Each student enters the law school with a sense of purpose. These students graduate with a greater sense of the human experience and are voluntarily assuming the roles as guardians of the rule of law.”

— The Hon. Catherine Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta
Our students are biologists, community-minded, geologists, globally-aware, economists, entrepreneurs, teachers, nurses, resilient, engineers, athletes, creative, musicians, filmmakers, chefs, hard-working, town councilors, oilfield workers, members of Canada’s Armed Forces, mature, parents, from across the country and around the globe.

### UCalgary Law at a Glance

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— Ian Holloway, Dean, Faculty of Law

Notable alumni:

Honourable Madam Justice Patricia Rowbotham, LLB’81, Court of Appeal of Alberta

Linda Taylor, LLB’79, executive director of the Office of Administration of Justice at the UN

Kent Hehr, JD’01, federal Minister of Veterans Affairs

Kathleen Ganley, JD’11, provincial Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

Stephanie McLean, JD’12, provincial Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women

Irfan Sabir, JD’12, provincial Minister of Community and Social Services

Brittanee Laverdure, JD’11, 2014 Commonwealth Games silver medalist

Inaki Gomez, JD’15, Olympic athlete and 2015 Pan American Games silver medalist

Other fun facts:

1976
UCalgary Law opened

2,707
alumni

40
lawyers in our community who teach at UCalgary Law

29
countries represented by alumni

2
service dogs who have received a law degree

29
countries

54
UCalgary Law opened
Thanks for your interest in UCalgary Law!

So why UCalgary Law? Top of the list is our record of successful innovation in Canadian legal education. We believe the traditional distinction between theory and practice is a false dichotomy. In our view, lawyers and law students need both comprehensive theoretical knowledge and the skills to put that knowledge into practice to be truly successful. And that’s what lies at the core of our nationally-renowned Calgary Curriculum. I invite you to explore the details on page 9 within.

We are best known for our global reach in resources, energy, environmental and business law. We are proud of that reputation, but our sights are set much more broadly. We know that an interconnected world involves interconnected challenges — challenges that demand innovative and diverse thinking. Issues involving energy, resources and the environment almost always touch upon areas of business and trade, but also include things like reconciliation with Canada’s First Nations, human rights and social development. Check out highlights of our course selection and clinical offerings on page 25 in both traditional and emerging areas of law.

Calgary has one of the most dynamic legal markets in North America today. One of the things that makes it special is the way that the profession embraces our students. From your earliest days at UCalgary Law, you will enjoy access to legal practitioners in a wide variety of fields and specialties. The Career and Professional Development Office and the bar work together to provide a range of mentoring and educational opportunities, as well as networking events. Our students typically receive a significantly larger number of 1L and 2L summer placements and internships in the Calgary legal market, and we regularly enjoy an articling placement rate that is one of the highest in the country.

Our admissions process focuses on each applicant as a unique person, rather than a statistic, and we value a variety of academic and real-world experience that we believe leads to an engaged and diverse student body. We offer a vibrant community of students, who come from across Canada and who love our small class sizes. Our array of clinical opportunities and extra-curricular clubs and activities complement our many student interests. Our tuition is highly competitive and we have generous scholarships and bursaries.

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We’d love to have you!

Dr. Ian Holloway, PC QC
Professor and Dean of Law
University of Calgary
The Calgary Curriculum

The Calgary Curriculum places UCalgary Law at the forefront of innovation in North American legal education. Built with input from students, alumni and the profession, our curriculum is rigorous, it is relevant, and it more realistically connects how we teach with how you learn.

It is hard to overstate the impact of technology, commodification and globalization on the practice of law. As the legal marketplace changes, so too must legal education. We know that you likely will not just have one career following graduation; you will have several. The Calgary Curriculum has increased student engagement and preparedness for the complex professional world you will enter after graduation by:

- Providing strong substantive competence
- Transforming competence into performance
- Increasing student engagement with more choice and more focused, intensive learning.

The JD Program

The Faculty of Law’s Juris Doctor (JD) program will prepare you for a variety of roles within the legal system. Designed to lay the groundwork for the development of competent, talented, creative and sensitive professionals, our program prepares you for the rapidly changing society in which the imagination and human qualities of the legally-trained person will be challenged to the fullest.

Why UCalgary Law?

The new first-year curriculum prepared me well for my summer position at a law firm in terms of substantive content of the law and valuable opportunities to write memos and factums. All my professors were fast to point out real-life scenarios in which the law would be applicable.”

— Tiffany Bennett, student
Joint Programs

International Energy Lawyers Program (JD/JD, 4 years)

The International Energy Lawyers Program (IELP) is an innovative, dual-degree collaboration between the University of Houston Law Center and UCalgary Law. Established in 2012, the popular program’s primary goal is to train lawyers capable of handling complex global legal issues in energy and affiliated sectors. In four years, you can earn both a Canadian and an America law degree, and can apply to the bars both north and south of the border.

Students spend two years at UCalgary Law and two years at the University of Houston. In addition to regular degree studies, the IELP is structured to facilitate internships in the energy industry, and includes course offerings exclusive to students in the program, such as the Dentons’ North American Energy Law Study Tour.

You must be accepted into the program by both schools, and we recommend that you indicate your interest in the IELP when you apply to UCalgary Law.

“The IELP has been very gratifying. It has given me the confidence to know that I can go anywhere in the world and to take the opportunities available to me.”
— Fraser Wayne, JD/JD’16

Combined JD/MBA (4 years)

Offered in partnership with the Haskayne School of Business, this program combines legal and management studies, preparing graduates to take on positions in fields such as corporate law, commercial litigation, international law, management consulting, government service and politics, taxation, finance and accounting, and environmental management.

Students must apply to, and be accepted by, both UCalgary Law and the Haskayne School of Business.

“The JD/MBA program at the University of Calgary is integral in both establishing your career and providing flexibility to pursue your ambitions. I believe that completing a joint degree can help differentiate you as a candidate for either articling positions or summer internships and provides the essential perspective for a prospective commercial lawyer. The law and business are complimentary and having the educational foundation in, and the ability to speak to, both disciplines can only benefit your future career goals, whatever they may be.”
— Gavin Carscallen, JD/MBA’10, Vice President, Legal, Petrogas Energy Corp.

Combined JD/MPP (3.5 years)

Offered in conjunction with The School of Public Policy, the JD/MPP combines the study of law and public policy across a wide spectrum of areas including resources and the environment, economic and social issues, international policy, as well as taxation, regulation and public finance.

The program prepares students for senior leadership careers in public or private sectors, in which legal and policy expertise is required to achieve success.

Students must apply to, and be accepted by, both UCalgary Law and The School of Public Policy.
Clinic Opportunities and Experiential Learning

Experiential learning is not a recent or trendy catch-phrase for us that is offered hesitantly or half-heartedly. It has been at the very core of our teaching philosophy for more than 40 years and we do it best! Our clinical programs provide exciting for-credit opportunities for you to develop practical skills as well as theoretical knowledge in the areas that interest you the most.

Student Legal Assistance

Students explore a selection of poverty law and social justice topics related to the work and clients of the clinic, including summary criminal offenses, family law matters, residential tenancy issues, small claims disputes and traffic offences.

Public Interest Law Clinic

Students spend the academic year learning about public interest lawyering, and study topics such as civil and administrative process, standing, interventions, test litigation, access to information, legislative reform, and working with the media. Students apply what they learn working with clients who are advocating for law and policy reform in public interest matters.

Business Venture Clinic

Students are matched with start-up companies to provide legal information, various agreements and other documents related to these types of businesses. Each student is paired with a mentor to guide and advise students on potential issues that may arise.

As the founder of CareFind I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the BLG Business Venture Clinic for the much-needed information and advice on legal contracts and user agreements. This added information is extremely useful in moving forward with CareFind.”

— Erica Hughes, CareFind, winner 2017 RBC Fast Pitch Competition.

Tax Court Assistance Program

The program gives law students interested in business and tax law the opportunity to gain valuable and relevant experience in a variety of tax areas, including entitlement to Canada Child Tax benefits, medical expense credit claims, and appeals on the obligation to pay Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan benefits, Old Age Security and GST credits. (Note: this is a non-credit extra-curricular program.)

The Tax Court Assistance program is an outstanding opportunity for students who want to expand their knowledge of tax issues, gain litigation experience, and make a difference in the community. There is no substitute for the mentorship and experience that students get from working on actual court files.”

— Kyle McMillan, JD/MBA student

Intellectual Property Clinic

Students draft patent applications and licensing agreements for review by the lawyers who run the technology practice of Innovate Calgary. Additionally, some of the licensing work may be done for private company clients of the Business Venture Clinic, allowing students to experience working environments similar to a law firm.

Criminal Justice Clinic

Students in the Criminal Justice Clinic (The Innocence Project) explore the causes of wrongful convictions, including eyewitness identification errors, jailhouse informant testimony, false confessions, tunnel vision, systemic discrimination, forensic science errors, the impact of racism, gender bias and socioeconomic factors and professional/prosecutorial misconduct.

Provincial Court Clerkships

The purpose of this course is to give students further litigation experience from the judicial perspective. All clerks rotate through the Criminal, Family and Youth, and Civil Divisions of the Court.

Human Rights Clinic

Students gain an in-depth understanding of human rights law, and the administrative process through which human rights complaints are resolved in Alberta, through a placement with the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

Family Law Clinic

Students will gain insight into ‘real life’ family law practice by drafting court documents and developing skills through role-played interviews and advocacy (a mock chambers application) as well as through class inquiry and discussion. Throughout the term, the class will work from a hypothetical fact scenario from the initial client interview through to the preparation of settlement.

Mooting and Debating

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International Exchange and Internship Opportunities

UCalgary Law recognizes that international legal studies are increasingly important in the global village, and students in their third year of the JD program have the opportunity to take an approved program of legal studies at law school in another country (or at a civil law school within Canada) and have it credited towards their degree. The most popular term for international and civil law study is the fall term of third year, when no required courses are scheduled.

Exchange programs are located around the globe including South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Denmark, Finland, France and Mexico, just to name a few.

Visit ucalgary.ca/uci/abroad for more details about international exchange opportunities.

“Living, travelling, and learning in another part of the world was undoubtedly one of the highlights of law school. The people I met and places I visited were truly memorable. The exchange program was a fantastic and eye-opening experience that I highly recommend to everyone.”

— Robert Sevalrud, JD’17, participated in an international exchange at the University of Hong Kong.

Interning with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Ha Noi was phenomenal, and helped define the kind of lawyer I want to be. I worked with great people, and I was able to make a meaningful contribution on projects addressing pressing international issues.”

— Chantal Carriere, student

Career and Professional Development Office

Our Career and Professional Development Office acts as a liaison between our high-caliber students and the legal community by building connections for thriving legal careers in organizations in Calgary, across the country and around the world.

Our articling placement rate is typically one of the highest in Canada, ranging from 96 to 99 per cent over the past five years. This is the case in both good and challenging economic times. No one knows the Calgary legal market better than our Career and Professional Development Office, and no law school has stronger ties to that market.

International summer internships can help you reach your long-term career goals. Our Career and Professional Development Office works with students to secure employment opportunities with organizations like the United Nations and the Centre for Law and Democracy, as well as international companies such as Nexen Energy and Shell.
Research and Collaboration for Community Impact

Globalization, diminishing access to justice, information technology, and increasing client demands create both a challenge to the legal profession and an opportunity for change that could empower clients and other consumers of legal services and information. We foster collaboration between academics, members of the bench and the bar, and policy-makers, to advance innovative solutions for challenges facing the legal profession, legal consumers and society.

The Family Law Incubator Project at UCalgary Law represents another step in our commitment to experiential learning and preparing lawyers of the future, while increasing access to justice. In addition to professional legal training, articling students will be given formal instruction in areas such as business planning, legal project management, marketing, and human resources, so that they are truly prepared in the practice of law.

Canadian Institute of Resources Law (CIRL)

CIRL is the leading national centre of expertise on legal and policy issues relating to Canada’s natural resources. UCalgary Law and CIRL work together to develop the best ideas and actions in teaching, research and community outreach in our Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (NREEL) specialization. CIRL takes a broad view in these fields to include industry-related business law, trade law, domestic and international law, dispute resolution, and theory and practice.

Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre (ACLRC)

ACLRC has a mission to promote respect for civil liberties and human rights in Alberta through research and education to contribute to a more just and inclusive community. The centre engages in research and education on contemporary civil liberties and human rights issues that are of concern to Albertans.

Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family (CRILF)

CRILF is a nonprofit, independent partnership between the Faculties of Law and Social Work at UCalgary. The institute undertakes and promotes interdisciplinary research, education and publication on issues related to law and the family, promotes evidence-based reform of the law and legal processes, and works to improve access to justice in family law matters.
Tuition, Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Tuition

Tuition at UCalgary Law is highly competitive with law schools across Canada. Tuition fees for the Faculty of Law are assessed on a per-course basis.

For the most up-to-date information on tuition per 3-unit course, visit [law.ucalgary.ca/jd/tuition](http://law.ucalgary.ca/jd/tuition).

All courses taken within the first year of the JD program are compulsory, and full-time, first-year JD students take a course load of 18 units per semester.

All full-time upper-year JD students must register for at least 12 units per term, to a maximum of 18, and for at least 31 units per year, to a maximum of 36.

Additional information about fees and costs can be found in the [University of Calgary Calendar](http://).
Scholarships and Awards

Entrance Awards of Excellence
The UCalgary Law Entrance Awards of Excellence are offered annually to those students who are considered by the faculty to best reflect excellence in their undergraduate achievements, LSAT performance, extracurricular endeavors and work experience. There is no financial need component attached to these awards. They will be awarded no later than March 31 of the year an offer of admission is made to prospective recipients. All applicants are automatically considered for these awards. Highlights of these awards include:

- **Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP $20,000 Entrance Scholarship**, valued at up to $60,000 ($20,000 in each of three years in the JD program), is based on academic merit and community leadership. The BDP Scholarship is our most prestigious entrance award and the largest award of its kind at a law school in Canada. It is renewable in each of second and third year of the JD program based on a minimum GPA of 3.2 achieved and a minimum of 24 units in the previous fall and winter terms in the Faculty of Law.

- **The Faculty of Law NREEL Entrance Scholarship**, valued at $10,000, is given to one student entering the first year of the JD program on the basis of past academic or professional excellence in an area related to Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment, with an interest in pursuing this area of law post-graduation.

- **Scholarships Available for Varsity Athletes**

JD Program Entrance Scholarships in Law, valued at $10,000 each, are given on the basis of academic merit and previous or current membership on a university intercollegiate athletic team to two students entering their first year of the JD program. You must apply for scholarships and awards to be eligible.

- **Scholarships Awarded by the University of Calgary**

The University of Calgary offers a number of scholarships, awards and bursaries for law students outside of those listed above. By completing one Faculty of Law awards application, you will be considered for all scholarships, awards and bursaries. The application deadline to apply for university administered awards is May 1.

- **Indigenous students**

Please visit law.ucalgary.ca/jd/scholarships for more information on Indigenous-specific funding opportunities.

Financial Aid

Student loans are available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are studying full- or part-time in a degree-granting program.

**Alberta Students**

Alberta residents who require financial assistance to pursue post-secondary education may obtain student loans by applying online through Student Aid Alberta. Students submit one loan application and may be eligible to receive any combination of federal or provincial loans and grants. Students with questions about loan eligibility and the application process should contact Student Aid Alberta directly.

**Student Aid Alberta**

Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, AB T5J 4R4
1 855 606 2096
studentaid.alberta.ca

**Out-of-Province Students**

Students who reside in a province other than Alberta are eligible for government student loan funding and can apply through their home province or territory of residence. Students submit one loan application and may be eligible to receive any combination of federal or provincial loans and grants. Students with questions about loan eligibility and the application process can contact their provincial/territorial loan office directly. Additional information can be found on the CanLearn website.

**National Student Loan Service Centre**

PO Box 4030
Mississauga, ON L5A 4M4
1.888.815.4514
canlearn.ca
Student Life

The city of Calgary is situated at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow rivers, nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is Alberta’s largest city, with 1.4 million people. Calgary remains at the forefront of Canada’s energy industry — which today not only means oil and gas, but also includes renewable energy sources and carbon reduction strategies. Our high-tech and medical research sectors are burgeoning. Calgary is western Canada’s business capital. In fact, Calgary has more corporate head offices per capita than any other city in Canada. We are a diverse and welcoming city with visible minorities from over 240 ethnic origins.

Student and Academic Support

Our Director of Academic Student Services supports the well-being and overall success of our students by providing personalized support, in addition to academic advice, to all students in the JD program. An on-site psychologist is also available to all students, and is 100 per cent confidential.

Society of Law Students (SLS)

The Society of Law Students is the official student association of UCalgary Law, representing your interests in the JD program. SLS provides an important social network to the student body, sponsoring many social and sporting events as well as the annual Law Show. SLS is an important vehicle through which students have a say on policy and administrative decisions regarding the entire faculty.

Alberta Law Review

Published quarterly, the Alberta Law Review is produced by a nonprofit group of law students from the Universities of Alberta and Calgary. The publication promotes legal research and scholarship, and provides a forum for the discussion of contemporary legal issues.

Calgary Women Studying Law Association (CWLSLA)

The CWLSLA aims to provide law students with the ability to connect with strong, successful and supportive female lawyers in the Calgary legal community. The group strives to create a safe, educational environment for all students through a series of events during the academic year.

Diversity and Law Society (DLS)

The DLS promotes diversity and multiculturalism in the study and practice of law. Members have the opportunity to connect with people in the legal community and broaden their networks. In 2016, the DLS won a Lexpert Zenith Award, which celebrated Canadian lawyers’ contributions and achievements in achieving diversity and inclusion in society and in the profession.

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC)

PBSC is a national program with 21 chapters in Canada. It aims to provide vulnerable communities with legal services free of charge, to provide law students with out-of-classroom legal experience, and to instill the pro bono ethic in future lawyers from the first day of law school.

In 2015, members of Pro Bono Students Canada (Calgary) launched the Yes Means Yes project, to help high school students understand their rights and responsibilities as they start to navigate their approaching adulthood, particularly when it comes to their relationships with others.

OUTLaw

OUTLaw is the LGBTQIA+ UCalgary Law Students’ Association, providing a social, educational, and political forum for LGBTQIA+ individuals and their allies to engage in discussion and networking, and to promote awareness within the legal and wider communities. OUTLaw provides a safe forum for the LGBTQIA+ community to interact, provide mutual support and foster inclusive and positive attitudes toward sexual orientation and gender identity.

There are active local chapters of the Legal Education Action Fund and the Association of Women Lawyers, in addition to local law student organizations such as the Business Law Association, Environmental Law Society, and Rural, Energy, and Agricultural Law Students’ Society.

Q Centre

The Q Centre (SU Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity) is a safe, comfortable and inviting space for the LGBTQA+ community at UCalgary. The centre features a library and peer support services, and program coordinators and volunteers plan events and direct clients to relevant resources.

Native Centre

The Native Centre offers academic programs and culturally based services and engagement opportunities while providing a welcoming and supportive learning environment for FNMI students.

Active Living and the Outdoor Centre

UCalgary knows that you can’t study and attend classes all the time. Our Active Living Centre promotes healthy living and provides expertise, programming and facilities to the campus community. Facilities include the aquatic centre, racquet centre (racquetball, squash and tennis), fitness centre, gymnastics centre, Olympic Oval and the Outdoor Centre. The Outdoor Centre offers programs, trips and gear rentals for all seasons, including reduced rental rates for students. Visit ucalgaryrecreation.ca for more information.
Living in Calgary

UCalgary Residences

Many law students choose to live on campus in one of our many residences, providing convenience, support networks, and a full immersion in the campus community. Find out more about on-campus housing at ucalgary.ca/residence.

Off-campus Housing

The Students’ Union at the University of Calgary has partnered with Places4Students Inc. to provide an online collection of numerous, high quality off-campus housing options. Visit su.ucalgary.ca/programs-services/student-programs/housing for more information.
Courses at UCalgary Law

Our modern curriculum will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for future professional success, no matter what career path you choose. Our innovative three-week block courses in each year of study provide you with what you need to know, when you need to know it, delivered in an engaging and intensive format designed to maximize deep learning.

First-year Mandatory Courses

Law 400: Constitutional Law
Law 402: Contracts
Law 403: Legislation
Law 404: Property
Law 406: Torts
Law 407: Foundations in Law and Justice I (three-block course at beginning of fall term)
Law 408: Foundations in Law and Justice II (three-block course at beginning of winter term)
Law 409: Crime: Law and Procedure

Second-year Mandatory Courses

Law 503: Administrative Law
Law 505: Civil Procedure
Law 507: Evidence
Law 508: Negotiations (three-block course block at beginning of winter term. Choose between contract negotiation, dispute settlement or mediation.)
Law 509: Business Associations
Law 510: Ethical Lawyering

Third-year Mandatory Course

Law 602: Advocacy (three-block course at beginning of winter term. Choose between civil or criminal trial.)

Additional Mandatory Components for Graduation

• Upper-year Writing Requirement
• International Requirement
• Theoretical Perspectives Requirement

All courses in the first year of the JD program are compulsory, and full-time first-year JD students take a course load of 18 units per semester.

All full-time upper-year JD students must register for at least 12 credits per term, to a maximum of 18, and for a least 31 credits per year, to a maximum of 36.

Over the second and third year of the program, students must complete at least 62 credit hours.

Upper-year Optional Courses

Our wide selection of optional courses allow you to study the areas of law that interest you most, from energy and environmental law, to human rights and business law, and to explore all the interconnections between them. Interconnected topics that fall within the faculty's compass are numerous, including the law relating to renewable energy, conventional and unconventional oil and gas, water, species and spaces, climate change, human rights, gender and sexuality, development, Indigenous law, international trade and investment, corporate law, taxation, ethics, governance, legal theory and intellectual property.

Course Listings

Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law

• Environmental Law
• Willms Shier Environmental Law Moot
• Law and Economics
• Oil and Gas Law
• Public Lands and Natural Resources Law
• Water Law
• Aboriginal Law
• International Trade Law
• Oil and Gas Contracts
• Environmental Impact Assessment Law
• Environmental Law and Ethics
• International Development Law
• International Environmental Law
• International Investment Law
• International Petroleum Transactions
• Law of Species and Spaces
• Energy Law
• Oil and Gas and Mining Taxation
• Pollution Control and Waste Management Law
• Regulatory Theory and the Law
• Dentons’ North American Energy Law Study Tour
• Norton Rose Fullbright Eminent Speakers Series in Energy Law
• Mining Law

Business Law

• Mergers and Acquisitions
• Securities Law
• Davies’ Annual Corporate Securities Moot
• Corporate Tax
• Corporate Finance Law
• BLG Business Venture Clinic
• Real Estate Transactions
• Bankruptcy and Restructuring Law
• Secured Transactions
• Sale of Goods
• Insurance Law
• Commercial Arbitration Law
• Unsecured Creditors’ Remedies
• Corporate Governance and Litigation
• Intellectual Property Transactions
• International Petroleum Transactions
• Tony’s Business Skills for Lawyers

International Law

• International Law
• Commercial Arbitration Law
• International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
• International Trade Law
• Conflict of Laws
• International Development Law
• International Environmental Law
• International Investment Law
• International Petroleum Transactions
• International Tax Law
• International Criminal Law
• Jessup International Law Moot
• Mining Law
• Law of the Sea
• Climate Change Law
• Dentons’ North American Energy Law Study Tour

Course’s colour coding shows overlap in our different areas:

Environmental Law  |  Mooting and Debating  |  Legal Practice  |  Clinics

Legal Practice and Innovation

• Legal Pretrial Practice
• Legal Practice: Business Meetings (Parliamentary Practice)
• Legal Practice: Innovation
• Legal Practice: Leadership for Lawyers
• Legal Practice: Project Management
• Family Law Incubator
• Tony’s Business Skills for Lawyers
• Dentons’ North American Energy Law Study Tour
• Norton Rose Fullbright Eminent Speakers Series in Energy Law

Clinical

• Criminal Justice Clinic
• Student Legal Assistance: Clinical Theory
• Student Legal Assistance: Clinical Practice
• Public Interest Law: Clinical Theory
• Public Interest Law: Clinical Practice
• Family Law Clinic
• BLG Business Venture Clinic
• Human Rights Law Clinic
• Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Competitive Moots (for credit)

• Western Canada Mock Trial Competition (McIntyre Cup)
• Concoris Lenzner Slaght Gale Cup Moot
• Davies’ Annual Corporate Securities Moot
• Jessup International Law Moot
• Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot
• Bennett Jones Health Law Moot
• The Alberta Court of Appeal Moot
• Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Circle
• Willms Shier Environmental Law Moot

Tax Law

• Basic Tax Law
• Tax Policy
• Estate Planning
• International Tax Law
• Oil and Gas and Mining Taxation
• Corporate Tax
• Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot

Criminal Law

• Criminal Process
• Advanced Criminal Law
• Criminal Justice Clinic
• International Criminal Law
• Civil Collar Crime
• Criminal Law and Policy Lab: International Law and Markets
• Western Canada McIntyre Cup Trial Competition
• Concoris Lenzner Slaght Gale Cup Moot
• Student Legal Assistance: Clinical Practice

Intellectual Property Law

• Biotechnology and the Law
• Intellectual Property Law
• Internet Law
• Domain Name and Trademark Law
• Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Family Law

• Family Law
• Advanced Family Law
• Family Law Clinic
• Wills and Estates
• Estate Planning
• Student Legal Assistance: Clinical Practice

Public Law

• Human Rights Law
• Employment Law
• Health Law
• Bennett Jones Health Law Moot
• Aboriginal Law
• Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Circle
• Municipal Law
• Regulatory Theory and the Law
• Advanced Public Law
• Immigration and Refugee Law
• Labour Law

Legal Theory

• Jurisprudence
• Critical Legal Theories
• Law and Economics
• Law and Literature
• Theoretical Perspectives
• Canadian Legal History
• Feminist Legal Theory
• Regulatory Theory and the Law
• Legal Theory: Ethics
• Legal Theory: Property
• Legal Theory: Commercial Law
• Legal Theory: International Law

Obligations

• Real Estate Transactions
• Wills and Estates
• Sale of Goods
• Unjust Enrichment
• Insurance Law
• Employment Law
• Remedies
• Unsecured Creditors’ Remedies
• Trusts
• Advanced Private Law
• Conflict of Laws
• Estate Planning
• Labour Law
Applications open September 1, and are due November 1.

Application Requirements

• The successful completion of 10 full courses or 20 half-course equivalents in a program of study leading to a degree at a university in Alberta or its equivalent. In practice, successful applicants have completed a full four-year degree before beginning law school.
• The LSAT must be written no later than December of the year in which the application is made. For more information about the LSAT, visit the Law School Admission Council’s website, lsac.org.
• A statement of interest (maximum 500 words).
• Two references, preferably from academic sources.
• Transcripts are required from every post-secondary institution previously attended, and we require one set of transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate work.
• Application fee: $125 (CAD) for Canadian applicants; $145 (CAD) for international applicants (subject to change).

Deadlines

Applications must be completed online by November 1.
Supporting documents (references, transcripts and LSAT score) must be submitted by March 1.

Upper Year

Application information for upper-year applicants (transfer students, Letter of Permission students, IELP and international exchange students) can be found at law.ucalgary.ca/jdadmissions.

Important Information

• UCalgary Law recognizes that attracting students from a variety of academic disciplines makes for a more enriched learning climate within the school and a stronger more diverse legal profession upon graduation. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds including humanities, arts, social sciences, engineering, science, business, and fine arts.
• UCalgary Law’s holistic admission process considers an applicant’s GPA, LSAT, community involvement and work experience relatively equally. We also consider special circumstances in assessing an individual’s suitability for admission. Each file is independently reviewed by up to three members of the Admissions Committee, or by staff in the Student Services Office.
• A typical first-year class has an average GPA of 3.60 (on a 4.0 scale) and an LSAT score in the 82nd percentile.
• You can view our past five-year admissions statistics at law.ucalgary.ca/jdadmissions.
• We do not have discretionary categories for admission other than our Aboriginal category. Applicants are encouraged to set out any special circumstances they feel are relevant to their application.
Meet our Faculty

Emily Laidlaw, Associate Professor
Emily researches in the areas of internet and technology law, copyright and media law, human rights and corporate social responsibility. She has a particular interest in online abuse, intermediary liability, privacy and free speech.

Find out more at ucalgary.ca/explore/creating-safe-spaces

Fenner Stewart, Assistant Professor
Fenner’s research focuses on private law theory and how it intersects with public law to shape both energy law and natural resource governance. Fenner also has a research interest in legal education and legal curriculum reform.

Kathleen Mahoney, Professor
Kathleen’s research interests are human rights, international human rights law and humanitarian law, constitutional law, women’s rights, judicial development and Indigenous legal traditions. She has done extensive work on reparations for mass human rights abuses. In this context, she was the chief negotiator for the Assembly of First Nations and primary architect of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the historic Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, the largest agreement of its kind in Canadian history.

Jennifer Koshan, Professor
Jennifer’s research interests are in the areas of equality and human rights, state responses to interpersonal violence, feminist legal theory, and public interest advocacy. In 2016, Jennifer was awarded an SSHRC Insight Grant, and is the lead on a team of five researchers who are studying access to justice in domestic violence cases at the intersection of multiple legal systems. She is also the co-editor of the Faculty’s blog, ABlawg.ca, along with Shaun Fluker.

Shaun Fluker, Associate Professor
Shaun’s research focuses on access to the legal system for persons who advocate for environmental protection, the implementation of environmental norms in law, and the regulation of environmental markets. Shaun is also the executive director of the law school’s Public Interest Law Clinic, and co-editor of the Faculty’s blog, ABlawg.ca, along with Jennifer Koshan.

Find out more at ucalgary.ca/explore/regulating-development-energy-environmental-changes-and-law

Bryce Tingle, N. Murray Edwards Chair in Business Law
Bryce holds the N. Murray Edwards Chair in Business Law and is a member of the founding teams for several companies active in the technology, energy and financial industries. Bryce is the author of Start Up and Growth Companies — A Guide to Legal and Business Practice, and leads the law school’s Business Venture Clinic.

Find out more at ucalgary.ca/explore/turning-research-commerce-down-market

Michael Nesbitt, Assistant Professor
Michael teaches and researches in the areas of criminal law, national security law, and international organizations and human rights. Before joining the Faculty of Law in 2015, he practiced law and worked on Middle East policy, human rights, international sanctions and terrorism for Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs. Previously, he completed his articles and worked for Canada’s Department of Justice, where his focus was criminal law.

Evaristus Oshionebo, Associate Professor
Evaristus’ research focuses primarily on the law and policy governing extraction and mining of natural resources. His book, Regulating Transnational Corporations in Domestic and International Regimes: An African Case Study, examines the range of strategies for regulating transnational corporations in Africa’s extractive industries.

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I often tell people that a legal education is a wonderful thing. You don’t have to make your living the way I have — in private practice. There are so many opportunities — I can’t think of another degree that opens as many doors. I have friends who started in private practice, went to Geneva to work with the United Nations addressing war claims and then returned to private practice. Others moved into in-house counsel positions, policy work, politics, business or careers in legal education — the sky’s the limit.”

— Anne Kirker, QC, LLB’91

A law degree unlocks a world of adventure and provides valuable professional and personal growth. The span of practice areas is vast, regardless of whether you choose to specialize in a firm-based practice or pursue the breadth of an in-house role. Following my development at a national firm, my in-house career has provided me with the opportunity to work alongside, and learn from, other professionals in industries that include technology, oil and gas, as well as transportation. For me, it has been a journey of continuous learning, testing my resiliency along the way.”

— Barbara Munroe, JD’90

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UCalgary Law Student Ambassadors

UCalgary Law’s Student Ambassador Program is here to help prospective and admitted students gather the necessary information to make an informed decision about applying to or accepting an offer from UCalgary Law.

Student ambassadors are current UCalgary Law students with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Ambassadors can provide honest and thorough impressions and information about UCalgary Law to applicants and admitted students, and can be a resource for new students as they transition to law school.

Contact an Ambassador

If you wish to contact a student ambassador regarding the law school experience, life at UCalgary Law, or living in Calgary, email law.ambassadors@ucalgary.ca.

Your email will be forwarded to one of our ambassadors for a personalized response. If you would like to speak to an ambassador with experience in a specific area (e.g., the university’s exchange program, going to law school as a mature student, etc.) please include your question in your initial email.

Find out more about our student ambassadors at law.ucalgary.ca/ambassadors.
The University of Calgary is a global intellectual hub located in Canada’s most enterprising city. In this spirited, high-quality learning environment, students will thrive in programs made rich by research, hands-on experiences and entrepreneurial thinking. By 2022, we will be recognized as one of Canada’s top five research universities, fully engaging the communities we both serve and lead. Our strategy is called Eyes High, inspired by the university’s Gaelic motto, which translates as ‘I will lift up my eyes.’

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