Toronto)



Opportunities for Students

Research Opportunities

ALBERTA LAW REFORM INSTITUTE (ALRI)

ALRI has employed summer students for research assistance every summer for more than 40 years. It usually employs two to six students who have completed their second year of law school for full-time summer employment. ALRI also offers part-time positions to students during their third year of law school. Students work closely with Institute Counsel doing research on current law reform projects.

CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES (CCS)

CCS hires full-time summer law student researchers and part-time student researchers in the fall and winter terms. Student work is integral to the Centre's research, publication and educational programs. Research students' responsibilities include editorial assistance to academic publications (Review of Constitutional Studies and Constitutional Forum) and in-depth research projects on current constitutional issues. Students also write their own articles for publication on the Centre's website.

HEALTH LAW INSTITUTE (HLI)

HLI hires students who have completed their first year of law school for summer employment. Students are employed, when grant funding permits, full-time for the summer and part-time during the fall and winter terms. During their employment students undertake research and may have opportunities to co-author papers, and author and co-author posters for presentations at conferences related to the grant funded project(s) they have been working on.

Other Hands-On Opportunities to Develop Your Lawyering Skills

Alberta Human Rights Practicum	Low Income and the Law Clinic
Alberta Utilities	Pro Bono Students Canada
Commission Internship	Student Arbitration and Mediation Society
Court of Appeal Internship	Student Legal Services
Courts Clerkship	The Washington Centre Internship
Health Law Internship	
Information and Privacy Commissioner Practicum	

International Opportunities

The Faculty of Law and the University of Alberta are committed to expanding provincial and national boundaries of legal education.

The Study Abroad Program, operated through University of Alberta International, houses a database of opportunities for students to explore at www.international.ualberta.ca. Through this program, our students have studied in many countries, including Australia, China, Denmark, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Students are eligible to participate in an exchange in either their second or third year, usually for one term, and can receive credit toward their LLB degree for the courses taken during the exchange.



Admissions

Each year, the University of Alberta admits approximately 175 law students. As a quota Faculty with many more applications than it can accommodate, eligibility does not guarantee admission. Students are categorized into one of two basic groups:

1. Regular: Admission in this category is based primarily on an applicant's (a) pre-law academic record and (b) Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score.
2. Special: Admission in the Aboriginal and Mature categories is based on numerous factors in addition to an applicant's academic record and LSAT score.

For detailed information on requirements and the application process, visit www.law.ualberta.ca

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 1 OF ANY YEAR**

**DOCUMENTATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 1 OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR**

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