



Windsor Law

University of Windsor



WINDSOR LAW



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For more than 50 years, Windsor Law has put people and their experiences at the centre of legal education through our teaching, research, advocacy and service. We use law as an adaptive tool for social change and offer a comprehensive and rigorous legal education. Our focus on Access to Justice and Transnational Law shapes our programs, which provide a broad legal education and unique opportunities to learn practical justice skills in a supportive environment that nurtures lifelong relationships.

At Windsor Law, our greatest asset is our people who are committed to helping you explore and achieve your dreams. Our professors are engaged in important research about current and significant legal and social issues. Our staff is dedicated to the betterment of the student experience and our students work together to form a vibrant intellectual and social community. Your personal and professional success is our priority.

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.

ask.UWindsor.ca

*Ask us anything.
Any Time.*



PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

25+ INDIGENOUS
EVENTS per year

40+ 
Faculty-Led Events per year

50+
STUDENT-LED EVENTS per year

7,000+ 
Alumni
Worldwide



JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

Our three-year JD program provides the theoretical framework and experiential learning opportunities to effectively and successfully practise law in Canada. Students have the opportunity to customize their program to fit their individual interests.

CANADIAN & AMERICAN DUAL JD

The Canadian & American Dual JD Program offers a unique curriculum for students to earn a law degree in both Canada and the United States in just three years. This integrated program is a collaboration between Windsor Law and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

The integrated JD/MSW program offers students an opportunity to earn both a law degree and a social work degree through a condensed, four-year curriculum. This program promotes the integration of law and social work through an interdisciplinary commitment to social justice.

JURIS DOCTOR/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The integrated JD/MBA program offers two powerful degrees through a condensed, four-year curriculum. This program promotes the integration of law and business through an interdisciplinary curriculum offered by Windsor Law and the Odette School of Business.

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM)

The LLM program is geared towards lawyers looking to further specialize in almost any area of law. Students may choose from two streams: a one-year, research-based LLM degree or a two-year LLM degree with a certificate in University Teaching and Learning.

*Start here.
Go anywhere.*

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- **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, briefing, and prepping for exams. Tutorials provide further 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 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.
- **INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM:** In addition to our mandatory Indigenous Legal Orders course and our specialization in Indigenous Legal Orders, Windsor Law offers hands-on, experiential learning of the same kind by taking students, faculty and staff to local First Nations communities. Teachings are conducted outdoors to demonstrate first-hand how Indigenous law is found in many different aspects of the living and natural world.

15+ EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES and growing every year

30+ CLINICAL PLACEMENTS and growing every year



CLINICAL & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Windsor Law has many work-integrated, placement based, clinical and experiential learning opportunities for students. Our programs place students in many work and volunteer environments where they can learn more about law-in-action.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING:

- Advocacy and Mooting Program
- Cities and Climate Action Forum
- Class Action Clinic
- Community Legal Aid
- Externships
- Judicial Internships
- Legal Assistance of Windsor
- Migrant Farmworkers Clinic
- Northwest Territories Judicial Internship
- Pro Bono Students Canada
- Social Justice Fellowships
- Transnational Environmental Law and Policy Clinic
- Transnational Law & Justice Internships
- Windsor Review of Legal & Social Issues





ADMISSIONS POLICY: 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.

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).

NOVEMBER 1 FOR FIRST-YEAR ENTRY
MAY 1 FOR UPPER-YEAR ENTRY
Apply on ouac.on.ca/olsas

CAMPUS TOUR INFORMATION:

Virtual Campus Tours: future.uwindsor.ca/virtual-tours

In-Person Campus Tour: future.uwindsor.ca/campus-tours

STUDENT LIFE

*Learn
Transnational Law
in a border city*



LIFE IN WINDSOR

- Live well for less. Windsor is one of Canada's most affordable cities, with rent averaging just \$940+ per month steps away from campus.
- Windsor is the southernmost city in Canada and is situated in the heart of the Great Lakes region.
- Windsor is the fourth-most diverse city in Canada. Its broad, rich culture can be experienced through many annual festivals and an array of restaurants featuring culinary delights from every corner of the planet.
- Windsor Law students can easily walk, bus, bike or drive to all of the city's downtown attractions, including theatres, pubs, an international aquatic centre, art gallery and museums.
- Windsor sits adjacent to the Detroit River, which separates the city from Detroit, Michigan. The Canadian side boasts a beautiful, 5km riverfront with biking and walking paths.
- Just a few minutes' drive away in Detroit, students can find great food, live music, and major league baseball, basketball, football and hockey games.

4hrs FROM
TORONTO
BY CAR



20mins FROM
DETROIT
INCLUDING BORDER CROSSING TIME

4.5hrs FROM CHICAGO
BY CAR



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LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR


The Faculty of Law is part of the University of Windsor campus.

The Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law building (currently undergoing renovations) is located adjacent to the two-million volume Leddy Library and steps away from the CAW Student Centre, a 24-hour facility.

Windsor Law students also have full access to the newly built, state-of-the-art Toldo Lancer Centre (TLC) recreation complex, home to an eight-lane 25-metre pool; an indoor running and walking track; a two-level fitness centre; fully equipped multi-purpose rooms and more!

The smoke-free campus is also equipped with 48 bicycle racks with spaces for 659 bikes and Fix-it Bicycle Repair stands around campus.

50 
hectares and 47 buildings

 **50%**
OF CAMPUS
is green space

15,000
students from 92 countries

17% OF STUDENTS
are international

26 STUDENT
SUPPORT
SERVICES 

LIFE AT WINDSOR LAW

- The Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law building is being transformed! While we renovate our current space, we are temporarily occupying various law clusters across campus. Visit uwindsor.ca/law/TWL to learn more and track the construction progress.
- Windsor Law's Career Services Office assists students in defining their goals and guides them on how to get there. Annually, the Career Services Office hosts 50+ career-focused events, 300+ mock interviews, 1,200+ counselling sessions and more.
- Being situated next to North America's busiest international border crossing, there is no better place to earn your JD, LL.M or study Canadian, American and international law.

STUDENT CLUBS

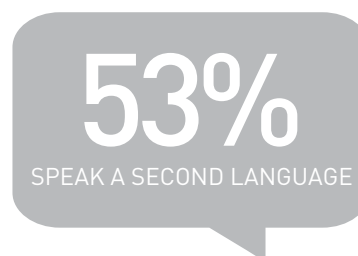
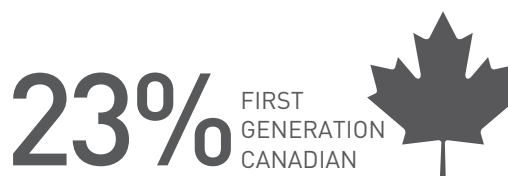
Windsor Law is more than just a law school. It is a vibrant and diverse intellectual and social community. Students can join dozens of student clubs and organizations to engage with like-minded peers, connect with other students from shared backgrounds, and enrich their overall law school experience. Some examples of student groups include:

- Black Law Students Association
- Women and the Law
- South Asian Law Students Association
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Shkawbewisag Student Law Society

Learn more: windsorsls.com

One of the most diverse law schools in Canada

CLASS OF 2024





STUDENT WELLNESS

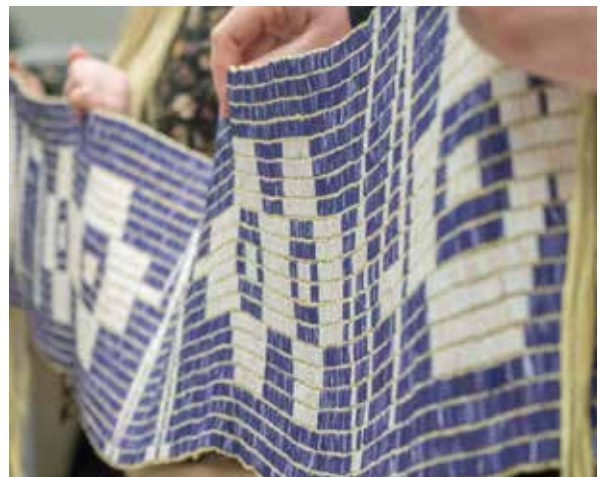
Here for you

Windsor Law recognizes the importance of good mental health as imperative to the practice of ethical, justice seeking lawyers. We believe that taking personal mental health and wellness seriously is of utmost importance for all law students. As such, the faculty of law is proud to provide counselling services, offering students space to discuss challenges, and receive support when they need it.

As a faculty, we are committed to inclusivity and accessible legal education. Improving wellness in the faculty, and providing a rich legal education are synchronized interests. Addressing mental health issues within our law community makes happier and healthier individuals, but also better students and members of the legal profession. Law school does not have to be synonymous with poor student and practitioner health - it is not a necessary by-product of a rigorous legal education. We encourage students to build resilience, social supports, and to reach out for help when needed; because no one can do it alone.

In addition to the 26 student supports offered on campus, Windsor Law offers

- Counselling Services: confidential sessions at no additional cost to registered law students with on-site clinical therapists
- Elder in Residence Program: an on-site Elder who adopts the role of surrogate grandmother or grandfather



- Mental Health and Wellness Initiative: a student group that hosts wellness events and initiatives
- My Student Support Program: access to professional counselling for UWindsor students worldwide, available by phone or text in 35+ languages and cultures
- Therapy Assisted Online: online CBT self-help modules
- Peer Mentorship Program: a program that pairs first-year law students with upper-year mentors





Pictured above: Professor Sujith Xavier is an expert in the areas of Access to Justice, Legal Theory, Administrative Law, Constitutionalism of the Global South, Public International Law, Colonialism and Imperialism.

FACULTY & RESEARCH

Windsor Law is dedicated to legal research that is changing the world and mentorship that will change yours. You will work with faculty who will inspire and challenge you. Our faculty are talented teachers and respected researchers who are national and international leaders in their fields.

At Windsor Law, 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
- Indigenous Legal Orders

Learn from:

30+ FACULTY MEMBERS


60+ LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Apply on ouac.on.ca/olsas



AWARDS BURSARIES, FINANCIAL AID

At Windsor Law, we recognize the financial challenges that many students face when pursuing a legal education. We are here to help.

50% 
of our students receive
funding in addition to
provincial student loans

\$17,500 LARGEST
BURSARY
awarded
in 2021





MEET THE DEAN

Dean Reem Bahdi joined the Faculty of Law in 2002 and was appointed Dean of Law in July 2021. Her research focuses on the human rights dimensions of national security laws and policies in Canada, and access to justice in the Palestinian context.

"At Windsor Law, we pride ourselves on our holistic admissions policy which is based on 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. You will find our alumni have gone on to become social justice advocates, associates and managing partners of national and international law firms, legal aid and human rights lawyers, in-house counsel, government and policy advisors, sports executives, and entrepreneurs.

In 2018, we celebrated 50 years of teaching, research, advocacy and service. In 2021, we began the transformation of the Ron W. Ianni Faculty of Law building to better support our commitments to experiential learning, community engagement and access to justice. I look forward to welcoming you to our new building and including you in the next phase of Windsor Law's contributions to legal processes and institutions."

– Reem Bahdi, Dean of Law



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WINDSOR PROUD.

