

Faculty of Law
Application for Admission to the LLM Program
Statement of Research Interests & Autobiographical Sketch



This is the main application form for the Windsor Law LLM. Please complete this document.
Please provide all additional required documents as specified.
Please note that you must also fill out the online form at:
<http://www.uwindsor.ca/registrar/521/how-apply-graduate-program>
in order for your application package to be complete.

Name

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Surname Given Name

Present Address:

Summer Address (if different):

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Degree Sought:

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 LLM (regular 12 month)

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 LLM with Certification University Teaching & Learning (24 month)

Starting Date: September, 20

Test Of English as Foreign Language: TOEFL Score:

 TOEFL not taken (English is first language)

Are you interested in being considered for Windsor Law's LLM scholarship in support of the Syrian Refugee Crisis?
Yes:

 No:

If yes, please see additional instructions at the end of this document.

All Applicants:

Please answer the following questions in the space provided or as otherwise directed. If additional space is required, you may submit a separate document.

- a. Please indicate how your past experiences demonstrate your skills of application, knowledge, reasoning ability and communication outlined in the Admission Requirements below;

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- d. Please attach a research proposal. The proposal should be 2-3 typed single-spaced pages maximum including a bibliography of no more than one page. Please use 12 point Times New Roman font. Your statement should indicate the research question (s) that you hope to pursue and your understanding of the subject area. You should also indicate the ways in which you plan to pursue answers to the research questions that interest you. Please identify 3-4 Windsor Law Faculty members whom you would like to supervise your research and why.

Admission Requirements (LLM)

Students who are accepted to the program will be academically inclined, motivated, and committed to continuous learning. Outside of exceptional circumstances, students applying to the LLM program will be required to have an undergraduate law degree. In rare cases, a student may be admitted without a law degree. For students without law degrees to gain entry, they must have outstanding grades or experience and superior ability to complete the LLM program. Admission to the program will be based on four categories which evaluate the student's: a) aptitudes, b) academic achievements, c) research proposal and, d) additional requirements such as reference letters and language proficiency. Details of these four broad categories are as follows:

- a) **Aptitudes:** Generally, successful students admitted to our LLM program will demonstrate the following aptitudes in terms of their ability to apply themselves, their knowledge, and their reasoning and communication skills. Specifically, the student accepted into the program will have shown evidence of:

Application: Exceptional academic motivation; capacity for sustained and intense work; developed ability to organize time and set own agenda for study; academic curiosity for investigation and learning.

Knowledge: A broad, deep, advanced, and integrated understanding of the main branches of law and / or a related discipline.

Reasoning ability: outstanding analytical abilities, including the ability to draw and maintain fine distinctions, the ability to separate the relevant from the irrelevant, and the ability to develop and sustain complex arguments; capacities for accurate observation and insightful criticism, including willingness and ability to engage with disciplines other than law and to bring their insights to bear on legal problems; originality and creativity of thought, open-mindedness, and capacity for lateral thinking; excellent powers of synthesis.

Communication: willingness and ability to express highly complex ideas clearly and effectively; ability to conduct a mature debate leaving room for the contributions of others; aspiration to professional standards of style and organization in legal and scholarly writing.

- b) **Academic Achievements:**

First and foremost, applicants will be able to demonstrate their exceptional abilities through their academic achievements. Generally, this will mean high academic standing – normally at least a B+ average in an undergraduate law program (although this alone will not necessarily guarantee admission), and evidence of interest in academic pursuits (for example, pursuing independent/supervised research studies, publications, editing of academic work, etc.). For applicants applying from the workforce, noteworthy achievements may also be taken into account for what they reveal about the applicant's ability to succeed academically within a Master's program in Law.

All applicants will also be required to submit their undergraduate transcripts.

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c) **Research Proposal**

A significant element of each student's application package will be the statement of proposed research. The research proposal should provide evidence of the candidate's ability and potential to engage with the relevant scholarly literature, doctrinal and/or empirical material and to formulate pertinent research questions. An academic writing sample will also be required.

d) **Additional Requirements**

Applicants will be asked to submit at least two letters of reference that show support for their scholarly endeavor. Admission will be contingent upon availability of a suitable supervisor and suitable reference materials for the applicant to pursue their research project.

Finally, all students must meet an English language proficiency standard of: 250 (600) IBT-100 minimum on the TOEFL or 7.0 IELTS

Brief Overview of Your Research Interests and Experience

Please indicate the specific area(s) of interest for your LLM thesis:

Indicate the specific research topic on which you would like to work:

Please list the names of three (3) Windsor Law faculty members whom you would like to supervise your research in order of preference. Please state whether you have corresponded with any of them about your interest in pursuing graduate research:

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Educational Experience (University and/or College):

Degree	Institution	Area of Study	Year of Graduation

Other training or experience pertaining to your LLM interests:

Kind of Experience	Location	Year(s)

Titles of any Undergraduate or Graduate Theses Completed:

Please list any publications, reports, and/or oral presentations. For publications and reports that are in process please indicate whether they are in preparation, submitted, or in press. Please attach an academic writing sample such as a paper or a prior publication written in an academic context that demonstrates your academic research and writing abilities in English.

