

OSGOODE'S
PROFESSIONAL
MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)
IN BUSINESS LAW

Develop your expertise with Canada's
leading Professional LLM for lawyers,
executives, and experienced professionals

Program starts January 2018

Deepen your knowledge and challenge your perspective.

Globalization and technology have had, and continue to have, enormous effects on business and the legal issues involved in conducting business. Osgoode's **Professional LLM in Business Law** gives you the opportunity, with experienced peers, to dive into issues of governance, regulation, risk management, and more. Tap into the thought leadership in this complex field in a practically-designed degree that is a unique alternative to an MBA.

“Osgoode’s LLM in Business Law provided a mixture of thought-provoking instructors and engaged classmates that fuelled my passion to learn. The distance learning option allowed me to complete my studies with a top-ranked North American law school from the comfort of my home and office. An excellent program!”

Al Cohen, MBA, BScE, LLM (Business Law)
VP of Business & Corporate Development
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“Osgoode’s Professional LLM in Business Law transforms the classroom into a forum for theoretical, practical, and even blue-sky discussions with respected scholars, distinguished guest speakers, legal professionals and business executives.”

Munira Ladhani, LLB, LLM (Business Law)
Corporate Counsel
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Program Features



No prior law degree required

Open to candidates with a JD/LLB, and executives and professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and work experience related to business law.



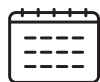
Top-notch instruction

Get access to some of the leading minds in corporate and commercial law, and leverage their experiences to help your growth.



No thesis

You'll get an academic experience through coursework that deepens your knowledge, and is tailored to the working professional. If you want to complete a major research paper, you have that option.



Convenient

You'll take courses in a combination of weekly and intensive formats to minimize your time away from other commitments.



Build your network

Study and build relationships with professionals from across Canada and around the globe. These are your future friends and colleagues.



Accessible from anywhere

Videoconferencing is available for most courses although occasional attendance in person in Toronto is required (refer to website for details on each course).



Program Format

This two-year, part-time degree requires completion of 36 credits obtained through coursework and a Major Research Paper, or coursework only.

There is no thesis requirement and your progress and performance is evaluated through papers, presentations and take-home assignments. There is a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

Required Courses

Advanced Corporate Law [3 credits]

This course explores the basic theories, principles and policies that underlie Canadian corporate law. It provides a history of the development of corporate law in Canada and internationally, and includes a consideration of the primary purposes of the corporation, the role of limited liability and corporate personality, appropriate corporate purposes and remedies.

Boards of Directors [3 credits]

Students will examine the requirement for boards of directors, how management and control of the corporation is established, composition of the board and audit committee, and corporate governance practices. Issues surrounding the separation of ownership and control, the duties and powers of directors and officers, including fiduciary duties and statutory constraints on delegation, certification of filings, shareholder ratification, and the duties and responsibilities of corporate managers will also be addressed.

Corporate Finance [3 credits]

This is an introduction to financing techniques available to businesses and the role that lawyers play in corporate finance transactions. The course focuses on recent financings and financial performance of Canadian public companies. It also examines the mandate of institutional bodies charged with responsibilities for regulating capital markets in North America. Recent reforms, the impact of the credit crisis, and the intersection of securities regulation and business law are also explored.

Corporate Governance [3 credits]

Corporate governance focuses on current thinking in corporate law, policy and research in light of recent North American and international developments. Particular attention is given to how these developments are situated, both within theories of corporate governance and within the history of the development of corporate governance law in Canada.

Corporate Remedies [3 credits]

This course will examine remedies available to stakeholders, including remedies set out in the Canada Business Corporations Act (CBCA) and the Securities Act (Ontario). Students will then delve into the circumstances under which these remedies are available and the procedures for initiating them. Potential areas of liability, the role of independent litigation committees, the determination of fair value, the powers of the court and other administrative bodies, defences, apportionment of liability, assessment of damages and relevant jurisprudence will also be examined.

Corporate Transactions [3 credits]

Designed to provide a practical perspective on the fundamental motivations and dynamics underlying business negotiations and transactions, as well as the critical components of major corporate transactions, this course will equip students with the practical tools needed in a complex corporate transaction. Corporate transactions examined in this course will include both public and private financings, such as venture capital, private equity and public offerings and public and private mergers and acquisitions, including acquisitions by way of plan of arrangement under the CBCA and take-over bids.

Complete descriptions
for the following courses are
available on our website.

- Advanced Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders [6 credits]
- Competition Law & Policy [3 credits]
- Lending, Security and Insolvency Law [6 credits]
- Major Research Paper [6 credits]

Additional Electives

Business Law LLM students may also choose courses from a select number of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca for a complete list of related elective courses.

Note: Faculty, curriculum, course descriptions, degree requirements and tuition are subject to change without notice. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.



CPD accredited for legal practitioners

OsgoodePD is an Accredited Provider of Professionalism Content by the LSUC. All of our LLM courses are eligible for substantive CPD hours and some are eligible for professionalism hours.

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Tuition and Fees

The 2017/2018 tuition, which includes both years of the Professional LLM program and required course materials, is \$24,132.02 for domestic students and \$35,537.70 for international students, plus supplementary and additional fees. Please visit the tuition section on our website for complete details on scholarships, payment schedules, and videoconferencing fees. Light meals are provided for students attending classes in person in Toronto.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for the January 2018 intake is **October 11, 2017**. We recommend submitting your application well ahead of the posted deadline as spaces in this program are limited. Please visit our website to ensure you meet the minimum admission requirements before you apply.



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