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We offer a broad legal education and unique opportunities to learn practical justice skills in a supportive environment that nurtures lifelong relationships.

Our programs are shaped by our focus on access to justice and transnational law, and a learner-centred community that values intellectual curiosity, interdisciplinary research and global scholarship.

Windsor Law sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy, which is comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi.

We are committed to ensuring Indigenous legal traditions and perspectives are fully acknowledged and respected in our teaching, research and community engagement.





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TIMELINE

1968 First class welcomed to Windsor Law | 1970 Windsor Law building formally opened | 1970 Students' Legal Aid

DEAN'S WELCOME

Hello, Bonjour, Boozhoo,

The students who choose to come to Windsor Law are smart, hard-working, intellectually curious and creative. They demonstrate a commitment to their communities and to social justice, and they bring that commitment with them to our law school. If this describes you, then I hope you'll explore all that Windsor Law has to offer.



A Windsor Law degree will open up a world of career possibilities for you, and our curriculum reflects that. From the day you arrive, you will develop legal research, writing, dispute resolution and advocacy skills. You will challenge yourself through a broad selection of courses, seminars, externships, supervised research projects and clinics. Our rich academic programs and exciting opportunities for experiential learning produce alumni who enjoy challenging and rewarding careers.

Over the last 50 years, our graduates have gone on to become lawyers and managing partners of national and international law firms, legal aid lawyers, corporate in-house counsel, human rights advocates, government and policy advisors, sports executives, and entrepreneurs. They carry on the Windsor Law ethos of giving back to their communities – and to their law school. One of our strengths is the loyalty of our graduates who continue to participate in the life of the law school as teachers, guest lecturers, student mentors, advisors and donors. Last year the law school was able to provide our students with \$3 million in financial assistance, in large measure because of alumni support.

As a Windsor Law student, you will learn from professors who are talented teachers and respected researchers. They are national and international leaders in their fields. They write books, advise governments, promote law reform and organize national and international conferences on diverse topics such as: access to justice, Canada-US legal issues, refugee protection, intellectual property

law, environmental sustainability, law and technology and Indigenous legal traditions.

Not all of your education will take place within the walls of the law school.

Windsor Law offers a wealth of hands-on experiences that prepare you to practice law outside of the school. You might take advantage of our Social Justice Fellowships, which provide funding for our students who wish to spend a summer working abroad (including in our 'near abroad', Detroit, Michigan). Maybe you will choose to work in one of our clinics, advising and assisting clients and working on community advocacy projects. Or perhaps you will choose a judicial internship in a local court, or with our Northwest Territories Clerkship program. If your interests lean toward legal research, you might take advantage of an opportunity to work with a Windsor Law professor as a research assistant or work on a law journal.

You will find life as a Windsor Law student to be intellectually challenging, collaborative, inclusive, dynamic and fun. Happy 50th anniversary greetings from Windsor Law: we look forward to having you be part of the next chapter.



Chris Waters
Dean, Windsor Law

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OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

**Creative. Diverse.
Transformative.**



A degree from Windsor Law will take you anywhere in the world you want to go. Our graduates can be found on Bay Street, Main Street, across the country and around the globe. What they have in common is a strong legal foundation and roots in a school where anything is possible.

Since conferring degrees on our first class in 1971, Windsor Law has been graduating remarkable lawyers and leaders who are changing our world. We've earned a reputation for being gutsy and for fearlessly leading the way in developing ground-breaking courses and meaningful community law programs.

Since day one, our core JD curriculum has provided a solid theoretical framework as well as experiential learning opportunities that prepare our students to meet any challenge in today's legal environment.

TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN

CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS — 4.5 hrs

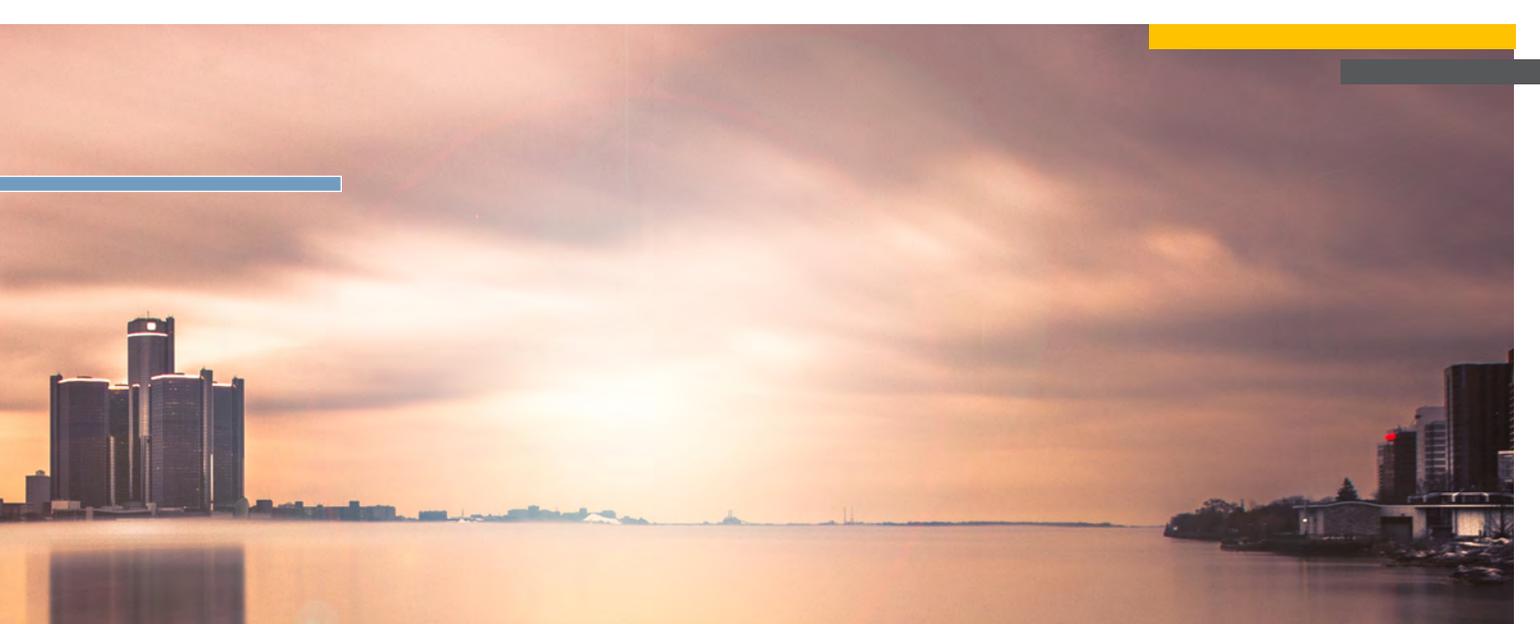
TORONTO,
ONTARIO — 4 hrs

ANN ARBOR,
MICHIGAN — 45 mins

■ AMTRACK

■ VIA RAIL

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A DEGREE FROM WINDSOR LAW IS YOUR GATEWAY TO THE WORLD.

Our campus, situated next to North America's busiest international border crossing, faces one of Canada's most beautiful waterfronts that stretches along the Detroit River. There is no better place to earn your JD, LL.M or study Canadian, American and international law.



Best in the World

Windsor pizza is so awesome that we're left to pity the expats who order take-out and fly it across the globe to quench their craving. Want proof? Armando's voted 3rd best pizza in the universe.



Lions and Tigers and Red Wings, oh my!

Major league baseball, hockey, football, basketball and Windsor's own Spitfires, Express and Border City Brawlers—just a stone's throw away. Easy access to tickets, and it's just a tunnel bus ride to Detroit.



Sun and Sand

Essex County has more sunny days than anywhere else in Canada as well as beautiful beaches. We are the most southern part of Canada after all.



Live Well for Less

Windsor is Canada's most affordable city. Rent a spacious apartment with a view for \$725 and live just steps from campus. Less time worrying about money, more time to work and play!



Cultural Mosaic

Windsor is one of Canada's most ethnically diverse city and we've got an unparalleled restaurant scene to prove it.



Two Creative Cities

Within Windsor and Detroit you will find the renowned Detroit Institute of Arts, Windsor's Riverfront Sculpture Park, the Fox Theatre, concerts at Caesars Windsor, the Motown Museum, hundreds of festivals and two world class orchestras.

STUDYING AT WINDSOR LAW

**Collaborative.
Challenging. Real.**

Whatever your goals, whatever your plan, we have a program to meet your needs.

We offer a **Juris Doctor (JD)** that provides students with a solid foundation in law together with the opportunity to customize their program depending on individual interests and goals.

Our **Canadian & American Dual JD** program is like no other. Windsor Law has collaborated with the University of Detroit

Mercy School of Law to offer a unique program where students earn a law degree in Canada and the United States simultaneously. This Dual Degree program, with its focus on comparative law, gives our students a competitive advantage in today's globalized legal environment.

We also offer students an opportunity to take innovative and integrated programs, that allow them to earn both a Juris Doctor and a Master of Social Work (MSW) or Master of Business Administration (MBA).

The **Master of Social Work/ Juris Doctor (MSW/JD)** program prepares students to advocate effectively for clients and to bring their voice to the pursuit of social justice.

For those with an interest in business, banking and commercial law, our **Master of Business Administration/Juris Doctor (MBA/JD)** program will position students to be leaders in business and industry.

The Ambassador Bridge, connecting Windsor and Detroit, is the busiest international border crossing in the world.



TIMELINE

launched the Community Law Caravan for Northern Ontario communities | **1977** Windsor Law's holistic admissions



Isioma Morka-Christian delivers a lecture to Windsor Law students during her LLM with teaching certificate practicum.

For lawyers seeking to further specialize, we offer a robust research-based **LLM program** that can be pursued in almost any area of law. Those with law degrees who are interested in pursuing a career in research and teaching can take advantage of our

innovative **LLM with Certificate in University Teaching and Learning**, which provides students with an opportunity to earn a University Teaching Certificate and complete a practicum at the Faculty of Law.

FACULTY

Inspiring, engaged, and supportive from the moment you walk through our doors.



Legal Research that is changing the world and mentorship that will change yours. At Windsor Law, you will work with faculty who will inspire and challenge you beyond your expectations. Our faculty come from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Whatever your interests—human rights research, transnational business and trade, women and the law, intellectual property—you'll discover faculty at the cutting edge.

TIMELINE

to Justice launched, first in Canada | 1982 Joint Canada/U.S. JD program established, first in Canada | 1984 Access

“I feel so privileged to be a part of the Windsor Law community, where our faculty members, students, librarians, and course offerings recognize law as an adaptive tool for social change. Among many other things, this recognition can help our students prepare for technology-driven transformations to the legal system and access to justice. Students at Windsor Law have opportunities to learn about how new technologies intersect with law, fairness, and equity, priming them for their future legal practice.”

Professor
Kristen Thomsen



“Windsor Law is a learning environment brimming with dynamic, world-class scholars and students who think critically and are having positive impacts locally, nationally and internationally. Being a border city enriches the law school’s transnational program. In addition, the school’s engagement with teaching Indigenous legal orders alongside common law, with a focus on social justice through internships, scholarships and experiential learning opportunities, makes Windsor Law a strong community to be a part of.”

Professor
Jeffery Hewitt



“Windsor Law’s geographical location and commitment to access to justice makes it uniquely placed to address complex, cross-border social justice issues affecting marginalized communities. A high calibre faculty, broad curriculum, and experiential learning opportunities grant students the exposure they need to become successful lawyers with a social conscience.”

Professor
Vasanthi Venkatesh



DON'T JUST SIT IN THE CLASSROOM **Experience Law.**

At Windsor Law, your learning will extend far beyond the classroom. Complete a corporate transaction in the Advanced Business Law Seminar, clerk for the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, provide advice to a not-for-profit organization, or advise clients in our poverty law clinics. Our students benefit by engaging in practical experiences like these that support their classroom learning.

Some of our experiential opportunities:

- Ontario Court of Justice Internship
- Community Legal Aid
- Legal Assistance of Windsor
- Transnational Law & Justice Internships
- National Self-Represented Litigants Project
- Social Justice Fellowships
- Northwest Territories Clerkship
- Pro Bono Students Canada Placements
- Windsor Review of Legal & Social Issues
- International Intellectual Property Law Clinic



“The Dual JD program presented me with unparalleled opportunities on both sides of the border to excel in my legal education and contribute to the community. From interning at both the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Ontario Court of Justice, to conducting patentability searches for clients at the International IP Law Clinic and having the privilege to edit for the Canadian Bar Review. I was meaningfully exposed to Canadian and American law. The Dual JD experience provided me double support in my endeavours and equipped me for my career.”

–Stephanie Fong
Dual JD Candidate 2018

TIMELINE

more women than men in entering class | **1985** First students clerk in Northwest Territories | **1987** Intellectual



“Working at Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) full time for 8 months during my law school career was an integral complement to my practical and enriching Windsor Law legal education. During my time at LAW, I had the opportunity to appear on behalf of clients as a legal

representative in a diversity of legal matters. In a clinical setting, students are given the opportunity to demonstrate their written and oral advocacy skills, familiarize themselves with their personal strengths and weaknesses, and acquire the confidence essential

to effective legal work in the future. I have not only learned how to translate the theoretical lessons from the classroom to real world legal problem solving, but my experience at LAW enhanced my ability to retain and understand knowledge when I went back to the classroom. Perhaps most importantly, work in the clinic setting taught me about the importance of ethical and diligent legal work: the decisions we make and actions we take as legal professionals will have a momentous impact on the lives of real people. I am extremely grateful for the education I earned working at LAW as part of my law degree.”

–Sean Reginio
JD Candidate 2018



“It was an honour to serve as one of the Program Coordinators for Windsor Law’s Pro Bono Students Canada program. As a student who resides in Windsor, it meant a lot to give back to the community while finding projects for my peers to work on. Many students were able to gain valuable legal and research experience through these pro bono projects, and I was proud to see how hard this student body worked for its law school and its community.”

– Shawn Stewart
JD Candidate 2018

SOME LAW SCHOOLS CARE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE. WE LIVE IT.

Social justice remains one of the great critical aspirations of our time. At Windsor Law, our Social Justice Fellowships provide the financial and networking support that allows our students interested in social justice advocacy and in the protection of human rights – to change lives.



“Following my first year at Windsor Law, I had the incredible opportunity for a summer placement at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Canada (UNHCR). Not only was I given a great deal of responsibility managing and updating UNHCR’s database regarding the Refugee Appeal Division, but I sat in on a refugee hearing, which

was closed to the public. Sitting in and listening to that particular refugee claimant discuss her struggles and journey from her home country to Canada had a profound impact on me. This moment was something

that definitely could not be taught in a classroom. Another major highlight of my placement was getting to meet the mayor of Toronto on World Refugee Day, which raised awareness and celebrated the strength and resilience of millions of refugees around the world.

With limited experience in law prior to this placement, the Social Justice Fellowship was an amazing opportunity to explore my passion while gaining practical skills and experience. These skills were invaluable and the confidence I gained has stayed with me through my time at Windsor Law and will stay with me throughout my career.”

–Samer Nakib
JD Candidate 2018

A GLOBAL PROGRAM: Windsor Law Social Justice Fellows have travelled across the country and around the world.

A WELCOMING AND COLLABORATIVE STUDENT COMMUNITY



“At first, I was hesitant to attend Windsor Law. I had never been to the city and was worried about being far away from my friends and family. What I never expected was to gain a bigger and more diverse family. The unique thing about Windsor Law, beyond our social justice focus, is how each student has the opportunity to foster deep and meaningful friendships. Often, at larger universities, many students commute and miss out on the chance to create those meaningful relationships with each other. At Windsor Law, you and your fellow students go through everything together: the ups and downs, the good times and the bad, playing board games and a night on the town, studying for exams and celebrating after. When you are a part of Windsor Law you are not just another law student fighting to be the best, here you are a part of a loyal and supportive family that will do whatever it can to help you succeed.”

- Shawnee Matinnia
JD Candidate 2020

POPULAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Music Bands
Photography
Dance
Movie Nights
Board Game Nights

POPULAR CLUBS

Justice at Work
Outreach Club
Women in Law
Multicultural Clubs
Mental Health Club
Environmental Club
Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted
Snakes and Lancers Game Club

POPULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Pick-up soccer
Softball
Golf
Cycling
Yoga
Hockey
Tennis

POPULAR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Lawyers Feed the Hungry
Vagina Monologues
Charity Golf Tournaments
Pro Bono Students of Canada
High School Outreach
Indigenous Initiatives
Multifest

A DIVERSE CAMPUS

At Windsor Law, we embrace the rich diversity of Canada's changing demographics, and nurture learning environments where everyone counts.

According to Statistics Canada projections, by 2031 Canadian demographics will change significantly, with approximately one third of Canada's population coming from visible minorities communities.

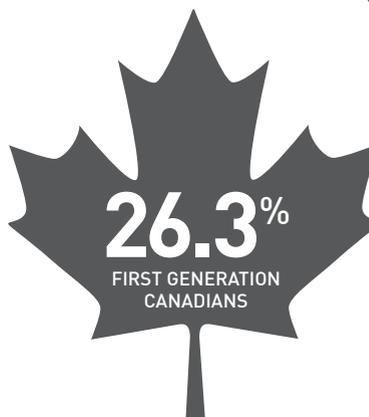
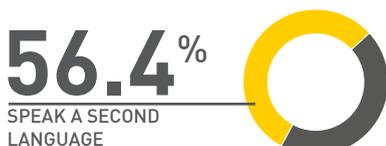
A growth in racialized communities in the general population increases the demand for diverse lawyers who can relate to their clients in a professional and personal manner. As the legal profession's pipeline, law schools share the challenge of

recruiting, retaining, and training a diverse workforce. Law school diversity practice is reflected not only in admissions, but in course offerings, experiential learning opportunities, and career development.

In the Fall of 2017, the Faculty of Law launched its inaugural student diversity survey.

The diversity survey is part of Windsor Law's ongoing commitment to enhance its recruitment efforts, admissions policy, teaching practices, student services, and career counselling.

Windsor Law is proud to be the most diverse law school in Canada.



Class of 2020 Diversity Study

85
DUAL JD
STUDENTS



160
JD STUDENTS

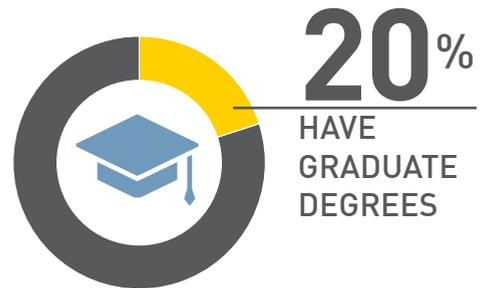


 **82.5%**
FIRST IN FAMILY TO
ATTEND LAW SCHOOL

COME FROM MORE THAN **30** OTHER UNIVERSITIES



 **11.4%**
FIRST IN FAMILY TO
ATTEND UNIVERSITY




**HIGHER
PERCENTAGE
OF STUDENT
ATHLETES
& MUSICIANS**
AS COMPARED TO
OTHER SCHOOLS

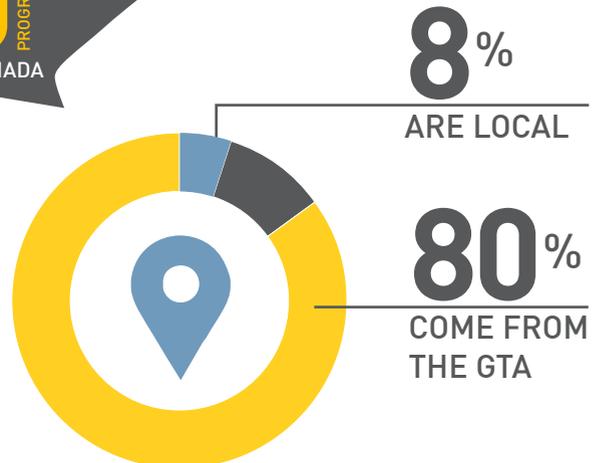


COME FROM
60 PROGRAMS
ACROSS CANADA



8%
ARE LOCAL

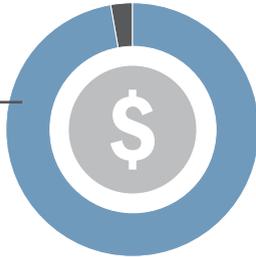
245
STUDENTS



WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU

TOTAL BURSARIES
AWARDED

\$3.011
MILLION



Explore and achieve your dreams.

At Windsor Law, our greatest asset is our people. Our professors are engaged in important research about current and significant legal and social issues. We have a committed staff and a student body who form a vibrant intellectual and social community. Your personal and professional success is our priority.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

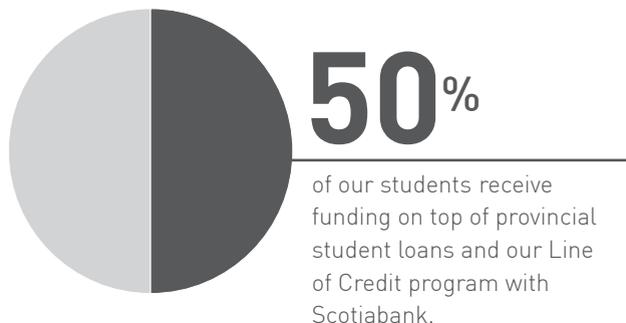
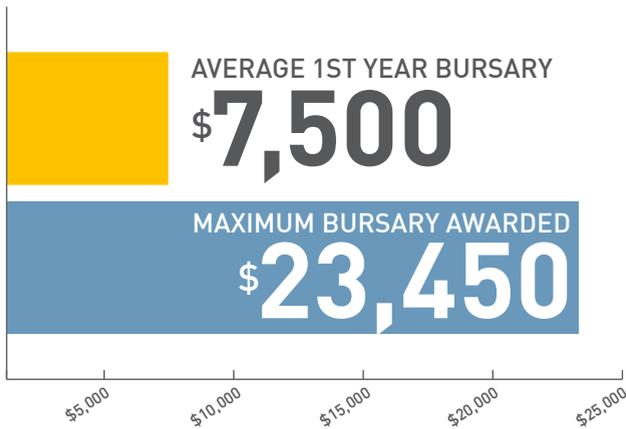
Law students come from a variety of academic disciplines. The Academic Success Program assists first-year students in transitioning to law studies. Sessions address anything from learning strategies to case analysis and briefing, prepping for exams and legal writing. Tutorials provide a further layer of support for students beyond the classroom.

PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

At Windsor Law, you will always have someone to turn to for advice and support. Upper-year students are matched with first-year students to help them transition to law school.

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

Imagine your career through the lens of a successful Windsor Law alum. Shadow a judge from the Court of Appeal for Ontario, a private practice lawyer on Bay Street, a government lawyer, a politician, a leader in business or industry, or a director of an NGO—wherever you're going, we've got a mentor for you.



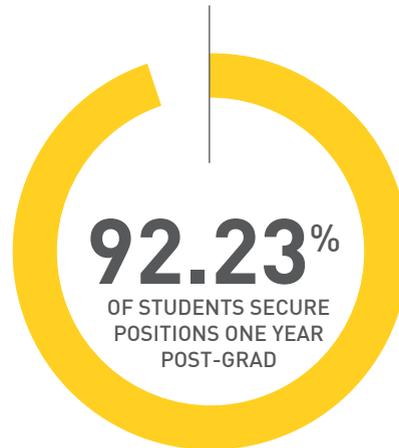
GO WHERE YOU WANT TO GO

Our Career Services office assists students define where they want go and guides them on how to get there.

Our graduates can be found in an exciting array of legal or law-related careers – politics, business, private practice, public service, clinics, teaching and publishing – in locations around the globe.

At Windsor Law, you will have the support of faculty, staff, your fellow classmates, and 50 years of Windsor Law alumni.

Our alumni continue to support the law school as employers, sessional instructors, peer mentors, advisors, job shadowing hosts, benefactors, speakers and panelists.



ANNUALLY, OUR CAREER SERVICES OFFICE CONDUCTS

1200+
COUNSELLING
SESSIONS
PER YEAR

300+
MOCK
INTERVIEWS
PER YEAR

50+
CAREER-FOCUSED
EVENTS
PER YEAR

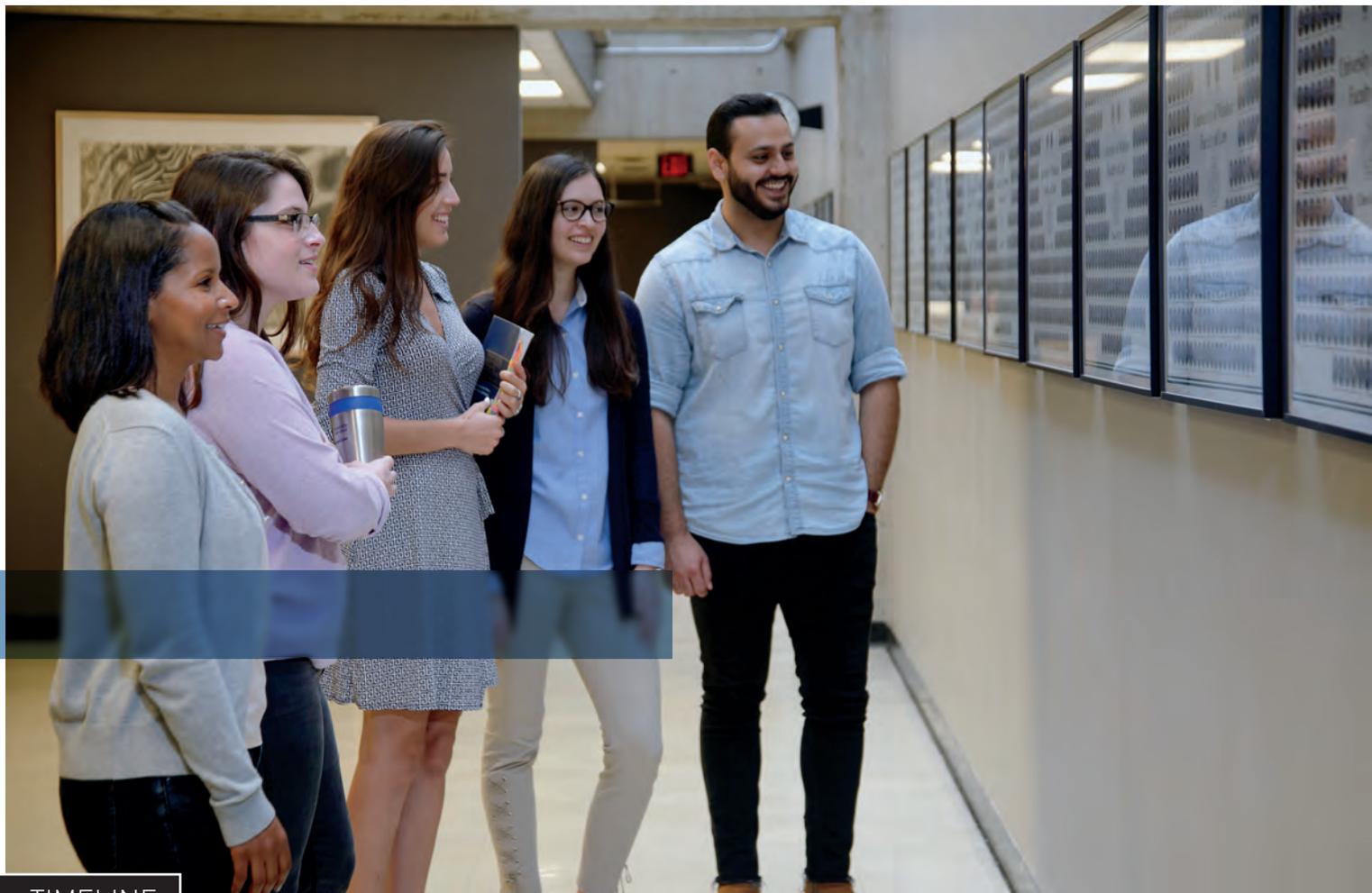
YOU'LL FIND WINDSOR LAW GRADUATES IN



VISIT US. APPLY.

In 1977 at Windsor Law, we broke new ground by radically revising our admissions policy to facilitate access to legal education for those disadvantaged by gender, race, or socio-economic situation. Today, it remains a cornerstone of what we stand for.

We review all applications for admission through a very holistic lens. You have the opportunity to provide our Admissions Committee with information that supports your application.



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(LTEC) established | 2016 Master of Laws (LLM) program launched | 2016 International Intellectual Property

No one single factor is solely determinative of admission to the law school. The Admissions Committee assesses applications in light of the criteria set out below and the chief source of information about applicants is that which is provided by them in their Personal Profile. Applicants should take care to present a full and rounded view of themselves in their Personal Profile.

The admissions criteria and procedures for the current entering class are set out below.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the admissions policy is to select students who will excel in the study of law and who have the potential to contribute creatively and meaningfully to the law school and the community.

CRITERIA

The majority of applicants are considered by the Admissions Committee in the framework of the following criteria:

1. University Program

This category comprises undergraduate average and academic performance trends in light of relevant considerations; awards and prizes; the nature and content of the program taken; the level of any degree(s) or diplomas obtained.

2. Work Experience

Part-time, summer and full-time work experience is analyzed for signs of organizational and administrative skills as well as initiative. Vocational, professional or other special qualifications will be considered.

3. Community Involvement

Contribution to the community (city/town; university; religious; etc.) will be assessed for indications of commitment to the community. Factors examined include the nature of the applicant's participation in service clubs, community service organizations, religious, athletic, and social organizations.

We pride ourselves on our individualized admission process which is based upon the philosophy that, from the moment students apply to Windsor Law, they should be treated as individuals, each with a unique background and unlimited potential.

4. Personal Accomplishments

Factors can include extracurricular activities, hobbies and special accomplishments; artistic and athletic accomplishments; communication skills and languages spoken.

5. Career Objectives

The applicant's career objectives, including how and where the legal education will be employed, are considered.

6. Personal Considerations

Personal factors affecting the applicant are recognized in this section. Any personal factors such as illness, bereavement, unusual family responsibilities or other such circumstances which may have some bearing on the applicant's qualifications will be noted.

7. Law School Admission Test Scores

All applicants must write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

FIRST-YEAR ENTRY

Submit required documentation through the Ontario Law School Application Service by **November 1**

UPPER-YEAR ENTRY

Submit required documentation through the Ontario Law School Application Service by **May 1**

APPLY

Apply online at www.ouac.on.ca/olsas

FOR MORE INFORMATION

uwindsor.ca/law

TO VISIT THE FACULTY OF LAW, BOOK A CAMPUS TOUR, OR MEET WITH A STUDENT AMBASSADOR

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to learn from and work with professors who truly strive to know and learn from their students. The faculty have made themselves available to me for everything from academic help to sharing their own areas of interest and career paths. Their contribution to my experience and growth throughout law school has been invaluable to me as I determine my own career path.

– Amanda Hawkins
JD Candidate 2019



Class of 2018



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CLASS OF 1971

Windsor Law's first graduating class

In the spring of 1968, Windsor Law was busy preparing for its first incoming class of law students; the students on the other hand, were busy deciding their future.



James Ball was one of the first students to enroll at the new law school.

The class of 1971 saw the law school come to life. In their first-year, lectures were held in a single room in Dillon Hall. In second year the law school found learning space off campus at the

nearby Metro Centre. By year three, the construction of the Ron Ianni law building was complete, and students officially moved into the new home of the law school.

By the fate of the alphabet, Ball became the first Windsor Law student to cross the stage and receive his parchment at convocation in May of 1971.

Today, he is an experienced trial and dispute resolution lawyer with Strosberg Sasso Sutts LLP and a long-time member of the Ontario Bar Association, Advocates' Society, and American Bar Association.

It has been fifty years since his first law class and James continues to foster the Windsor Law ethos by teaching Trusts as a sessional instructor to the next generation of legal minds.



“The laws you will address remain unwritten. The tasks you will perform remain to be invented.”

— James Ball
Class of 1971



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