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Queen's Faculty of Law, Macdonald Hall
JOIN THE QUEEN’S LAW COMMUNITY

Our faculty is enriched by the skills, knowledge and experience of students with enquiring minds who have excelled consistently in a broad range of academic disciplines, have been community leaders, excelled in extracurricular activities, and enjoyed success in careers prior to pursuit of legal education.

How to Apply

Applications are processed online through the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS).

All applicants must submit the following materials directly to OLSAS:

- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores
- Official post-secondary transcripts
- Personal statement
- Autobiographical Sketch and Verifiers
- At least one academic letter of reference

The deadline is Nov 1 for admission in the following September. Complete and submit the application to OLSAS at ouac.on.ca/olsas
Academic Requirements

All applicants must have completed successfully a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate studies in a degree program at a recognized post-secondary institution that provides an academic environment and education that prepares students for potential success in advanced study at Queen’s. Completion of a four-year honours degree is preferred.

Admission Categories and Standards

General Category

Most applicants will apply under this category; the academic record and LSAT score are weighed most heavily.

Access Category

Applicants who are mature, disadvantaged, or have a disability or chronic medical condition.

Aboriginal Category

Applicants who have a demonstrated interest in and identification with an indigenous community; documentation is required to corroborate the basis of claim.

Part-Time JD Program

Applicants can apply as a part-time student through any of the admission categories.

FIRST YEAR CLASS PROFILE

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Upper Year Admission

Students can apply for upper-year admission if they are enrolled in a common law LLB or JD degree at another law school in Canada or outside Canada, or have completed a law degree in a foreign jurisdiction.

Admission Categories

- Transfer
- Letter of Permission
- National Committee on Accreditation (NCA)

The deadline is May 1
INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES WITH COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

Queen’s Law has joined with other leading schools and departments at Queen’s University and with Sherbrooke University in Quebec to offer students several combined degree programs.

With the exception of the Civil Law/Common Law program and the BCom/JD program, applicants to all combined degree programs must apply for admission to the JD degree program through OLSAS and complete the application process for admission to the graduate degree program through either the School of Graduate Studies or the Smith School of Business.

JD/Master of Business Administration (4 years – early completion options of 3.5 years)

This four-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the internationally acclaimed, intensive 12-month Master of Business Administration degree offered by Queen’s Smith School of Business and the rich business law program offered by Queen’s Law. Students start the MBA portion of the program in the winter semester of their second year of law school.

Graduate Diploma in Business (four month summer program)

Queen’s Smith School of Business offers a four-month Graduate Diploma in Business (GDB) that may be combined with JD degree studies for recent university graduates with a degree in a non-business discipline. The GDB offers a comprehensive overview of business fundamentals through eight courses, which are the same as those in the full-time MBA program’s Fundamentals Module. JD students can complete the GDB from May to August after first-year JD studies at less than half the cost of the full-time MBA. Students who complete the GDB successfully with a B+ average may apply later to have the credits transferred toward completion of other Queen’s MBA degree programs.

Bachelor of Commerce/JD (6 years)

This six-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree offered by Queen’s Smith School of Business and the business law program offered by Queen’s Law. The BCom/JD degree reduces completion time and tuition by one year for undergraduate students admitted to the BCom degree program at Queen’s. Students entering the third year of the Queen’s BCom program are eligible to apply through an internal application process at Queen’s.

https://smith.queensu.ca
Master of Public Administration/JD (3.5 years – early completion option of 3 years)
Queen’s Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor (MPA/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program. The MPA/JD is an excellent choice if you seek to combine advanced skills in policy analysis and management with training in law for successful policy development and implementation. The School of Policy Studies has a strong reputation for advanced education in policy studies in the areas of health policy, global governance, social policy and public policy in the voluntary sector of not-for-profit, community-based, non-governmental organizations.

Master of Arts (Economics)/JD (3 years)
Queen’s Law has joined with the Department of Economics to offer a combined program that allows students to obtain both an MA and JD degree in three years. The program provides highly focused interdisciplinary training for students interested in the many areas where law and economic analysis intersect. Combined MA (Econ)/JD students will receive excellent training and gain a strong comparative advantage to pursue careers in specialized legal work that requires knowledge of economic theory and social science methods, high-level policy work and academia.

Master of Industrial Relations/JD (3.5 years – early completion option of 3 years)
The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (MIR/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program that merges graduate training in human resources management, employment and labour policy with a professional degree in law.

Civil Law/Common Law Joint Degree Program (1 year)
Queen’s Law has partnered with the University of Sherbrooke to offer a combined common law and civil law degree. In this program, Queen’s JD graduates who are fluent in French can study at Sherbrooke for one year to obtain a civil law degree. Similarly, graduates of the University of Sherbrooke are eligible to study at Queen’s for one year in order to receive a common law degree. Usually there is enough space for some graduates of other Quebec law schools to be accepted for admission to this combined program. Graduates of the Civil Law/Common Law Combined Degree Program are eligible to apply for the licensing process and articling positions to practice in any province or territory in Canada.
STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Queen’s Law is a vibrant and collegial community. As well as being dedicated scholars, our students are involved in community service and charitable fundraising, club activities and student government. Macdonald Hall buzzes with activity from dawn to dusk – and often beyond – with student-driven clubs, sports, and cultural events.

Faculty Board Committees

8
20 students involved

Intramural Sports Teams

10
Over 80 students involved
Queen’s Law is the perfect place for anyone looking to get involved in their law school community. We have a student group for almost every interest, volunteer opportunities to help you become a better all-around lawyer, and a student body truly committed to each other’s success. The sense of community at Queen’s Law is truly unparalleled — most students only live a hop, skip, and a jump away from one another!

—IAN MOORE, MPA’14/LAW’16
Queen's Law prepares law students for today’s global environment. Proof that we go the extra mile? We have our own Old English castle. And the peacocks that go with it. Only Queen’s Law offers Global Law Programs at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle.

Offered each May and June, students will study and live at the 15th-century Herstmonceux Castle estate in East Sussex, 100 km southeast of London, England, and are immersed in a unique cultural learning experience.

Students can earn upper-year degree credits in intensive and integrated academic programs in International Business Law and Public International Law. These educational experiences are enriched by visits to international institutions in the UK and Europe, where students are briefed by senior legal advisors and key officials.
Early JD Completion

Students who complete one of the Global Law Programs at the BISC earn nine upper-year course credits, which can allow them to complete the JD degree requirements in three upper-year terms instead of the usual four.

**International Business Law Program**

**Required courses:**
- Public international law
- International trade, investment and business law
- International commercial arbitration

**Typical field study destinations include:**
- Permanent Mission of Canada to the European Union (Brussels)
- European Parliament (Brussels)
- White and Case (Paris)
- Dentons (Paris)
- UNCTAD (Geneva)
- World Intellectual Property Organization (Geneva)
- World Trade Organization (Geneva)
- Canadian Delegation to the World Trade Organization (Geneva)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (London)
- Clifford Chance (London)

**Public International Law Program**

**Required courses:**
- Public international law
- International humanitarian law
- International human rights law
- International criminal law

**Typical field study destinations include:**
- International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (the Hague)
- Special Tribunal for Lebanon (the Hague)
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (the Hague)
- International Criminal Court (the Hague)
- Canadian Mission to the United Nations (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)
- International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)
- Canadian High Commission (London)
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London)

Lessons on international law from leaders in the field, with 50 of your closest friends in a historic castle, plus field trips to the world’s major international law organizations and law firms is without a doubt the most unique, most memorable, and most enjoyable way to study international law.

—FAYE VOIGHT, LAW’18
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law continues to develop partnerships with leading law schools around the world, providing students with additional opportunities to gain international legal perspectives. Paying Queen’s Law tuition fees, our students earn degree credits while studying at one of our exchange partner schools around the world!

Barcelona, Spain  Lyon, France  Tel Aviv, Israel
Beijing, China  Melbourne, Victoria  Uppsala, Sweden
Cape Town, South Africa  Pokfulam, Hong Kong  Wanstead, Barbados
Delhi, India  Shanghai, China  Wellington, New Zealand
Groningen, Netherlands  Singapore, Singapore  Wiesbaden, Germany
Istanbul, Turkey  Sydney, Australia  

Netherlands  Hong Kong  Singapore  Turkey  France  South Africa
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Queen's Law's internship funding programs allow students to gain legal knowledge and skills by contributing to the public interest in Canada and abroad as summer interns. With financial support from the Torys Public Summer Internship Award Program and the Queen's Law Public Interest Internship Award Program, students can accept unpaid summer internships with not-for-profit and public-interest agencies.

Recent Internships Include:

**International**
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Jerusalem
- U.N. Legal Affairs, New York
- New York Legal Assistance Group
- UNAIDS, Geneva
- International Criminal Court, the Hague

**Domestic**
- Canadian Lawyers Abroad/Lawyers without Borders
- CAMH, Mental Health Forensics, Toronto
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Toronto
- Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic (domestic violence)
- Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted

I love interning for Lawyers Without Borders Canada. By researching and drafting documents on topics from post-conflict reparations to legal aid provision, I’ve had the opportunity to learn from practitioners about international development in the context of human rights.

—EMILIE FARRELL, LAW’18
FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Queen's University and the Faculty of Law are committed to the goal of ensuring a legal education remains financially affordable to qualified students. Each year approximately $4.8 million in total financial assistance is granted to Queen's Law students.

We want you to have the information you need, and the help you require, to finance your education. We know that even though all Queen's students have the ability to achieve their academic goals, not all students share the ability to fully finance their Queen's education on their own. Please take the time to explore all your options and develop a financial plan that works for you, so you can focus on learning and on your academic success.

Admission Scholarships
During each admission cycle, Queen's Law awards a variety of admission scholarships on the basis of academic merit to students entering first year of the JD program.

Admission Bursaries
Bursaries are non-repayable grants. Unlike scholarships, which are based solely on academic excellence, financial need is the primary consideration in the selection of bursary recipients.

Queen's Work Study Program
Students with demonstrated financial need will receive priority for certain part-time jobs available on campus and for jobs with not-for-profit organizations.

View this publication at: financing.queenslaw.ca
JURIS DOCTOR (JD) PROGRAM

The Juris Doctor (JD) professional degree program provides the educational foundation to practise law in all common-law jurisdictions in Canada and around the world. Queen's JD graduates are eligible to register for American bar examinations in the states of New York and Massachusetts.
FIRST-YEAR
JD PROGRAM

Our compulsory curriculum covers all the fundamental subjects, including instruction in legal research, legal writing and oral advocacy. Students complete courses in:

- Public Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts Law
- Property Law
- Torts
- Introduction to Legal Skills

Small Sections

Each first-year student is assigned to a small section led by a full-time professor. Students complete all first-year courses with their small section classmates: one course with just their small section, and the other courses usually with two small sections combined. This system creates a supportive, interactive and collegial learning environment.

Introduction to Legal Skills

Our new ILS course covers the basic skills a student needs in law school and in legal practice:

- Researching and citing legal material
- Apply legal reasoning
- Writing case briefs and factums
- Drafting legal documents
- Client relations and file management

Students will also be introduced to topics including:

- Legal ethics and professionalism
- The court system
- Oral advocacy
- Alternative dispute resolution, negotiation
- Law office management

In addition to lectures, students engage in small group work and experience-based learning.
UPPER-YEAR JD PROGRAM

To enhance skills and perspectives developed in first-year, Queen’s Law students fulfill the following upper-year degree requirements:

• Three compulsory courses: Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Legal Ethics and Professionalism
• One course in Advocacy and one in Practice Skills
• Substantial term paper

Each student’s individual program of study is rounded out with electives chosen from our rich curriculum. Full-time students normally take four or five courses in each of the four upper-year terms.

Curriculum

The traditional areas of strength at Queen’s in public law, criminal law, family law, labour law, health law and legal theory are being expanded through growing strength in international law and business law.

Challenging courses in legal theory and substantive law are balanced with valuable opportunities for experiential learning and skills development through our superb clinical programs, scholarly law journals, courses in advocacy and practice skills and a rich program in mooting. Our curriculum encourages innovative teaching techniques by offering seminars, lectures, interactive technology and supervised projects to encourage participation, self-directed learning and legal skills development.

Distinguished visitors

Students also learn about a broad range of topical issues from national and international experts who visit Queen’s Law to participate in conferences, workshops and lectures organized by:

• Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace
• McCarthy Tétrault LLP Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Program
• Queen’s/Tel Aviv Faculty Exchange and Research Program
• Feminist Legal Studies Queen’s
• Faculty Visitors Committee
• Douglas Cunningham Visitor
• Dean’s Lectures
• Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy
Upper-Year Courses

The breadth and depth of our curriculum is apparent from a listing of our upper-year courses by subject area:

**CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW**
- Advanced Corporate Law
- Business Associations
- Business Finance*
- Commercial Bankruptcy and Restructuring
- Commercial Law
- Competition Law
- Contested Transactions*
- Corporate Governance
- Franchise Law*
- Insurance
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Economic Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Queen’s Business Law Clinic
- Securities Regulation

**CRIMINAL LAW**
- Advanced Criminal Law
- Prison Law Clinic
- Criminal Procedure
- International Criminal Law
- Sentencing and Imprisonment

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
- Environmental Protection Law
- Mining Law and Policy

**EVIDENCE, PROCEDURE AND COURT STRUCTURE**
- Civil Procedure
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence

**FAMILY LAW**
- Advanced Family Law
- Children’s Law
- Family and Children’s Law Placements
- Family Law
- Family Law Clinic

**HEALTH LAW**
- Health Law
- Mental Health Law
- Public Health Law

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**
- Advanced Intellectual Property*
- Copyright Law
- Information Privacy*
- Patent Law
- Technology, Engineering and Management (TEAM, APSC-400)
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition

**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES**
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Immigration and Refugee Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Criminal Law
- International Economic Law
- International Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law*
- International Labour Law
- International Law
- International Taxation*
- International Trade Litigation*
- International Trade Remedies*

**LABOUR LAW**
- Advanced Labour Law
- Collective Agreement and Arbitration
- Constitutional Labour Law in Canada*
- Employment Law
- International Labour Law
- Labour Law
- Occupational Safety, Health and Workers’ Compensation Law*
- Pensions and the Law*

**LEGAL THEORY AND CRITICAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES**
- Feminist Legal Studies Workshop
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Economics*
- Law and Poverty*
- Legal and Political Philosophy
- Legal Imagination*
- Racism and Canadian Legal Culture

**PRIVATE LAW**
- Advanced Issues in Contract Law*
- Advanced Torts
- Animal, Politics and the Law*
- Fiduciary Obligation
- Land Transactions
- Personal Injury Advocacy
- Remedies*
- Trusts
- Wills and Estates

**PUBLIC LAW**
- Aboriginal Law
- Administrative Law
- Advanced Constitutional Law
- Communications Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Equality Rights and the Charter
- Human Rights
- Immigration and Refugee Law
- Legislatures and Statutory Interpretation*
- Social and Economic Rights*

**SKILLS TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- Advanced Legal Research
- Advocacy on Motions
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy
- Business Law Clinic
- Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal
- Prison Law Clinic
- Clinical Externships
- Clinical Litigation Practice
- Competitive Moot Court
- Elder Law Clinic
- Estate Litigation*
- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Government Internship
- Legal Drafting
- Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- Legal Writing and Written Advocacy
- Negotiation
- Personal Injury Advocacy
- Public Law Advocacy
- Queen’s Law Journal
- Queen’s Legal Aid Student Leadership
- Trial Advocacy

**TAXATION**
- Corporate Taxation
- International Taxation*
- Tax Policy*
- Taxation

**SUPERVISED STUDY OPTIONS**
- Individual Supervised Project

*Course not offered in 2016–17
**First Year**

**Mandatory Courses**
- Introduction to Legal Skills
- Fundamentals of Law
- Introduction to Constitutional Law

**School Year Options**
- Professional Development
- Volunteering
- Community Engagement
- Research & Writing
- Clinical Externships

**Second Year**

**Mandatory Courses**
- Introduction to Legal Skills
- Public Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts
- Property
- Torts

**Upper Year Elective Areas**
- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor Law
- Legal Theory & Critical Perspectives
- Private Law
- Public Law

**Third Year**

**Mandatory Courses**
- Legal Ethics & Professionalism
- There are a variety of course options that satisfy the following remaining degree requirements:
  - Substantial Term Paper
  - A practice skills course
  - An advocacy requirement course

**School Year Options**
- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor Law
- Legal Theory & Critical Perspectives
- Private Law
- Public Law

**Raw Text**

**First Year**

**Mandatory Courses**
- Introduction to Legal Skills
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts
- Property
- Torts

**School Year Options in First Year**
- Register in the Graduate Diploma in Business
- Obtain a Public Interest Internship
- Participate in Hicks Morley Labour & Employment Moot
- Volunteer for Queen’s Legal Aid, one of the Law Journals, or PBSC
- Obtain a position with the Queen’s Law Student’s Society
- Join clubs on campus and attend visiting speaker sessions

**Other Mandatory Courses & Requirements**
- Participate in the BISC Law Program
- Register in the Graduate Diploma in Business
- Obtain a Public Interest Internship
- Find legally related work or other employment
- Participate in summer job search process

**Second Year**

**Mandatory Courses**
- Introduction to Legal Skills
- Public Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts
- Property
- Torts

**School Year Options in Upper Year**
- Volunteering
- Community Engagement
- Research & Writing
- Clinical Externships
- Get a Tutor from the Education & Equity Office
- Find legally related work or other employment
- Participate in summer job search process

**Other Mandatory Courses & Requirements**
- Take 14-17 elective upper year credits per term
- Business Associations
- Civil Procedure

**Summer Options**
- Corporate & Commercial Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Labor Law
- Legal Theory & Critical Perspectives
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CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH QUEEN’S LAW CLINICS

Queen’s Law has a clinical space that merges the school’s five pro bono clinics. Students work in a law office atmosphere, supervised by full-time directors and duty counsel and serving local clients through research, advice and assistance.

From helping local businesses develop to aiding the incarcerated, clinic students earn academic credit while getting hands-on exposure to some of the most dynamic aspects of the legal profession.
Queen’s Legal Aid

The oldest and largest of the Queen’s clinic programs, Queen’s Legal Aid (QLA) has been a vital part of the Faculty of Law’s service to the community for decades. Working closely with Legal Aid Ontario, QLA provides a wide range of legal services to low-income area residents and students of both Queen’s University and St. Lawrence College.

As part of the QLA team, students develop a wealth of experience relating to advocacy, interviewing and counselling, file management, legal ethics, legal research and writing, negotiation and settlement, office procedures, professional responsibility and solicitor/client relationships. They also assist clients in court or at a tribunal hearing.

2015 the numbers

Worked on approx. 500 client files
24 student caseworkers, 65 volunteers

Prison Law Clinic

Unique to Queen’s, the Queen’s Prison Law Clinic (QPLC) allows students to assist prisoners in one of six institutions with a number of legal issues. QPLC students provide legal advice, assistance and representation in matters relating to prison and parole in Kingston-area penitentiaries and Warkworth Institution.

They learn to manage the solicitor/client relationship, interview clients, conduct case-specific research, prepare examinations/cross-examinations of witnesses, draft legal submissions and represent clients at hearings. Student caseworkers draft grievances, provide legal opinions, represent clients at Disciplinary Court hearings or before the Parole Board of Canada, conduct meetings with inmate groups and conduct test case litigation.

2015 the numbers

Worked on approx. 500 client files
18 students enrolled in course
Business Law Clinic

At the Queen's Business Law Clinic (QBLC), students can explore the dynamic field of business law by providing legal assistance to start-ups, entrepreneurs, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in southeastern Ontario.

QBLC students draft and review legal documents such as leases and licenses, privacy policies and trademark registrations, and non-disclosure agreements and waivers. They also gain presentation experience by speaking to local business groups on any number of business law issues.

2015 by the numbers

- Worked on 189 client files
- 16 student caseworkers, 2 volunteers

Elder Law Clinic

Students can explore a growing and socially relevant area of law at the Queen's Elder Law Clinic (QELC) – the first clinic of its kind in Canada. Clients are Kingston-area seniors who would otherwise have difficulty affording legal counsel.

QELC students work with these clients planning wills and powers of attorney, assisting them as they complete guardianship applications or certificates of appointment. In addition to serving clients with issues such as elder discrimination, abuse and neglect, students may also have opportunities to present seminars to community and professional groups on issues related to aging.

2015 by the numbers

- Worked on 55 client files
- 8 student caseworkers, 1 volunteer
Family Law Clinic

At the Queen’s Family Law Clinic (QFLC), students provide vital support to local residents as they navigate Ontario’s sometimes challenging family court system. Student caseworkers learn about Family Court matters by providing services to clientele with low incomes. These services include helping litigants represent themselves in Family Court by completing their documents, helping them negotiate the Family Court process, or referring them to other family justice resources.

Throughout the year, students attend Family Court to facilitate client access to QFLC services, assisting LAO-funded duty and advice counsel in their provision of enhanced duty counsel services. Working on cases involving issues such as custody, access and child support, students help clients complete forms such as divorce applications, financial statements and affidavits.

2015 by the numbers

- Worked on 190 client files
- 8 student caseworkers, 6 volunteers

My learning experience with the Queen’s Business Law Clinic has been invaluable. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to gain practical skills, while also giving back to the Kingston community. Managing files and interacting with clients has provided me with critical legal knowledge, which has in turn eased my transition into the professional workforce.

—EMMA COTMAN, LAW’16
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law has a thriving moot program backed by state-of-the-art facilities. Academics can work with the prestigious Queen’s Law Journal and the Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal. All Queen’s Law students have opportunities to earn credit or volunteer in an experiential learning program or register in skills-based courses.

**Family and Children’s Law Placements**

The Family and Children’s Law Placements course is offered each term, giving upper-year students invaluable insight and experience in the practice of family and children’s law, and the roles and responsibilities of lawyers and other professionals in the legal system.

**Clinical Externships**

Upper-year students will earn academic credit each year while working for community legal aid clinics serving Kingston, Belleville, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, Cobourg and Northumberland County.

**Federal Government Internships**

Queen’s Law offers a series of internships in partnership with offices of the federal Department of Justice in Ottawa. Each term, upper-year students earn academic credit while gaining practical experience. After obtaining a security clearance and completion of the internship, students are eligible for preferential status in government hiring.

**Pro Bono Students Canada**

The Queen’s Law chapter of PBSC attracts student volunteers seeking valuable practical experience in legal research and representation, while looking to gain exposure to unique areas of law. Students are supervised by practising lawyers and are asked to volunteer three hours per week during the academic year up to the end of March. Students can select from an impressive array of engaging community service projects.
Law Journals

Queen’s Law students play a central part in bringing out two fully refereed scholarly law reviews. Students who work on both journals receive hands-on training and experience in legal research and writing, in dealing with submissions from academics and scholarly practitioners, and in the planning and production of a major publication.

Queen’s Law Journal (QLJ)
The QLJ is one of Canada’s leading peer-reviewed legal publications, and is produced by a student editorial board under the direction of two faculty advisors. In 2015, Carswell published the QLJ-produced Canadian Guide to Legal Style: Canada’s first and only definitive guide to grammar and style conventions in legal writing.

Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal (CLELJ)
The CLELJ is Canada’s only specialized labour and employment law journal. It is a collaborative publication of the Queen’s Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace and Lancaster House, a Toronto labour law publisher. A team of student editors work on the CLELJ under the guidance of senior faculty editors.

Advocacy and Competitive Mooting

At Queen’s, training in advocacy is an integral part of our students’ legal education. Our Moot Court Program is one of the largest at any Canadian law school. Each year, teams from Queen’s Law compete in up to 20 mooting competitions in a wide range of legal areas, including:

- Aboriginal law
- Client counselling
- Commercial arbitration
- Constitutional law
- Criminal law
- Environmental law
- Intellectual property
- International law
- Labour arbitration
- Securities law
- Tax law
- Trade law
- Trial advocacy
SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS THROUGH CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Office staff provide professional, relevant and timely services to help students make informed career decisions. They advise students about summer, articling and long-term employment opportunities available and ensure students have the skills and support to reach their individual goals.

How the Career Development Office assists students

• Comprehensive career management planning
• Unlimited individual counselling sessions
• Seminars and workshops on a range of topics
• A broad network of alumni
• A tradition of peer support
• Opportunities to meet employers from a variety of cities
• Comprehensive print and online resources

In an anonymous survey of Queen's Law Students…

• 4.6/5 rating of CDO services by law students
• 99% of respondents would recommend CDO services

When do Queen’s Law students find their articling positions?

Most students have secured articles by graduation, and on average 75-85% of students have secured articles by the beginning of third year.

Where will Queen’s Law students article in 2016-2017?

Types of Employers:
Large/National Firms, Government, In-House
Smaller Firms, Clerkships, Public Interest
Student Support

Queen’s Law is located in Macdonald Hall, a first-rate learning environment featuring full accessibility by elevator, wireless Internet service, video conferencing technology and IT support. The administrative staff at Queen’s Law enjoy a well-deserved reputation for being helpful, considerate and responsive to student needs.

We provide prompt, helpful support to meet the broad spectrum of student needs, including:

• Academic advising and planning
• Academic relief on documented medical or compassionate grounds
• Advising on international exchanges and other international abroad opportunities
• IT support

Education and Equity Services Office provides students with:

• Individualized personal support and referrals as needed for health
• Wellness and disability accommodation issues
• Academic assistance through a free, confidential peer tutoring program
• Resources and expertise to support diversity and promote inclusion

The Career Development Office (CDO) at Queen’s Law offers students an incredible array of helpful services provided by knowledgeable and friendly staff. The CDO offers personalized consultations to all students: from how to write a resume to etiquette at firm dinners, and everything in between. I am so thankful for the feedback and guidance that I received from the CDO. Without question, it was instrumental in helping me land the job I wanted.

—DAVID SCHNITTKER, LAW’17
**Live Where You Study**

Historic downtown Kingston is bordered by waterfront parks along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Cataraqui River. Most Queen’s Law students live within a 15-minute walking distance to the law school. This allows them to spend more time forging friendships and making connections with professors, colleagues and the law community as a whole. Kingston offers the perfect blend of quaint small-town feel with big-city amenities.

**One of Canada’s Most Prestigious Universities**

Queen’s University is a community, 175 years of tradition, academic excellence, research, and beautiful waterfront campus made of limestone buildings and modern facilities. But more than anything Queen’s is people.

Queen’s is one of Canada’s oldest degree-granting institutions, and has influenced Canadian higher education since 1841 when it was established by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria.
Access Major Canadian Legal Markets

Kingston is within a short three-hour drive of major metropolitan centres — Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The Norman Rogers Airport in Kingston also has daily flight connections to get you anywhere in the world. Our students have access to a variety of job prospects and opportunities for making connections in Canada’s major legal hubs.
ALUMNI

Queen's Law students graduate with a group of people they will know for the rest of their careers. Our alumni are renowned for their loyalty, enthusiasm, and willingness to help out other Queen's Law grads. Every year, at Homecoming and other events across the country, alumni gather to reminisce, network, and reconnect. New graduates find themselves with a ready-made network wherever they start their professional lives; the words "Queen's Law" often open interesting doors in their legal careers.
I hear it time and time again from our students and alumni: there is something special about Queen’s Law that sets it apart from other law schools. We offer a legal education that is second to none, both national and global in scope, all in a residential setting that fosters a unique level of faculty and student engagement.

Located in historic Kingston, most of our students live within a short walk from campus, and our school buzzes with academic and social activity from morning to night. Likewise, our professors share this commitment to an engaged learning environment. A high degree of faculty and student interaction, both in and outside the classroom, has always been a signature feature of our law school.

We have a wide range of experiential learning opportunities, including our renowned clinical programs in downtown Kingston, where students both learn the law and serve the public as they offer legal assistance in the areas of poverty law, business law, elder law, family law and prison law. We offer among the widest range of clinical educational opportunities of any law school in Canada.

Further from home, Queen’s is the only university in Canada that has a castle in England, where we offer spring programs in international law, including study trips to some of the world’s leading international organizations located in The Hague, Paris and Geneva. We also offer a range of exchange programs around the globe, everywhere from Cape Town to Hong Kong.

I’m also proud to report that our students graduate with some of the best placement rates of any law school in Canada: by the time they enter third year, typically between 75% to 85% of our students have already secured an articling position. Virtually all of our students secure an articling placement by the time of graduation. We offer a career development office that will help you whatever your career aspirations might be, be it private practice, public service or international law.

I do hope you’ll be able to visit us at Queen’s Law to tour the campus, meet our students, and get a sense for what makes Queen’s so special.

See you then,

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