



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Lawyers often assume leadership roles in their community, despite very busy working lives. Successful applicants demonstrate the ability to achieve academic excellence while managing other activities such as part-time employment, volunteer work, student government, sports, debating and other extra-curricular interests. Commit to excellence in these activities over the long term. Let experience help you to progress to leadership positions. Mentors in these activities can provide a non-academic letter of reference and must be named in your application to verify the achievements in the activities listed in your application.

PLAN AHEAD FOR FINANCING

Law school tuition has been increasing and fees vary considerably between law schools. To obtain financial advice about funding your legal education, please see the information on the [Queen's Student Awards website at queensu.ca/registrar/awards](http://queensu.ca/registrar/awards)

Current information about tuition and the costs of attending [Queen's Law](http://queensu.ca/registrar/currentstudents/fees.html) can be seen at queensu.ca/registrar/currentstudents/fees.html

CONTACT US

Book a tour and visit, either with your family or with a group from your school.

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<http://law.queensu.ca>



Why Choose Queen's Law?

- Canada's Global Law School
- Leader in Interdisciplinary Opportunities
- Leader in Clinical Education and Experiential Learning
- Leader in Student Engagement: Community Spirit
- Leader in Placement Rates
- Leader in Financial Support



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FACTS ABOUT
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WHY STUDY LAW?

Legal studies will:

- refine your ability to think critically
- train you to form sound reasoned judgments, supported by facts and principles
- develop your ability to communicate persuasively orally and in writing
- enhance your problem solving skills
- prepare you for a wide variety of careers: e.g. lawyer practising in a large or small law firm or in a government legal department, a corporate executive, or a legal advisor to non-governmental international organizations.

See <http://law.queensu.ca/students/careerservices.html>



WHAT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION DO I NEED TO APPLY?

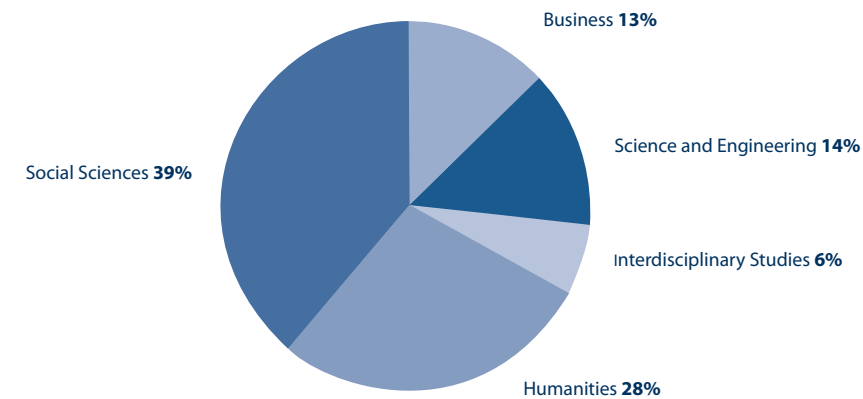
Queen's Faculty of Law offers the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. The J.D. is the credential recognized internationally as a professional degree in law pursued after the completion of an undergraduate university degree. Completion of a four-year university honours undergraduate degree is recommended.

By the time of admission, most law students have completed a four-year undergraduate degree, about 30% have completed a three-year general degree and 12% have completed a graduate degree.

ARE THERE PRE-LAW SUBJECTS THAT ARE BEST TO TAKE BEFORE LAW-SCHOOL?

Law students are not required to complete particular subjects in order to be eligible to apply to law school. This is different from applications for professional degrees in education, medicine or applied science, for which there are subject pre-requisites.

In 2009-10, the pre-law academic disciplines studied prior to admission to Queen's Law were:



39% of the class had earned a degree in the Social Sciences, such as Political Science and Economics, Sociology and Social Work, Criminology and Psychology.

28% of the class had earned a degree in the Humanities, such as History, Philosophy, Classics, English Language and Literature, Fine Art and Art History, Modern Languages, Music or Religion.

14% of the class had earned a degree in the pure Sciences, such as Biology, Math, Life Sciences/Health Studies, applied sciences such as Engineering or Computing Science.

13% of the class had earned a degree in Commerce or Business Administration.

6% of the class had earned a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, such as International Development Studies, Media and Communication Studies.

HOW DO I APPLY TO LAW SCHOOL?

In Ontario, an application can be made online to all the Ontario law schools through the Ontario Law Schools Application Service (OLSAS). In other provinces, you apply online directly to the university. See ouac.on.ca/olsas

Applications will require you to submit the following:

- 1 Personal contact information and emergency contact information
- 2 Official transcript from each university attended, including on exchange or study abroad
- 3 Personal statement
- 4 Confidential academic and non-academic letters of reference
- 5 Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score(s) (an aptitude test for law)
- 6 Summary of employment history and extracurricular activities

A transcript from each university you attended must be ordered through your OLSAS application, including those attended on exchange or study abroad programs.

Your personal statement is a short essay which states your goals, experiences and reasons for applying to law. This statement should be well-organized, demonstrate some familiarity with what the study of law entails, and express insight about how your personality and experiences have prepared you for the study of law. Obviously, the personal statement should be well-written, with flawless grammar and spelling.

A minimum of one confidential academic reference and a maximum of three reference letters may be submitted. Choose professors who can comment on your critical thinking, analytical reasoning, written and oral communication skills. Ensure that your referees have enough information about you to be able to write an effective and positive recommendation.

The LSAT test should be written before your application is submitted to OLSAS. It is possible to write the LSAT after applying in November, but you will not know how competitive your initial score is at the time of application. The LSAT test provides a standard measure of your reading comprehension, logical and analytical reasoning skills. See lsac.org

AIM TO EXCEL

Your application should show the Admissions Committee that you have a strong aptitude for legal studies, that you have demonstrated your ability to succeed academically and that you have good potential to succeed in the study of law.