

Degree Level Expectations, Learning Outcomes, Indicators of Achievement and the Program Requirements that Support the Learning Outcomes

Expectations (general descriptors from OCAV)	Learning Outcomes This degree is awarded to students who demonstrate...	Indicators of Achievement As evidenced by...	Relevant Courses and academic requirements (requirements that contribute to the achievement of learning outcomes and degree expectations)	Transferable Skills
Depth and breadth of knowledge	<p>An in-depth knowledge of current practice, concepts and issues in an area of law.</p> <p>A thorough and critical understanding of a substantial field of legal knowledge, including knowledge of current issues and developments at the forefront of the field.</p>	<p>All required courses completed successfully.</p> <p>Approval from supervisor and committee on overall progress.</p> <p>Ability to summarize the significant theoretical and practical ideas central to the courses completed as part of their LL.M. degree.</p> <p>A solid understanding of the issues arising from problems in the candidate's area of legal study, and of the types and range of evidence required to sustain a persuasive argument.</p>	<p>Students must achieve a grade of B- or higher in all courses completed as part of their program (Required).</p> <p>Law 880: Legal Theory &amp; Perspectives Seminar</p> <p>Law 881: Legal Research &amp; Writing Seminar (required unless students have completed substantially similar courses in their previous graduate work).</p> <p>1) <u>Thesis option</u>: two mandatory graduate seminars plus one additional course and a master's thesis that must be defended orally before an examination committee  OR  2) <u>Substantial Graduate Research Project (Mini-Thesis) option</u>: two mandatory graduate seminars plus three additional courses and a substantial graduate research project (or "mini-thesis")  OR  3) <u>Course-Paper option</u>: two mandatory graduate seminars plus five additional courses and a graduate paper</p> <p>(One of the above three options required)</p>	<p><b><u>Cognitive Skills</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The Ability to:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-locate and assimilate new information rapidly</li> <li>-Analyze data and solve complex problems</li> <li>-Think creatively</li> <li>-Understand and synthesize complex information</li> <li>-Reason independently toward original conclusions</li> </ul>
Research and scholarship	<p>Independently investigate, analyze and synthesize an area of law and produce research which is of sufficient quality and originality to warrant publication in peer-reviewed journals and/or presentation at academic conferences.</p> <p>Ability to undertake independent and sophisticated legal research involving critical evaluation of complex legal issues.</p>	<p>Ability to articulate new and critical areas of inquiry that arise logically from the student's specialized research.</p> <p>Demonstration of high quality research in course work, seminars, essays, presentations and thesis.</p> <p>Ability to make connections across legal subfields, problems, and approaches.</p> <p>Precise, nuanced, careful, and critical analysis of legal materials and legal</p>	<p>Graduate courses in law and in cognate disciplines</p> <p>Research proposal and review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Defend a position rigorously</li> <li>-Critically evaluate your own findings and arguments, as well as those of others</li> <li>-Distinguish acceptable from unacceptable research methodologies</li> </ul>

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		<p>scholarship.</p> <p>Ability to engage with alternative arguments, perspectives, and approaches in current debates in the discipline.</p> <p>Evidence of independent and potentially original legal thought, and effective interpretation.</p>		<p>-Develop and work with theoretical concepts</p> <p><b><u>Communication Skills</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The Ability to:</i></b></p>
Application of Knowledge	Excellence in the performance of legal and related research at an advanced level requiring the application of current law and theory and leading to a research approach that produces original results.	<p>The ability to articulate logically and write critically about important issues in law.</p> <p>Ability to synthesize the ideas central to each course selected for their program and, where appropriate, connect these to their research and scholarship.</p> <p>Ability to plan and undertake independent legal research using defensible methods.</p>	Graduate courses in law and in cognate disciplines  Research proposal and review	<p>-Present complex ideas clearly and concisely in writing using a style suited to the relevant purpose</p> <p>-Edit and proofread sophisticated prose</p> <p>-Speak confidently before groups</p>
Professional capacity/autonomy	<p>Adherence to the highest level of ethics and conduct befitting both the academic and professional environments.</p> <p>Commitment to scholarly and intellectual independence.</p> <p>Ability to engage professionally with scholarly peers and mentors.</p> <p>Ability to propose and execute plans for the professional dissemination of research results and scholarly understanding in autonomous or collaborative forms.</p>	<p>Ability to perform thesis and course research independently.</p> <p>Demonstrated initiative and intellectual curiosity suited to the academic environment.</p>	All course and program requirements.	<p>-Present constructive feedback to others, in writing and orally</p> <p><b><u>Interpersonal Skills</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The Ability to:</i></b></p> <p>-Remain open-minded about positions contrary to your own, judging them by the methods of reasoned inquiry</p> <p>-Accept criticism, judging its merit by the methods of</p>

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Communication Skills	A high degree of skill in communicating effectively and persuasively ideas, issues, and arguments in both written and oral forms.	Participation in courses and seminars  The ability to demonstrate to a wide audience the significance of the legal issue at the heart of the student's research	Graduate courses in law and in cognate disciplines  Research proposal and review	reasoned inquiry  -Navigate challenging social environments involving strong personalities
Awareness of limits of knowledge	Awareness of the limitations of the student's research through a familiarity with what has and has not already been explored within the field as a whole	Demonstration of this awareness through all required course-related work, proposals, seminars, thesis and interaction with thesis supervisor and committee.  Ability to communicate the boundaries and limitations of their own research, and make perceptive recommendations for further inquiry.	All course and program requirements.	-Build and maintain networks of peers  -Work effectively with a supervisor  -Be persuasive
Advanced Knowledge and Scholarship in Political and Legal Thought  (for students in the Specialization in Political and Legal Thought)	Critical and scholarly skills in Legal and/or Political Theory.  Knowledge of the potential contributions of other interpretations, methods, and disciplines.	The required courses in Political and Legal Thought typically include substantial papers among their methods of assessment that enables the assimilation and critical evaluation of advanced material from influential scholarship.  Students are typically also expected to participate actively in group discussions about the course material, and they may be required to make individual presentations about the readings covered in the course or about their own research papers.  The Graduate Paper requires the development of a sustained argument in written form, with the application of advanced research and writing skills; it requires the demonstration of familiarity with the relevant literature, and critical evaluation of existing scholarship focused on Political and Legal Thought.	Successful completion of six 3.0 credit graduate courses, four of the six required 3.0 credit graduate level courses must be designated Political and Legal Thought courses in the Faculty of Law, the Departments of Philosophy, and Political Studies.  Successful completion of a Graduate Paper in a topic relevant to the specialization.	<b><u>Personal Effectiveness Skills</u></b>  <b><i>The Ability to:</i></b>  -Manage your time effectively  -Demonstrate self-discipline and perseverance in the face of Challenges  -Manage a large, sustained project effectively  -Set goals and work effectively to deadlines  -Demonstrate initiative and work independently of others