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Associate Legal Counsel, PwC

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Associate General Counsel
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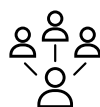
Convenient

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



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



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



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 incorporates a research requirement, which is typically evaluated on the basis of one or more papers.

Core Courses

Introduction to Intellectual Property: Theoretical Frameworks [3 credits]

In addition to familiarizing students with the fundamentals of IP law, the course will explore the theoretical premises, principles, and policies that underpin IP systems. The objectives of the course are: to develop students' understanding of the theoretical framework for IP protection; to further their awareness of the practical and political significance of various theories in the development of IP law; and to encourage them to critically evaluate the normative bases of IP rights.

Copyright Law [6 credits]

This course is a study of the limited statutory monopoly granted to the authors of musical, literary, dramatic and artistic works under the Canadian copyright regime. From art and entertainment to education and information, copyright law affects almost every aspect of our lives. Through analysis of the Copyright Act and cases, students will be introduced to substantive copyright law while critically assessing the copyright system in terms of its justifications and its public policy objectives. The course will examine the requirements for copyright protection, the kinds of works that qualify for protection (including computer software), and the scope of the rights granted to the copyright owner.

Patent Law [6 credits]

Technology is the key to modern business. Patent law protects such technology but patents are no longer sought only for inventive mechanical, electrical and chemical products and processes. Patents are now being sought for biological and genetically engineered products and processes and for computer programs. As a result,

interesting policy questions have arisen about the proper scope of patent protection. Students will examine these policy questions and take an in-depth look at the various concepts of patent law. They will also delve into ownership of inventions, scope and construction of patents, patentability, validity, enforcement and infringement.

Trade-mark Law [3 credits]

Trade-marks are all around us. To many trade-mark owners, they represent millions, if not billions, of dollars in goodwill. How is that goodwill created in the first place, and what role does the law play in its creation and maintenance? Do Canadian courts do an adequate job of protecting goodwill against counterfeiters, infringers and "free-riders" who attempt to ride their coattails, especially in the area of "famous marks"? Is our Trade-marks Act equipped to stop trade-mark "pirates" at the border? Students will have the opportunity to consider these and other thorny questions as they explore policy, doctrine, and jurisprudence in the field of trade-marks and unfair competition law.

Complete descriptions for sample elective courses are available on our website.

- Protection of Intangible Business Interests [3 credits]
- Intellectual Property Challenges in the 21st Century [3 credits]
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property [3 credits]
- Intellectual Property Litigation [3 credits]
- Remedies for Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights [3 credits]
- Intellectual Property Transactions [3 credits]
- Major Research Paper [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.



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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 \$22,804.74 for domestic students and \$40,299.75 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.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for the September 2020 intake is **May 15, 2020**. We recommend submitting your application well ahead of the posted deadline as spaces in this program are limited.



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