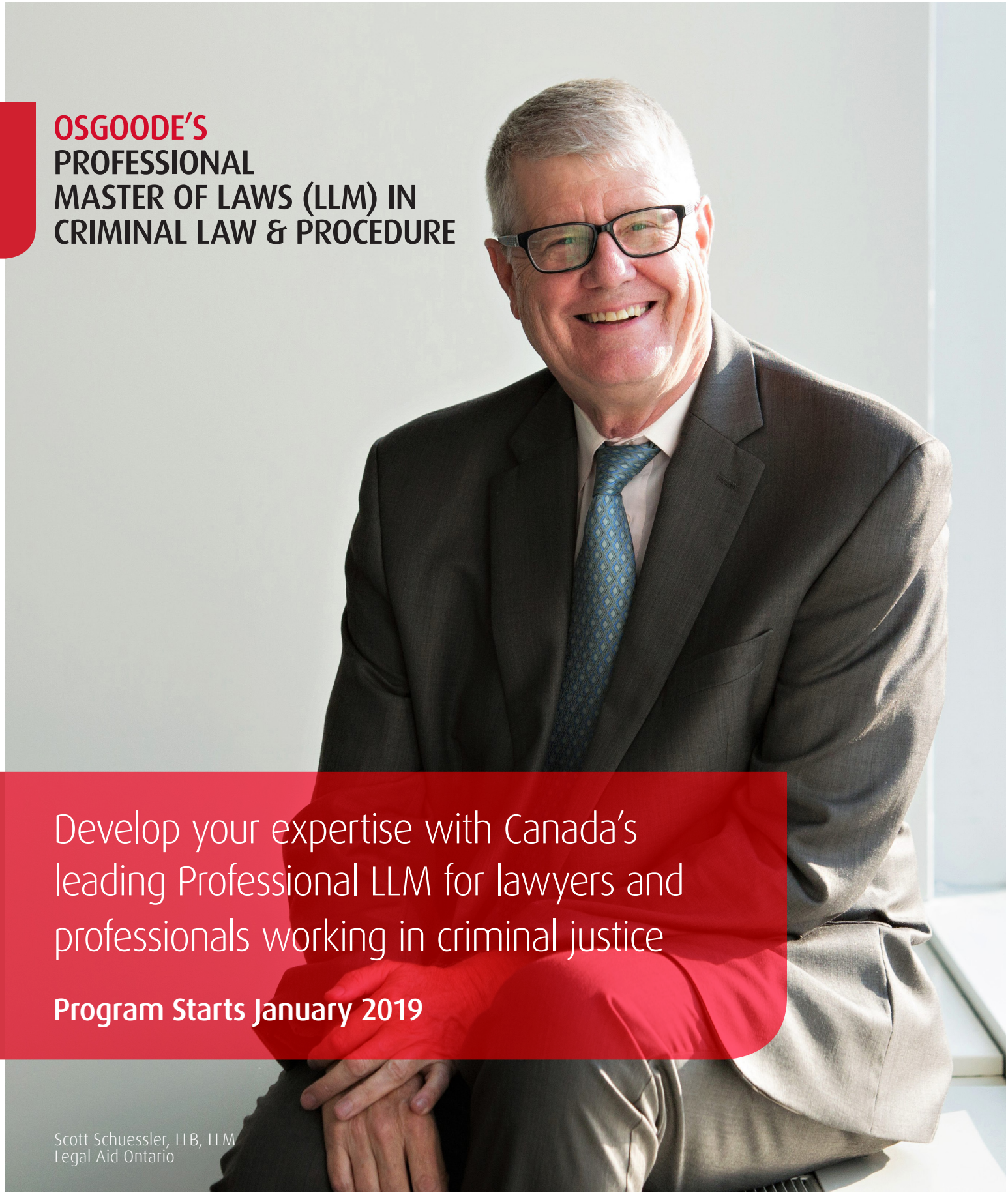
OSGOODE'S PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE



Develop your expertise with Canada's leading Professional LLM for lawyers and professionals working in criminal justice

Program Starts January 2019

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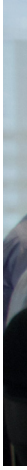

Osgoode's Professional **LLM in Criminal Law and Procedure** gives lawyers and professionals working within the criminal law field the opportunity to bring fresh insight to their practice. Students will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of pressing issues including evidence, white collar crimes, punishment and international criminal law from historical, theoretical and empirical perspectives.

> *"I often wondered how I would balance the program with the stressful demands of private practice. However, I can say confidently that I struck a successful balance due to the flexibility, support and encouragement from my professors, the administrative staff and my colleagues. The experience of Osgoode's Criminal Law & Procedure LLM program was a challenge that I enjoyed and will be a memorable event in my educational and professional career."*
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> **Shauna Pemberton**, LLB, LLM
> Barrister & Solicitor

> *"Osgoode's LLM in Criminal Law & Procedure is truly exceptional. The part-time, distance learning option provided the necessary flexibility to pursue my degree, while allowing me to maintain my professional and family obligations. The collective insight, knowledge and rich interaction with instructors and classmates was an invaluable component of my LLM experience, and has enriched my life, both professionally and personally."*
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> **Adriana Poloz**, LLM
> Director, Criminal Analysis Pacific Region
> Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Program Features

Diverse community of peers

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

Top-notch instruction

Get access to some of the leading minds in Canadian criminal law and leverage their experiences to help your growth.

Designed for working professionals

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

All required courses in this specialization are available through video conferencing. You can attend class from your home or office with interactive video streaming that brings you into the classroom, and allows you to participate in discussions and view presentations in real time.

Program Format

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

Your progress and performance is evaluated through papers, presentations and take-home assignments.

Required Courses

Problems of Proof: Advanced Perspectives on the Law of Evidence [3 credits]

The law of evidence occupies a distinctive position in the administration of criminal justice. This course builds upon basic knowledge of the laws of criminal evidence, seeking to expose and assess the deeper tensions, trends, and problematics that animate this fascinating element of the criminal justice system.

The Theory and Practice of Punishment [3 credits]

This course will delve into the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of criminal law through an examination of the classic and modern debates about punishment. Key concepts such as deterrence, rehabilitation, incapacitation, retribution and denunciation are critically examined. Topics include: strict discipline, privatization of prisons, conditional sentences, aboriginal sentencing circles and the New Zealand Family Group Conference.

Issues in Criminal Law: History, Evolution and Theoretical Approaches [6 credits]

Students will explore the origins of key elements of current criminal law, from blood feuds and the ordeal, to public prosecutions, the origins of policing and current police-related issues, rights to counsel, key changes in legislation, including laws and policing powers pertaining to gangs and organized crime, mandatory-minimum sentencing, imprisonment, and alternative dispute resolution. This course also introduces students to contemporary debates in criminology, while demonstrating a range of research methods and approaches.

Criminal Law and the Charter: Implications and Expectations [6 credits]

This course examines the impact of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* on criminal law and procedure. Students will study the historical evolution of the constitutionalization of criminal law and procedure in Canada, including the theoretical and empirical debate about the relation between due process and crime control. It involves an examination of the major decisions of the courts and their legal repercussions in fields such as detention and arrest, search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, the presumption of innocence, the right to counsel, trial within a reasonable time, jury selection, discovery, cruel and unusual punishment, the insanity defence, regulatory offences, hate crimes and sexual assault.

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

- Corporate and Financial Crime and Compliance [6 credits]
- International Criminal Law [6 credits]
- Wrongful Convictions [3 credits]
- Aboriginal People and the Criminal Justice System [3 credits]
- Anti-terrorism and the Criminal Law: Current and Emerging Issues [3 credits]
- Major Research Paper [6 credits]

Additional Electives

Criminal Law and Procedure LLM students may also choose courses from a select number of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit **osgoodepd.ca/criminal** 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.

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Tuition and Fees

The 2018/2019 tuition, which includes both years of the Professional LLM program and required course materials, is $25,338.60 for domestic students and $38,380.71 for international students, plus supplementary and additional fees.

Please visit the tuition section on our website for up-to-date details on fees, including scholarships, payment schedules, and videoconferencing costs.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for the January 2019 intake is **October 11th, 2018**. We recommend submitting your application well ahead of the posted deadline as spaces are limited.

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