

QUEEN'S LAW

JD PROGRAM VIEWBOOK



Queen's LAW
UNIVERSITY

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WELCOME



Queen's University is situated on the territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek.

Ne Queen's University e'tho nón:we nikanónhsote tsi nón:we ne Haudenosaunee táhnon Anishinaabek tehatihsnonhsáhere ne onhwéntsya.

Gimaakwe Gchi-gkinoomaagegamig atemagad Naadowe miinwaa Anishinaabe aking.

Queen's Faculty of Law is a national leader in legal education, from cutting-edge research to immersive hands-on learning.

Located at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Queen's Law offers an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Students gain a holistic understanding of law, while advancing access to justice in local communities, exploring the future of legal technologies, and building their practice skills.

Where theory, innovation, and social impact unite.



Dear prospective students,

Law school is a transformative period in your life, where your decades-long academic career and future professional aspirations converge.

These next few years will inform the next chapter of your lives, and the exciting places you'll go.

Queen's Law is your launch pad, your opportunity to learn from the best of the best in legal academia and practice, make lifelong connections, and develop an incredible network of peers and professionals.

We take our role as your legal educator seriously. We have a phenomenal roster of professors, whose areas of specialization range from constitutional to corporate and business law, international and refugee law to Indigenous legal traditions, health care policy, the frontiers of AI and the law, and much more.

Our community is rooted in the principles of free and respectful inquiry, inclusive and innovative teaching practices, meaningful engagement, and supportive academic discovery.

Queen's Law students have founded over 50 clubs and organizations, which cover a vast range of interests, including affinity-based associations, practice-based groups, social and sports clubs, and charitable organizations.

From our top mooting program to our vibrant international exchanges, local advocacy opportunities through justice centres, mentorships, unmatched academic community, and more, a world of possibilities await you at Queen's Law.

We can't wait to see you!



Dean Colleen M. Flood

DEAN'S MESSAGE

A legal education for a changing world

Queen's Law offers an unparalleled legal education taught by experts who are changing the face of the legal sector, along with celebrated international, interdisciplinary, "hands-on" learning opportunities, and exciting combined degree programs that leverage the best of the university's rich academic offerings.

Our Faculty's renowned JD program provides students the educational foundation to practice law in all common-law jurisdictions in Canada and around the world. Queen's Law graduates are eligible to register for American bar examinations in the states of New York and Massachusetts.



No law school better prepares lawyers, public servants, entrepreneurs, scholars, and business leaders for a changing sector and globally connected world.

Students have the opportunity to learn from leading experts across high-interest practice areas, including **business, constitutional, public, criminal, family, and international law.**

600+ JD students

96% Placement rate after graduation

47% Students identify as a racialized group

4 Scholarly law review and academic journals

\$1.2 m In annual merit and needs-based funding

10 Student-run affinity groups for equity-seeking communities

About Queen's Law

Founded in **1957**



Five pro-bono **legal clinics** serving local communities



Five pillar programs, six combined degree options, and professional development certificates



Celebrated scholars, professorships, and research chairs in business law, Indigenous legal studies, political and legal philosophy, and more



Top placements and internships, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the country's leading law firms, and public sector organizations



A global community of over 9,000 alumni and industry professionals who work in virtually every economy and facet of the law



What sets Queen's Law apart

Dynamic faculty



Queen's Law has world-class faculty who are internationally recognized in a range of practice areas, including criminal, family, labour, health, business, international, and public law.

Legal innovation



Queen's Law is at the forefront of legal AI and machine-based learning through the Conflict Analytics Lab and the new Legal Tech Clinic, where students work directly with engineers and researchers on new legal technologies.

Dual-degree options



Six unique combined degree programs providing cross-disciplinary legal education, and critical skills development for today's knowledge-based economies.

Career readiness



With a 96 per cent job placement rate after graduation, a dedicated Career Development Office, top-tier placements, alumni mentoring opportunities and more, Queen's Law empowers you to achieve your professional goals.

Immersive skills development

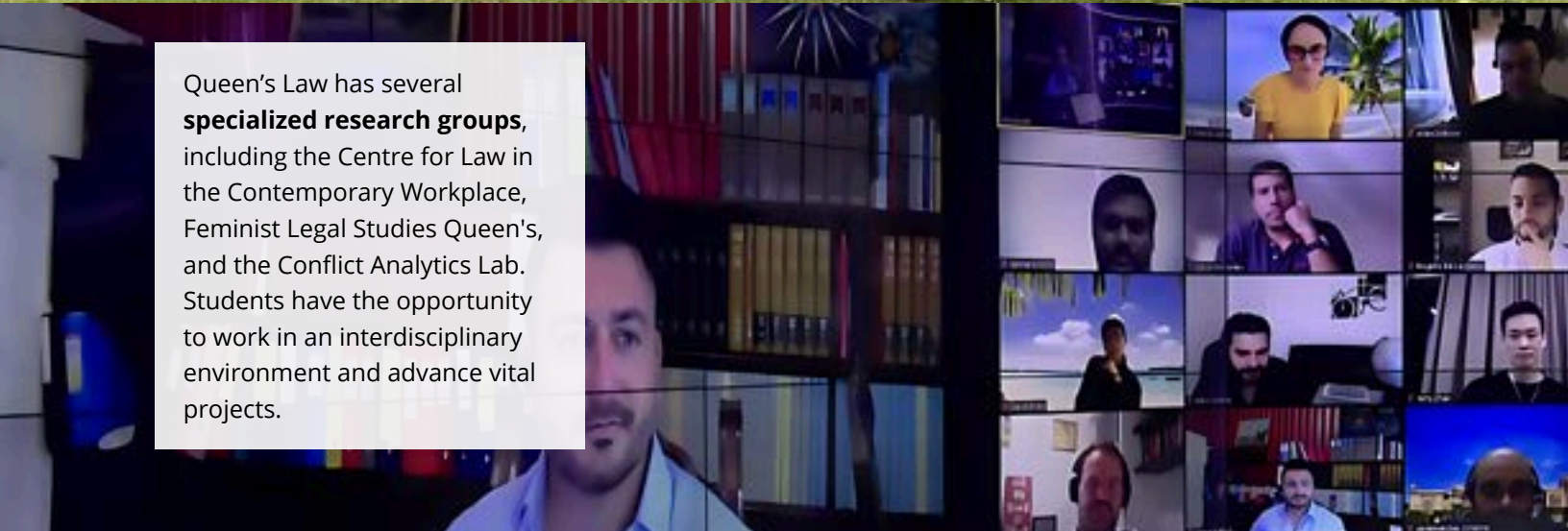
Our curriculum offers immersive, experiential, and self-directed learning. Engaging courses in legal theory and substantive law are combined with valuable opportunities for hands-on learning, including **placements with a variety of public, government, and community organizations.**

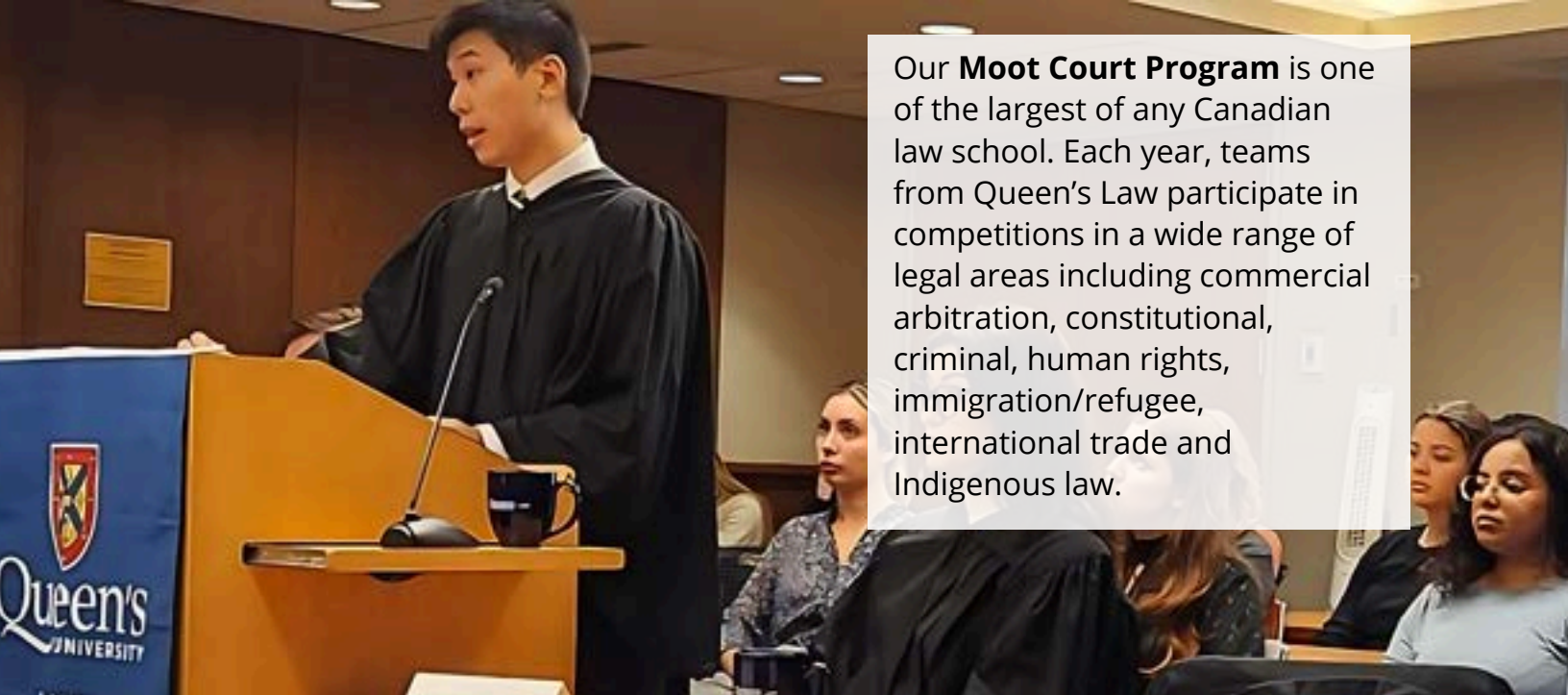


On-the-land learning enables students to deepen their understanding of Indigenous legal traditions, bringing land-based and Indigenous community-engaged education into the heart of legal discourse. This helps to cultivate a multifaceted legal mind, informed by historical, local, regional, and global traditions.



Queen's Law has several **specialized research groups**, including the Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace, Feminist Legal Studies Queen's, and the Conflict Analytics Lab. Students have the opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary environment and advance vital projects.

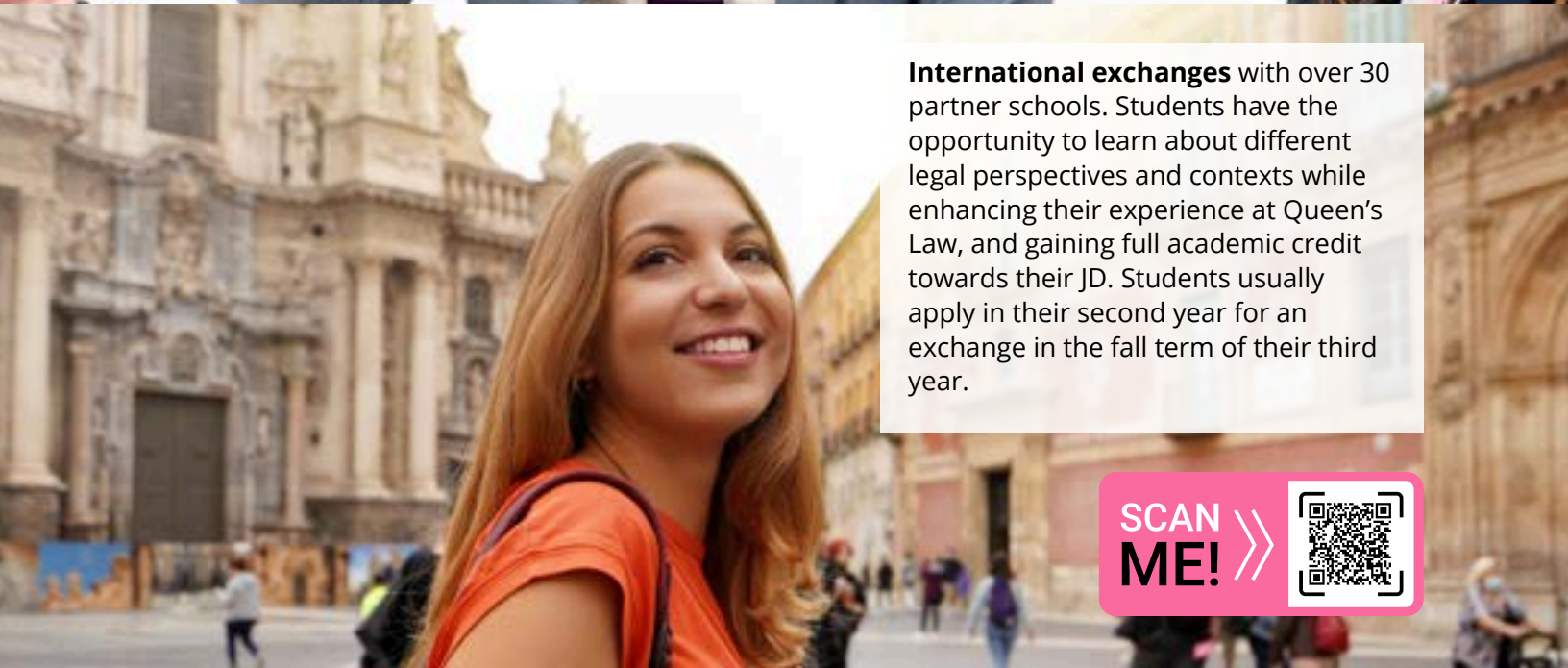




Our **Moot Court Program** is one of the largest of any Canadian law school. Each year, teams from Queen's Law participate in competitions in a wide range of legal areas including commercial arbitration, constitutional, criminal, human rights, immigration/refugee, international trade and Indigenous law.



Our **Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy** is a joint initiative with the Faculty of Law, the departments of Philosophy and Political Studies. It consists of a series of seminars and workshops. Students meet with the Colloquium convenors to discuss a recent paper by a leading scholar, and meet with the author for an interactive seminar.



International exchanges with over 30 partner schools. Students have the opportunity to learn about different legal perspectives and contexts while enhancing their experience at Queen's Law, and gaining full academic credit towards their JD. Students usually apply in their second year for an exchange in the fall term of their third year.

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Queen's Law Clinics: hands-on learning with social impact



Queen's Law shares a special relationship with the Kingston community through its pro bono legal clinics, which leverage our school's capabilities in legal education to serve vulnerable populations and connect them with critical legal support. **Queen's Law Clinics cover five individual pro bono practice areas: legal aid, elder law, family law, business law, and prison law, which is the only clinic of its kind in Ontario.** The clinics provide high-quality legal services to marginalized and underserved populations.



Student caseworkers work directly with clients to support them in their legal journey and effect positive change. For students, it represents an unparalleled experiential learning opportunity, instilling the importance of diversity, community advocacy, high ethical standards, and the vital role of pro bono legal support to advance access to justice.

Involvement and impact:

- **More than 250** senior clients provided access to legal services by the Queen's Elder Law Clinic each year
- **118** students per year enrolled for academic credit across all five Queen's Law Clinics
- **30** first year students per year engaged in volunteer roles across five clinics
- **26** summer students engaged in paid roles per year
- **More than 1,300** people living in poverty receiving improved access to justice each year
- **More than 225** charities, startups and small businesses receiving pro-bono legal support each year to help them flourish





Gain a global legal perspective

Each May and June, Queen's Law offers intensive and integrated programs in International Business Law and Public International Law, with courses and activities that give students a comprehensive and practical introduction to international law.

While Herstmonceux Castle in England undergoes renovations, the International Law Programs are being offered in Kingston and Berlin. From Berlin, students visit international organizations in Paris, The Hague, and Geneva.

Each program consists of three three-credit upper-year courses taught by leading practitioners and academics.

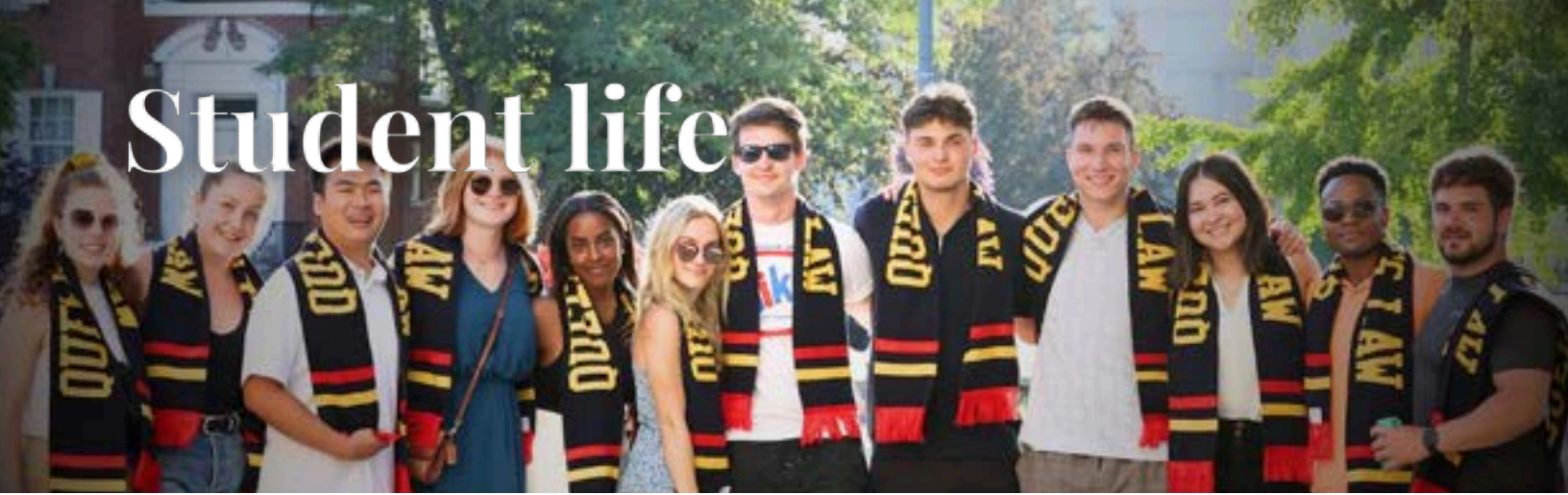
Recent instructors have included a judge and prosecutors from international criminal tribunals in The Hague; lawyers from leading law firms, Global Affairs Canada, and the UN; a Canadian Ambassador; and law professors from Queen's and McGill.

Learn from some of the world's top international law experts, practitioners, diplomats, and explore some of Europe's most culturally vibrant cities and consequential halls of justice.

"This experience has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done. For those interested in a career in international law, the connections are unparalleled."



Student life



Queen's Law is known for its close-knit and supportive community. Students enjoy smaller classes, closer contact with faculty members, and the opportunity to develop meaningful lifelong connections with their peers.

Our school offers a range of opportunities to get involved with student government, leadership, and advocacy, like the Law Students' Society (LSS), Black Law Students' Association, Indigenous Law Student's Alliance, OUTLaw, and more.



Class profile



47%

Identify as a member of a racialized group

First in their family to attend law school

80%



20%

Are from households making under \$70,000/ year

Identify as 2SLGBTQIA+

10%



Community is a core value and defining feature of Queen's Law



We offer an inclusive, innovative, and collaborative learning environment that encourages free and respectful inquiry where all can flourish with equality and dignity.

Students put their time, creativity, and strong work ethic to good use through high-impact charities, pro-bono legal support, student government, leadership and advocacy organizations, conferences, and more.



Academic, wellness, and career support

Queen's Law staff are here to support students and help facilitate their success in the JD program. We want students to enjoy their time at Queen's Law and encourage students to explore all the available opportunities, both academic and co-curricular, while pursuing their degree. From mental health wellness services to academic and accessibility accommodations to career training and placement support, we are here to support your success.

Education and Equity Services

The Education & Equity Services Office provides advocacy, information, and support to law students at all stages of their educational career. From supportive counselling, confidential tutorial services, referral/advisory support, and accommodations counsel, this office is dedicated to creating successful outcomes for students.

Career Development

The Career Development Office team has extensive experience in legal recruitment and professional development and is here to serve you through a range of student-based services, including career counselling, workshops, online resources, professional networking, and more.

Queen's Wellness

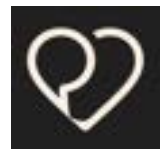
Student Wellness Services (SWS) supports the personal, academic, and social health development of students at Queen's University by providing a range of programs and services. We aim to offer a welcoming, confidential, and integrated service that is responsive to your health and wellness needs.



Human Rights
Advisory Services



Yellow House
Centre for Equity
and Inclusion



Empower Me -
Free 24/7 mental
health and
wellness support





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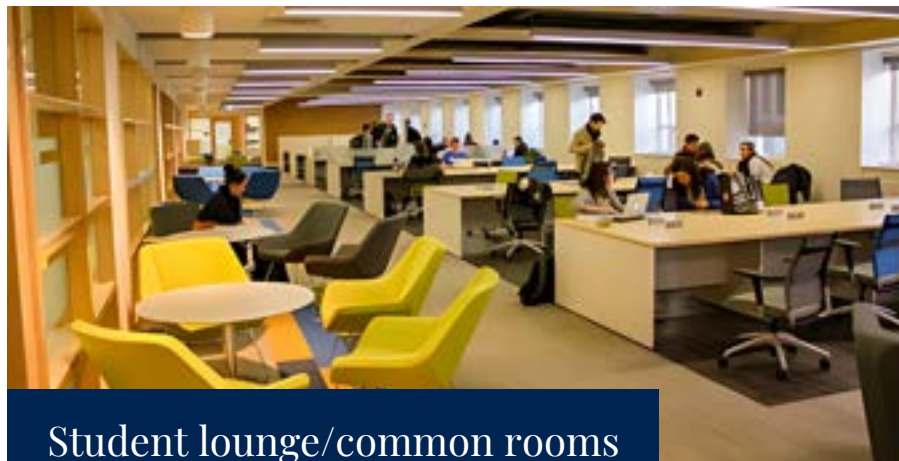
The law building



Legal research library



State of the art classrooms



Student lounge/common rooms

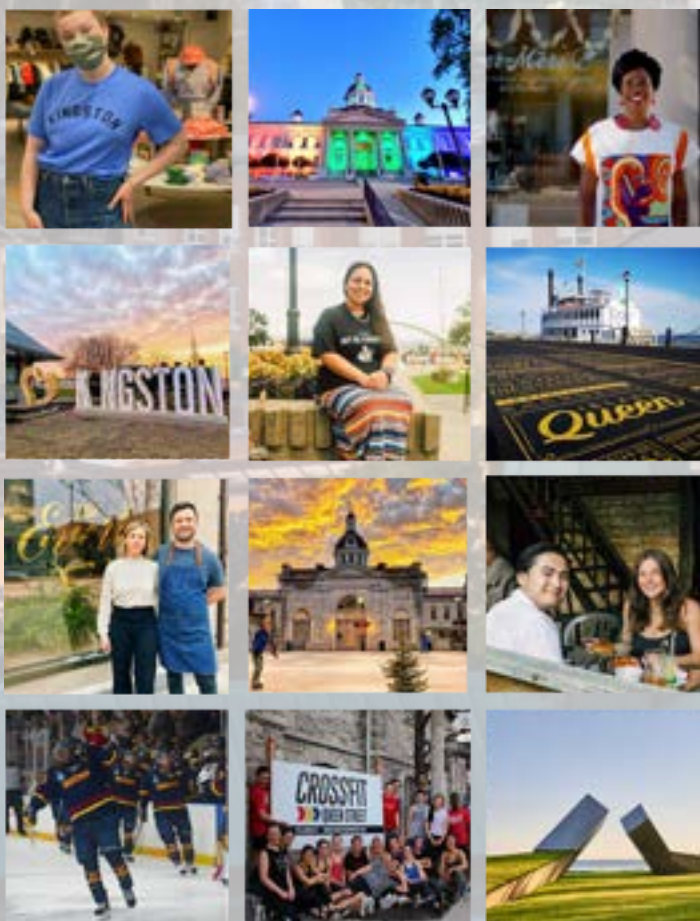
Queen's Law students spend most of their time at 128 Union Street. The law school building features meeting and study spaces reserved for law students, lounges, meditation and prayer spaces, leading-edge classroom technology, faculty offices, and other amenities.



Moot courtroom

Kingston

Kingston is a vibrant community. Set alongside Lake Ontario, anywhere you go in downtown Kingston – and on campus – you're only minutes from the waterfront. Equally close to campus (about a 10-minute walk), is Kingston's bustling downtown, which is home to many shops, restaurants, and attractions.



Whatever your interest – music and fine arts, cycling and fitness, water sports, theatre, history, architecture – Kingston has something to offer. Add to this Kingston's many community events and friendly, diverse, and charming vibe, it's easy to see why the BBC named Kingston one of the top five university towns in the world!

Kingston is also uniquely located near major metropolitan centres, including Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, giving students access to a variety of job prospects and opportunities for making connections in three of Canada's major legal hubs.



Admission requirements

Applications

Applications for admission should be made to the JD (Juris Doctor) program by a web-based application process through the [Ontario Law School Application Service \(OLSAS\)](https://ouac.on.ca/olsas). Applications open each August and have a submission deadline of November 1 for studies commencing the following September (ouac.on.ca/olsas).

Program requirements

You must have successfully completed a minimum of three full years of course work (or equivalent) in a degree program at a postsecondary institution.

LSAT testing

- You are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- LSAT scores for the past five years may be used.
- The January LSAT is the last acceptable test for first-year entry. Taking the test at earlier dates is strongly encouraged.
- The Admissions Committee will rely primarily on the highest score achieved at the time of the admission decision.

Submission materials

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

Equity-based applicant streams

To cultivate a vibrant, representative, and inclusive academic and work environment, we encourage applications based on community identity, as well as personal and professional experiences that enable applicants to contribute to the law school community and further the law school's goal of building a representative and diverse class cohort. To support this, Queen's Law offers an **Indigenous Peoples Category** and a **Black Student Applicant Category**.

Access category

We encourage applications from candidates whose backgrounds, qualities, or experiences allow them to make unique contributions to the law school community, the legal profession, and society in general. The Admissions Committee considers a range of factors including:

- Persons living with a disability
- Educational and financial disadvantage
- Membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- Age
- Life and lived experience
- Any other factor relating either to educational barriers

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Certificate in
Law



PhD & LLM

JD program



Graduate Diploma in Immigration
and Citizenship Law



Queen's University at a glance

A Queen's education can provide unparalleled access to careers and personal development opportunities around the world. Through your studies, you will develop a solid academic foundation that will open doors to exciting opportunities.

1841

Year
Established

20,069

Undergrad
Students

10.8%

From
Outside Canada

7,628

Graduate
and Post-Graduate
Students

26.5%

From
Outside Canada

126

Countries
Represented

10.4%

Undergraduate
Acceptance Rate

90.6%

Incoming
Undergraduate
Grade Average

90.2%

Undergraduate
Graduation Rate
(Highest in Canada)

91%

Graduates
Employed within 6
Months

6

Faculties

2,482

Faculty members

9,352

Staff

3rd

Ranked in Canada for
Awards Per Faculty

49

Canada Research
Chairs

**Queen's ranks 8th worldwide and 2nd
in North America as part of the Times
Higher Education Impact Rankings**



Full-time MBA

Ranked **#1**
in Canada



GLOBAL MBA
2024 RANKING



Queen's JD/ MBA program

This four-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the internationally acclaimed Master of Business Administration (MBA) offered by Smith School of Business and the rich program in business law offered by Queen's Law.



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