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# Foreign-Trained Lawyers Program

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The **Foreign-Trained Lawyers Program (FTLP)** at the University of Calgary offers a unique package of legal education and training that will help you complete the education requirements needed to become an accredited lawyer in Canada. Students in the FTLP receive a high-quality legal education in Canadian law, training in practice-based legal skills, are part of a vibrant, inclusive and supportive community, and upon graduation become part of the alumni of Canada's most innovative law school.

This post-bachelor's certificate will help you meet the requirements of the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA), and will provide professional development training to prepare you for articles and practice, student support and mentorship, and articling and career placement assistance, in order to provide a comprehensive pathway for you to integrate into the legal services market in Canada.

The Foreign-Trained Lawyers Program is a 13-month program of full-time study via in-person evening classes.

## Who should apply?

- Newcomers to Canada, including international students, who have obtained their legal education in common law, civil law, or both, and may have practiced law in their home jurisdictions, and either have obtained their Canadian Permanent Residence or Citizenship status, or will have the requisite immigration status to work in Canada when they do their articles after program completion.
- Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents who have obtained their legal education in common law, civil law, or both, outside Canada and have returned or are intending to return to Canada to practice common law.
- NOTE: You must apply to the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) to receive your Assessment Report detailing the Canadian common law subjects that you need to pass before applying to the FTLP.

## Application requirements

The minimum requirements for admission to the program are:

- A completed law degree (LLB, JD, or equivalent) from an approved, recognized, accredited or otherwise accepted law school;
- A valid National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) Assessment Report (from the last five (5) years) that shows required courses and law degree information;
- A valid NCA Assessment Completion Report (if applicable) that shows any progress made since receiving the NCA Assessment Report;
- Proof of English language proficiency, measured via one of the below methods:
  - The language of instruction of the Applicant's legal academic qualifications was English, and such qualifications were obtained in a country where English is an official language, or;
  - Completion of the International English Language Test System (IELTS) Academic test, with a minimum score of 7.0 across all of the following elements: writing, speaking, reading and listening.
- Your personal statement
- Your resume

Admission to the program is competitive and meeting the minimum requirements above does not guarantee admission to the program.

## Program requirements

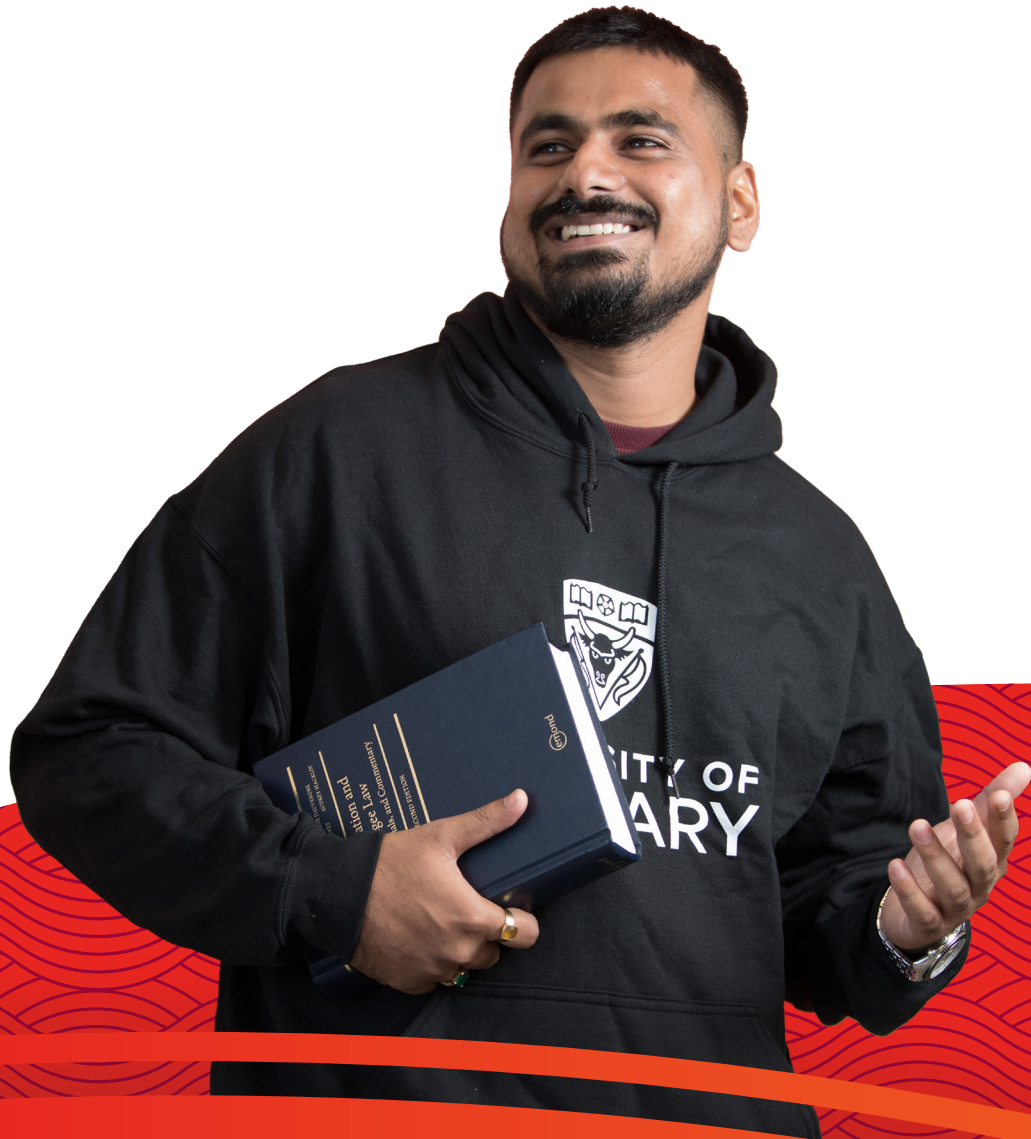
You must complete the following 24 units of coursework achieving a satisfactory performance:

- Law 400: Constitutional Law
- Law 410: Crime: Law & Procedure
- Law 420: Foundations of Canadian Law
- Law 430: Professional Development
- Law 503: Administrative Law
- Law 510: Ethical Lawyering

Subject to availability and upon approval of the Associate Dean (Academic), FTLP students may take one additional Law course in addition to the FTLP requirements and pay no additional tuition.

If the NCA's assessment requires additional courses on top of the requirements outlined above, you may take up to three (3) additional Law courses upon payment of the applicable per-course tuition fee. Any additional courses are subject to availability and must be approved by the Associate Dean (Academic) in the Faculty of Law. A list of available courses are listed on the website at [law.ucalgary.ca/FTLP](http://law.ucalgary.ca/FTLP).





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