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*Osgoode Hall Law School's*  
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This full-time LLM program is designed to give law graduates from around the world the foundation they need to flourish in the world's top legal and business environments. Award-winning faculty – both full-time academics and senior legal practitioners – combined with a cutting-edge and flexible curriculum make this a unique and valuable program. Coursework runs from mid-July to the following April, with an optional unpaid internship following the completion of coursework.

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**Professor Jinyan Li, Osgoode Hall Law School**  
LLB (Toronto), LLM (Queen's), DJur (Osgoode)

- Served as Interim Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
- Researches and teaches in the areas of tax law and policy, electronic commerce, social security law, pension law, and Chinese law
- Advisor on international tax matters to governments and organizations including: the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the government of Canada
- Has been a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School, the University of Sydney, Australia, and the Kenneth Wang Law School, Suzhou University, China



**Patricia A. Koval, Partner, Torys LLP, MBA (Schulich), LLB (Osgoode)**

- Practice focuses on corporate and securities law, with emphasis on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions
- Acts for issuers and investment dealers in structuring international, cross-border and domestic public and private financings of equity, debt and other securities, and in the design of enhanced or new financial products/services
- Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and member of University of Toronto's Centre for Environment, where she sits on the Environmental Finance Advisory Committee and Carbon Finance Advisory Committee, and teaches in the Centre's programs

## Faculty includes:

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## Osgoode Hall Law School

Osgoode Hall Law School is the largest law school in Canada, with the largest graduate law program. The Osgoode Law Library houses the most extensive legal collection in the British Commonwealth. Osgoode consistently ranks in the top three law schools in Canada in the *Canadian Lawyer* and *MacLean's* rankings.

The current programs offered by Osgoode Hall Law School are the product of the knowledge and investment of generations of faculty, staff and students. Founded in 1889 by the Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode became affiliated with York University in 1968 and has since established itself as one of the world's leading innovators in teaching, research and global outreach.

With a global faculty and student body, Osgoode's curriculum, which consists of more than 200 courses, is one of the largest on the continent, and the Law School has been on the front lines of critical, international and interdisciplinary research in an impressive number of fields.

The subject matter of the upper-year courses available to international students is broad and reflects an innovative and cutting-edge curriculum.



**"This is a wonderful program for international students to learn international business law. Toronto is such a fascinating place – lots of fun things to do, a multicultural city, nice living environment. Great place to go for your LLM."**

Ashish Naagar, India  
Class of 2010

## CURRICULUM

### Summer Term (July - August)

- Program commences mid-July or mid-August, depending on whether applicant is required to take Advanced English for Law and Business
- Introduction to Canadian Law
- Comparative Legal Systems

### Fall Term (September - December)

- Legal Research and Writing for International Students
- International Business Law I

- Taxation of Cross-Border Transactions

- Electives in upper-year JD or Professional LLM programs

### Winter Term (January - April)

- International Business Law II
- Electives in upper-year JD or Professional LLM programs

### Summer Term (May - August)

- Optional unpaid, two-month internship at a law firm or other legal setting (see full description)

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Advanced English for Law and Business

*(For students with a first language other than English)*

This course will provide intensive instruction in order to assist in developing an in-depth working knowledge of the vocabulary of law and business, as well as an understanding of the style of communication in academic, legal and business settings in Canada.

### Legal Research and Writing for International Students

This course focuses on the development of graduate-level skills in legal research, analysis and communication for international students. It will provide students with the skills to identify, locate

and understand legal materials relevant to business scenarios around the world. The ultimate goal of the course is to teach students to research and write the kinds of legal materials that are needed in the practice of business law in a global environment.

### Introduction to Canadian Law

This course is designed to ensure that international students have the background they need to study and communicate effectively with Canadian JD students and graduates. It will cover: the history of Canadian law, public law, Aboriginal rights, criminal law, family law, torts, property law, and resource law.



**“All of the instructors are professional and friendly. I have made a lot of friends from all over the world. The experience has been amazing.”**

Yuchen Song, China  
Class of 2010

## Comparative Legal Systems

This course provides an overview of the classification and operation of major legal systems around the world, using examples from countries that play a prominent role in the global economy. The course will begin at the theoretical level with an examination of classification systems and their rationale. Subsequent sessions will cover systems of common law, civil law, customary law, Islamic law and mixed law. The key elements of each system will be identified and compared. Selected countries/regions within each system will be chosen for deeper exploration, including: China, India, the European Union, the United States and Canada.

## International Business Law (Part I and II)

This two-part course covers both public and private aspects of international business law. **Part I** begins by exploring and comparing the most significant international trade agreements and structures, including:

- The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- The regulation of trade and competition by the European Union

Specific areas covered will include trade in goods, environmental issues, employment and labour issues, competition law, intellectual property, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

**Part II** will use case studies to analyze international business transactions, including: forming the contract, financing and payment techniques, and identifying and addressing barriers to contract fulfillment. Examples will include the study of import/export of goods and services, technology transfers, joint ventures and foreign direct investment. The course will address the challenges of trans-border electronic transactions and doing business on the internet.

## Taxation of Cross-Border Transactions

The main learning objectives of this course are to introduce students to the basic concepts, ideas, structures, and potential traps of tax planning for cross-border transactions, and to equip students with the basic knowledge and skills to spot tax issues, to know when to call in the tax experts, and take taxation into consideration before embarking on a major cross-border transaction.

The course will begin with a primer on international taxation.

Instead of examining the detailed technical tax laws of any specific country, the course will focus on general international tax principles found in tax treaties and in the domestic law of most countries. The main teaching materials will be leading tax cases in Canada, Australia, France, India, the UK and other countries. Typical cross-border transactions to be examined in the course include cross-border financing, cross-border leasing and licensing, cross-border “securitization”, cross-border services, joint research and development, and the use of holding companies in low-tax jurisdictions.

## Electives

Electives may be chosen from an extensive list of business law and related courses from the upper-year JD curriculum. Students will attend classes and complete the readings for the JD courses, but will be evaluated at a graduate level. Courses may include Business Associations, Commercial Law, Conflict of Laws, Corporate Finance, Immigration Law, International Environmental Law, International Taxation, International Trade Regulation, Public International Law, Regulation of Competition and Securities Regulation.

Students will also have the option to take Professional LLM courses offered by *Osgoode Professional Development* with the approval of the Program Director.

OPD’s Professional LLM Programs include Alternative Dispute Resolution, Banking and Financial Services, Business Law, Intellectual Property, Labour Relations and Employment, Securities, and Taxation.

By taking classes at both the OPD Downtown Conference Centre and Osgoode Hall Law School campus, students will have the opportunity to experience urban Toronto life and to enjoy campus life firsthand.



**“Well-organized program, excellent professors and great internship at one of Canada’s top financial institutions.”**

Santiago Pineda, Colombia  
Class of 2009

## Unpaid Internship (Optional)

Students can apply for two-month, unpaid internships in settings such as law firms, financial institutions, and legal departments of corporations and government. The internships are an opportunity to experience what it is like to work in a legal setting in North America. Employers elect whether to interview or hire applicants. No student is guaranteed an internship position and the process is competitive - approximately 50-60% of students received placements in 2009/10. The internships have provided students with excellent exposure and professional work experience in Canadian legal environments.



## CANADA

Canada, with its 10 provinces and three territories, is the second largest country in the world, stretching over 7,000 kilometres between its three coasts: East, West and North. Multiculturalism - the idea that all citizens should take pride in their ancestry and have a sense of belonging - is enshrined in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and has been an inspiration to peoples worldwide. Canada's two official languages - English and French - have given it a naturally open outlook and appreciation for diversity. Canada has repeatedly been chosen by the UN as one of the best places to live in the world. Its high quality of living, low-cost education, universal healthcare, respect for human rights, natural beauty, and clean, safe and cosmopolitan cities make Canada an alluring place to live, study and work.

## TORONTO

Toronto, the capital of Ontario, is home to people from around the world. Its population of 2.5 million makes it the fifth-largest city in North America, and it is ranked one of the safest. Torontonians are well-known for their inclusiveness and tolerance.

Toronto is also Canada's financial capital and the third-largest financial centre in North America. It boasts outstanding cuisine from all corners of the world, often featured in neighbourhoods such as Little Italy, Chinatown, Yorkville and Little India. The city is a cultural paradise with outstanding museums and art galleries such as the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. It is home to the Toronto Symphony and the Canadian Opera Company, and countless venues for all types of entertainment. Every year, Toronto's International Film Festival reinforces the city's reputation as "Hollywood North". Four major league sports teams also call Toronto home - the Toronto Raptors (basketball), the Toronto Blue Jays (baseball), the Toronto Maple Leafs (hockey) and the Toronto FC (soccer). For more information on Toronto, visit [www.seetorontonow.com](http://www.seetorontonow.com)

## ESTIMATED LIVING EXPENSES PER MONTH IN TORONTO

On-campus accommodation <sup>1</sup>	\$750
Food	250
Clothing	100
Local public transportation (Pass)	121
Entertainment/Miscellaneous <sup>2</sup>	200
TOTAL <sup>3</sup>	\$1421

Total estimated living expenses for a 12-month period are \$17,052. Costs are quoted in Canadian Dollars (CAD). Notes: <sup>1</sup>Average Single Room/Bachelor cost based on current on-campus fees. Actual fees will vary depending on location and off-campus residence rates. <sup>2</sup>Actual expenses will depend on student's lifestyle. <sup>3</sup>All students who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents are also required to purchase UHIP (University Health Insurance Plan) which will cost approximately \$700 - \$900 CAD per year. Complete details can be found at [www.yorku.ca/yorkint/uhip](http://www.yorku.ca/yorkint/uhip)

"Studying overseas has been incredible! I love that Toronto is such a multicultural city. I have learned a lot about different cultures and really enjoyed the diversity this city has to offer."



Ang (Leon) Li, China  
Class of 2010

"This program unites different cultures which helps you to learn not only from your instructors but from your classmates as well. And I love the people of Toronto."



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## MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a degree in law from a four-year program in an accredited institution outside Canada with a minimum B average (75%)
- English language proficiency. Proof of language proficiency may be required. Minimum requirements are 92-93 (iBT) or 7.0 on the IELTS. For other test types and proof of language proficiency requirements, visit our website at [www.osgoodepd.ca/international.html](http://www.osgoodepd.ca/international.html)

## TO APPLY

Applicants are required to submit:

- Completed application form accompanied by a non-refundable \$100 CAD application fee
- TWO OFFICIAL transcripts from every university or college you have attended where a grade was received. If transcripts are in a language other than English or French, official translations are required. Transcripts must be sent to us directly from the university.
- Résumé
- Two completed references on the prescribed forms
- Personal statement outlining goals and interests in relation to the program (250 - 300 words)
- A personal interview, in-person or by telephone, may also be required.

*NOTE: Application and Reference Forms are available online.*

## TUITION AND FEES

The fees for the LLM in International Business Law for the 2011/2012 year are \$28,620 CAD (plus ancillary fees and a \$15 registration fee per term). The tuition is due in full prior to enrollment in classes.

*NOTE: Fees are subject to change without notice.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS & APPLICATION DEADLINES

A number of entrance scholarships between \$500 and \$5,000 CAD are available to exceptional students. To be considered for a scholarship, applications must be submitted by March 15. The application deadline for admission is April 30, however, applications received after the deadline are subject to consideration provided all application documentation is complete.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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☎ 416.673.4670 or toll free within Canada at 1.888.923.3394

Visit [www.osgoodepd.ca](http://www.osgoodepd.ca) for details on local representatives.

**NOTE:** The LLM in International Business Law is available only as a full-time program and does not qualify graduates to practise law in Canada.

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