2017-2018
WINDSOR LAW
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.
Creative
Diverse
Transformative

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TIMELINE

1968 First class welcomed to Windsor Law | 1970 Windsor Law building formally opened
DEAN’S WELCOME

Hello, Bonjour, Boozhoo,

I am proud to lead a law school where students, faculty, and staff work together to build a creative and supportive place in which to study and work. 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 they bring that commitment with them to our law school and our community. 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 be immersed in a learning experience that focuses on law in the books and law in action. You will develop legal research, writing, dispute resolution and advocacy skills, and challenge yourself through a broad selection of courses, seminars, internships, 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 be 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.

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 and law reform bodies in Canada and abroad, and organize and lead national and international conferences on diverse topics such as access to justice, Canada-US legal issues, 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 variety 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). Or you might join our Transnational Law and Justice Network as a Research Fellow and work with faculty and practicing lawyers on current transnational legal and advocacy projects. 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 at once intellectually challenging, collaborative, and fun. We look forward to welcoming you here!

Chris Waters
Dean, Windsor Law
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** 4.5hrs
- **TORONTO, ONTARIO** 4 hrs
- **ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN** 45mins

**AMTRACK**  |  **VIA RAIL**
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, 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 Canada’s 4th most ethnically diverse city and we’ve got an unparalleled restaurant scene to prove it.

Two Creative Cities

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.

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, LLM or study Canadian, American and international law.

1974 Legal Assistance of Windsor established, second in Canada | 1975 Windsor Law was instrumental in establishing Hiatus
STUDYING AT WINDSOR LAW


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

We offer a 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 to offer a unique program where students earn a law degree in Canada and the United States simultaneously. This Dual Degree, 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 integrated programs, that allow you to earn both a Juris Doctor and a Master of Social Work or Master of Business Administration. The Master of Social Work/Juris Doctor 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 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.

House, a safe-house for battered women | 1977 Windsor Law students launched the Community Law Caravan for
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 a 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.
Some law schools care about social justice. We live it.

Since the beginning of my academic career, I always knew that I was interested in social justice and human rights, and this passion only continued to grow once I began studying at Windsor Law. I was drawn to the Social Justice Fellowship program as I knew it would not only provide me with an opportunity to gain practical experience in a field that I have always aspired to be a part of, but also that it would provide the financial support to obtain a unique and remarkable placement.

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—Jessica Proskos

“As a social justice fellow, I spent four months working in the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands. The ICC aims to hold individuals, rather than States, accountable for the most serious of crimes that are of international concern, such as genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the crime of aggression.”
My time at the International Criminal Court was captivating, challenging, and unforgettable. Not only was I able to work on improving my legal research and writing skills, but I was also able to work alongside a diverse legal team from all over the world, sit front row in the ICC Courtroom for a publically broadcasted hearing, and contribute to appeals decisions that involved detention, sentencing, and reparation orders for suspected or convicted international criminals. I was able to engage first hand with cases relating to former Presidents that had been charged with crimes against humanity and genocide, with leaders of armed militia forces convicted of war crimes, and with high ranking politicians found guilty of conscripting child soldiers to participate in conflicts.

The ICC has provided me with the opportunity to advocate against impunity for those who commit atrocities and international crimes. This internship has assisted me in paving a pathway for a future career as a social justice lawyer, and all of this would not have been possible without the assistance of Windsor Law. Being awarded the Social Justice Fellowship has opened my eyes to a world of opportunities that I never thought I would have had the chance to experience at such an early time in my legal career. For these reasons, I feel so grateful for this memorable experience and to have been awarded this Fellowship.

–Jessica Proskos
Social Justice Fellow
JD Candidate 2019

“As a social justice fellow, I had the incredible opportunity of working with International Justice Mission (IJM), the world’s largest anti-slavery organization. After attending training at the headquarters in Washington, D.C., I was deployed to a field office in South Asia as a Summer Legal Intern. I assisted the legal department with human trafficking casework, and also supported the team in training over 100 magistrate judges of the State on bonded labour and its adjudication.

“One of the most thrilling moments was witnessing my field office aid government officials in a rescue operation that freed three bonded labourers who were trapped in a brick kiln for months, forced to work 13-hour days under violent conditions. While I know there remain millions who await their day of rescue, the Social Justice Fellowship has allowed me to experience hope through the remarkable unprecedented work being done by courageous men and women on the front lines of the battle against human trafficking.”

–Stephanie Fong
Social Justice Fellow
Dual JD Candidate 2018

A GLOBAL PROGRAM: Windsor Law Social Justice Fellows have travelled across the country and around the world.
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.
“At Windsor Law, we are a community of students, faculty and staff committed to learning, teaching and applying legal knowledge in ways that have a valuable impact on everyday lives. Graduates of both our JD and LLM programs go on to become successful, compassionate leaders in society because of their commitment to access to justice. Our innovative LLM program is unique in Canada, offering the opportunity to complete a University Teaching Certificate and gain teaching experience while also completing an LLM thesis, all within a context that strives to promote access to justice in manifold ways.”

Laverne Jacobs  
Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies

“Windsor Law is a dynamic institution with some of the brightest minds in Canada. Our students, our world class faculty, and our staff are all committed to excellence with an ethos of social justice. Our proximity to an international border is a unique feature of Windsor Law that shapes how we view the law, how we teach, and how we research. Here at Windsor Law, we pride ourselves on being a leading socially conscious legal institution with a sense of community.”

Sujith Xavier  
Assistant Professor

“Windsor Law takes seriously the nexus between theory and practice. In conjunction with community partners, the faculty offers a variety of experiential learning courses and placements that support students’ engagement with access to justice and social justice-focused issues. The close-knit Windsor-Essex community allows for meaningful client-facing and research-based engagement for students, staff and faculty alike.”

Gemma Smyth  
Associate Professor
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 Clinic

The International Intellectual Property (IP) Law Clinic is USPTO certified and offers a unique clinical education experience. Building upon many years of successful collaboration between Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law, it is one of the first clinics to explore international IP law.
I have the International Intellectual Property Law Clinic to thank for invigorating my law school career and changing the way I view the world.

The Clinic allowed me to step outside the traditional classroom setting and offered me the opportunity to apply my legal education and experience in helping inventors and start-ups tackle real world intellectual property issues that are present in today’s growing global economy.

During my time with the International IP Law Clinic, I counseled clients on matters of IP ownership and strategy, completed patent searches, reports, opinions, and drafted applications and correspondence letters for submission to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). To help me deal with such complex matters and to ensure a comprehensive learning experience, the clinic program provided engaging classroom lessons and challenging hypothetical assignments to work on both independently and with a team of other students. Before law school, intellectual property was not on my radar but after my work with the IP Clinic I have a new vantage point when considering innovation, start-ups and tech companies. This work with the IP Law Clinic has also inspired me to pursue a career in this area of law.”

–Sukhman Sandhu
JD Candidate 2018
A WELCOMING AND COLLABORATIVE STUDENT COMMUNITY

We hear it all the time:
“At Windsor Law your classmates are your friends and your relationships endure well beyond law school. It’s unlike any other law school.”

“Windsor Law provides countless unique program opportunities for students to thrive and refine their legal skills! Through the Windsor Environmental Law fellowship, I was able to gain tangible legal research, writing and client relations experience while learning about a stimulating area of law that affects everyone regardless of borders.”

- Alexandra Jockwig-Welsh
  Environmental Law Fellow
  Dual JD Candidate 2019

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JUST THE FACTS

48% MEN
52% WOMEN

160 JD STUDENTS

85 DUAL JD STUDENTS

12% COME FROM ACROSS CANADA

80% COME FROM THE GTA

20% HAVE GRADUATE DEGREES

245 STUDENTS

12% COME FROM ACROSS CANADA

8% ARE LOCAL

80% COME FROM THE GTA

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

COME FROM 60 PROGRAMS ACROSS CANADA

COME FROM MORE THAN 30 OTHER UNIVERSITIES
WE’RE HERE TO HELP YOU

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 to make the transition to law studies. Sessions address anything and everything from learning strategies, 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 make the transition to law school.

JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

Imagine your career through the lens of a successful Windsor Law alum. Shadow a Justice 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 someone to mentor you.

TOTAL BURSARIES AWARDED

$2,879,000,000

AVERAGE 1ST YEAR BURSARY

$7,000

MAXIMUM BURSARY AWARDED

$17,700

50% of our students receive funding on top of provincial student loans and our Line of Credit program with Scotiabank.

TIMELINE

Program established | 2006 Centre for Transnational Law and Justice established | 2008 Windsor Law
Before coming to law school, I knew that I wanted a social justice focus. Growing up in poverty, with a hard-working single mother of three young children, who tragically passed away when I was a teenager, allowed me to experience first-hand the importance of social services and the need for progressive reforms.

My journey to Windsor Law was tough, but that has made it all the more special. The community here is unmatched. Being raised in Windsor, I know first-hand how vibrant the city is and the law school population is no exception. The faculty is incomparable and the students are tremendously supportive.

I have been fortunate enough to work within some of the most amazing student groups; from being an executive member of Windsor Law in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted to directing and acting in the annual Vagina Monologues production, which raised over ten thousand dollars – this school has something to offer to everyone.

Moving forward, I will be working in criminal defence law, while actively pushing for criminal justice reforms and working to personally and professionally implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action.

Windsor Law has taught me that my law career is, and must be, about more than myself. It is about giving back to the community that raised me. It is about the uncompromising ideals of the rule of law, equity and diversity. It is about, most importantly, never ceasing to push for a most just and equitable society for all.

“Joining the Windsor Law community means having one-on-one support from an experienced classmate. The Peer Mentorship Program, developed in 2010, has been providing incoming first-years with an upper-year mentor to help ease the transition. Mentees quickly learn the advantages of having a mentor provide support, resources, and tips on surviving law school. There’s no better way to succeed at Windsor Law than having a new friend share in your accomplishments!”

– Brandon Track
2017-2018 Peer Mentorship Student Coordinator
JD Candidate 2018

“Throughout my first year, Windsor Law became more of a home for me with each passing day. The support system around me made my first-year law experience less arduous. The awareness which students, faculty, and staff have regarding mental health is humbling; the sort of support you would get from a family member or a close friend.

The diversity at Windsor Law allows you to learn something new with each conversation you have. The faculty is very approachable and open to questions and feedback. I could not have asked for a more enlightening first year of law school.”

– Hussein Olleik
JD Candidate 2019

ALUMNI PROFILE
TORI-LEE JENKINS

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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.
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 Admission 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).
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
lawstudentservices@uwindsor.ca

“The coaching, mentorship programs, and professors at Windsor Law encourage students to think outside the box, to develop strong advocacy skills and to address current legal issues that are affecting the profession. What makes Windsor Law most special is its ability to provide students with an individualized experience. With help from the administration, I was able to customize my program, taking advantage of cross-faculty and cross-institutional resources, allowing me to earn an MBA as well as a Canadian and American Dual JD.”

– Jesse Tepperman
Dual JD/MBA Candidate 2018
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