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

Develop your expertise with Canada's foremost part-time, Professional LLM for lawyers, advocates and professionals working within the judicial system

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Constitutional Law is a complex area with unique Canadian features, and many facets of it and *Charter* law continue to evolve at a fast pace. Osgoode's **Part-Time Professional LLM in Constitutional Law** gives you the chance to develop a deeper understanding of the evolving jurisprudence; our leading academic and practitioner faculty will bolster your theoretical and practical skills and influence your work in the field.

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Yvonne Chisholm, BA (Hons), LLB, LLM
Senior Litigation Counsel
Ontario Securities Commission

“As a litigator with over 30 years of experience, Osgoode’s Professional LLM in Constitutional Law helped me see and understand the law in a new and deeper way. Exchanging ideas with the accomplished faculty and a great group of fellow students was exciting and a tremendous learning experience. I was sorry to see the last class end.”

P. Jonathan Faulds, QC, LLM
Partner, Field LLP

Program Features



Designed for working professionals

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



Top-notch instructors

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



Convenient and flexible

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



Accessible from anywhere

This program can be completed exclusively through video conferencing. (Refer to website for details on each course.)



Build your network

Study and build relationships with professionals from around the globe right in your classroom. These are your future friends, clients and colleagues.



Diverse set of peers

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



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 will be evaluated through papers, presentations and take-home assignments. Each LLM course incorporates a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

Required Courses

Constitutional Theory [3 credits]

Students will examine the role and legitimacy of judicial review in a liberal democracy; formalism and realism; critical legal studies; ideological structure and sources of law; and law and politics.

Constitutional Remedies [3 credits]

Remedies available for breaches of the *Charter* and Aboriginal rights and related procedural issues will be examined. Related procedural issues may include standing, mootness and jurisdiction to award *Charter* remedies and apply the *Charter*. Discussions may include, but are not limited to remedies in criminal cases, exclusion of evidence, damages, costs, declarations, injunctions (final and interlocutory), equitable and other remedies for violations of Aboriginal rights and the range of remedies available for unconstitutional legislation, including reading down and reading in; severance, extension or invalidation of underinclusive laws; constitutional exemptions; delayed declarations of invalidity and prospective rulings.

Evidence and Procedure in Constitutional Litigation [3 credits]

Students explore the process of constitutional litigation; the dynamics of judicial review; jurisdiction and choice of forum; standing; proper defendants; class actions; intervention; ripeness, mootness and justiciability; burdens of proof; evidence issues and the challenge of proving legislative and constitutional facts; strategy in public interest litigation; and effective written and oral advocacy.

Sample Elective Courses

Legal Rights in the Canadian Charter [6 credits]

This course provides an overview of the legal rights sections (ss.7-14) of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. It begins with a general examination of the provisions, including a review of the origins of the

legal rights sections, the idea of legal rights as a democratic notion, and their place in the international community. More specific topics covered, including: euthanasia, assisted suicides and abortion; the application of s.7 to situations outside Canada; conflicting parameters of legal rights, including right to privacy and the right to full answer and defence. Legal rights are examined in a criminal context which include search and seizure, right to counsel, right to be tried within a reasonable time, the presumption of innocence (and theories about self-incrimination), and the nature of cruel and unusual punishment.

Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian Constitution [6 credits]

This course examines the basis for Aboriginal rights in Canadian law, with particular emphasis on the source and content of Aboriginal title to land. The nature of treaties and land claims agreements, their impact on Aboriginal rights, and the constitutional protection of Aboriginal and treaty rights are considered. Students also investigate division of powers and constitutional status of Indians, Inuit and Metis.

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

- Federalism and Institutions of Government [6 credits]
- Fundamental Freedoms in the Canadian *Charter* [6 credits]
- Equality Rights [3 credits]
- Political Law [6 credits]
- Major Research Paper [6 credits]

Additional Electives

Constitutional Law LLM students may also choose courses from a selection of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree. Visit osgoodepd.ca/constitutional 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 2019/2020 tuition, which includes both years of the Professional LLM program and required course materials, is \$22,804.76 for domestic students and \$40,299.75 for international students, plus supplementary and additional fees.

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

Program Starts

New students can start the program every Fall and Winter term. For upcoming application and deadline information see osgoodepd.ca/constitutional



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