

A portrait of Judith Da Silva, a woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top with a red collar. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Judith Da Silva
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IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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“The LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution at Osgoode Hall far exceeded my expectations for professional development. Going into the program I knew that I would come out enriched. What I did not know was how inspired I would be to do more, to try more and to learn more.”

Paula Kueng, BA, LLM
Conflict Management Practitioner
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

“Osgoode's Professional LLM in Dispute Resolution is a genuine delight. The topical and thought-provoking lectures and readings seamlessly blend academic principles with practical applications. The interchanges with other professionals from across the country are an integral part of the experience. I highly recommend this unique programme.”

Frank K. Gomborg, BA, JD, LLM
Mediator, Teplitsky, Colson, Barristers

Program Features



No prior law degree required

Open to candidates with a JD/LLB and to professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and significant work experience related to dispute resolution.



Top-notch instruction

Get access to some of the leading minds in dispute resolution and leverage their experiences to help your growth.



No thesis

Get an academic experience through coursework that deepens your knowledge, but 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 series of intensive courses (typically four and a half consecutive days including one Saturday) to minimize your time away from other commitments. Classes must be attended in-person in Toronto.



Build your network

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



Program Format

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

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

Required Courses

Introduction to Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Featuring national and international scholars, students will be introduced to theories of disputing and dispute resolution processes from a variety of perspectives. The course uses a variety of teaching methods, with an emphasis on experiential exercises, simulations and role-play games.

The Theory and Practice of Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to adjudication and problem-solving; how the legal system understands conflict; a range of alternate theoretical models for analyzing and responding to conflict; conflict escalation and de-escalation; the impact of race, gender and cultural norms on conflict analysis; and evaluation of a range of negotiation theories, strategies and negotiator styles; ethical issues in negotiation and mediation; power in negotiation and mediation; designing dispute resolution processes; and the future of dispute resolution..

Sample of Elective Courses

Culture, Diversity and Power in Dispute Resolution [6 credits]

Building on themes introduced in the required courses, students will explore the dynamics of culture in dispute resolution. Drawing on current literature and case examples, participants will have the opportunity to: explore intrapersonal, interpersonal and intergroup dynamics of intercultural conflict; examine cultural dimensions of specific conflict resolution processes; experience imaginative and

creative tools for transforming cultural conflict; and learn about processes to address deep-rooted cultural conflict, including dialogue and appreciative inquiry.

Dispute Analysis and Process Design [6 credits]

Students will examine the design of dispute resolution interventions, systems and principles. Theoretical models and case studies are used to develop a more detailed theory of the relationship between particular disputes and characteristics of disputes and dispute processes, and the relationship between different processes.

International Commercial Arbitration [6 credits]

Useful for both international and domestic arbitrations, this course provides an in-depth introduction to the law and practice of international commercial arbitration. Using a workshop format, students learn how to draft and work with arbitration agreements and to participate in the constitution of the tribunal. With a focus on both substantive and procedural law, this interactive course allows students to develop and hone the specialized written and oral advocacy skills required in this area.

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

- Advanced Dispute Resolution [6 credits]
- Teaching, Training and Coaching in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution [6 credits]
- International Commercial Arbitration [6 credits]
- Culture, Diversity and Power in Dispute Resolution [6 credits]
- Major Research Paper/Project (MRP) [6 credits]

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 2016/2017 tuition, which includes both years of the Professional LLM program and required course materials, is \$22,982.88 for domestic students and \$33,372.66 for international students, plus supplementary and additional fees. Tuition is subject to change without notice. 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 September 2017 cohort is **May 10, 2017**. We recommend submitting your application well ahead of the posted deadline as spaces in this program are limited. Late applications will not be accepted. Please visit our website to ensure you meet the minimum admission requirements before you apply.



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