Develop your expertise with Canada’s first Professional LLM in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law. A two-year, part-time program for lawyers and senior professionals.

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Osgoode’s Part-Time Professional LLM in Privacy and Cybersecurity Law is the first offering of its kind in Canada. It will give you the legal knowledge and professional skills required to understand how courts, legislatures, regulators, businesses and individuals seek to protect information privacy as new technologies and new institutional practices emerge. This specialization gives you the unique opportunity to take specialized courses and conduct innovative research in this cutting-edge field.

Program Features

**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.

**Rigorous courses taught by top-notch instructors**
Get access to some of the leading minds in privacy and cybersecurity law and leverage their experiences to help your growth.

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

**Accessible from anywhere**
All required courses in this specialization are available through video conferencing and are structured as either weekly evening sessions or 3-5 day intensives. Depending upon elective course selections, the program can be completed completely through video conferencing.

**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 business and IT security professionals with a university degree, superior academic record and work experience related to privacy and cybersecurity 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 will be evaluated through papers, presentations, classroom participation, examinations and take-home assignments. This will vary from course-to-course.

Required Courses

Privacy and Data Security from a Legal, Business and Technological Perspective [6 credits]

This course will focus on Technological, Business, Economic, and Legal Perspectives relating to Privacy and Data Security. Our goal is to provide the student with a cross-disciplinary context in which to evaluate and consider current and emerging legal issues in relation to the privacy and cybersecurity, with a particular emphasis on the internet and new technologies.

Privacy Law in Canada [6 credits]

This course will focus on the statutory aspects of privacy law in Ontario by sector, with references to other Canadian jurisdictions and some key international players, such as the EU and US. It will cover the application of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) to the private sector, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) to the public sector and the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA) to the health sector.

Internet Censorship and Global Surveillance [3 credits]

This course will focus on issues relating to censorship, blocking and surveillance of on-line activities. Lack of access to comprehensive on-line service is a component of data security, yet monitoring on-line behaviour can have a significant impact on privacy. At the same time, governments or government-sponsored actors often have legitimate reasons for such activities, for example, to reduce the incidence of crime or terrorism. We will consider these activities and their competing agendas. Key topics will include some technological aspects of censorship, surveillance and anti-circumvention, attribution of unwanted acts, and justifications for blocking and monitoring.

Special Topics in Laws Governing Data Use and Data Disclosure [3 credits]

This course examines Canadian and international laws that regulate the use and disclosure of data, particularly personal information, by exploring how these laws balance privacy with the public interest. In doing so, this course will examine critical issues such as criminal law protections for data, compelled disclosure for national security, use and disclosure in the public interest, the accommodation of commercial interests for outsourcing and cloud services, and the evolving debate over the monetization of data and its consumer protection and competition law aspects.

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

- The Law of Confidential Information [3 credits]
- Information Technology and Privacy in Health Law [3 credits]
- International Data Protection and Cybersecurity Laws
- Major Research Paper: Privacy & Cybersecurity [6 credits]

Additional Electives

Privacy and Cybersecurity Law LLM students may also choose courses from a select number of complementary LLM programs for credit towards completion of their degree.

For a complete list of related elective courses please visit: osgoodpd.ca/cybersecurity.

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 LSO. All of our LLM courses are eligible for substantive CPD hours and some are eligible for professionalism hours.
Program Director

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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 videoconferencing costs.

Application Deadline

New students can start the program in January 2021. For upcoming application and deadline information see osgoodepd.ca/cybersecurity.