



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF LAW

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The historical Golden
Doors outside the new
Calgary Courts Centre

“ Each student enters UCalgary Law 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

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129
 first year
 students enrolled
(2018)

3.66 average
 undergraduate GPA
*(on a 4-point scale;
 5-year average)*

161 average
 LSAT score
(5-year average)

82 average
 LSAT percentile
(5-year average)

33
 full-time faculty
(2018)

32%
 students from
 outside Alberta
(5-year average)

25
 first-year students'
 average age

1:1
 male to female
 student ratio
(5-year average)

UCalgary Law at a glance

Our students are

academically accomplished, creative, hard-working, resilient, diverse, strong communicators, leaders, community-minded, globally aware, emotionally intelligent, entrepreneurial.

11%
 1st generation
 Canadians
(2018)

14
 languages
 spoken
(2018)

55
 undergraduate
 areas of study
(2018)



Message from the Dean

Thanks for your interest in UCalgary Law!

UCalgary Law has an enviable record of successful innovation in Canadian legal education.

We know the traditional distinction between theory and practice is a false dichotomy. Lawyers and law students need *both* comprehensive theoretical knowledge and the skills to put that knowledge into practice to be truly successful. That's what lies at the core of our nationally-renowned Calgary Curriculum. Here, you will gain both the comprehensive theoretical knowledge and the practical skills you will require to put that knowledge into successful practice.

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 than other law schools, 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 just a statistic. As a result, we have a diverse and engaged student body from across Canada and the world. Our array of clinical opportunities and extra-curricular clubs and activities reflect and strengthen the talents and interests of our students. Our students have the opportunity to participate in international learning opportunities, through both course offerings and exchange opportunities. Our tuition is highly competitive and we have generous scholarships and bursaries.

I invite you to review our viewbook and to check out more information on our website.

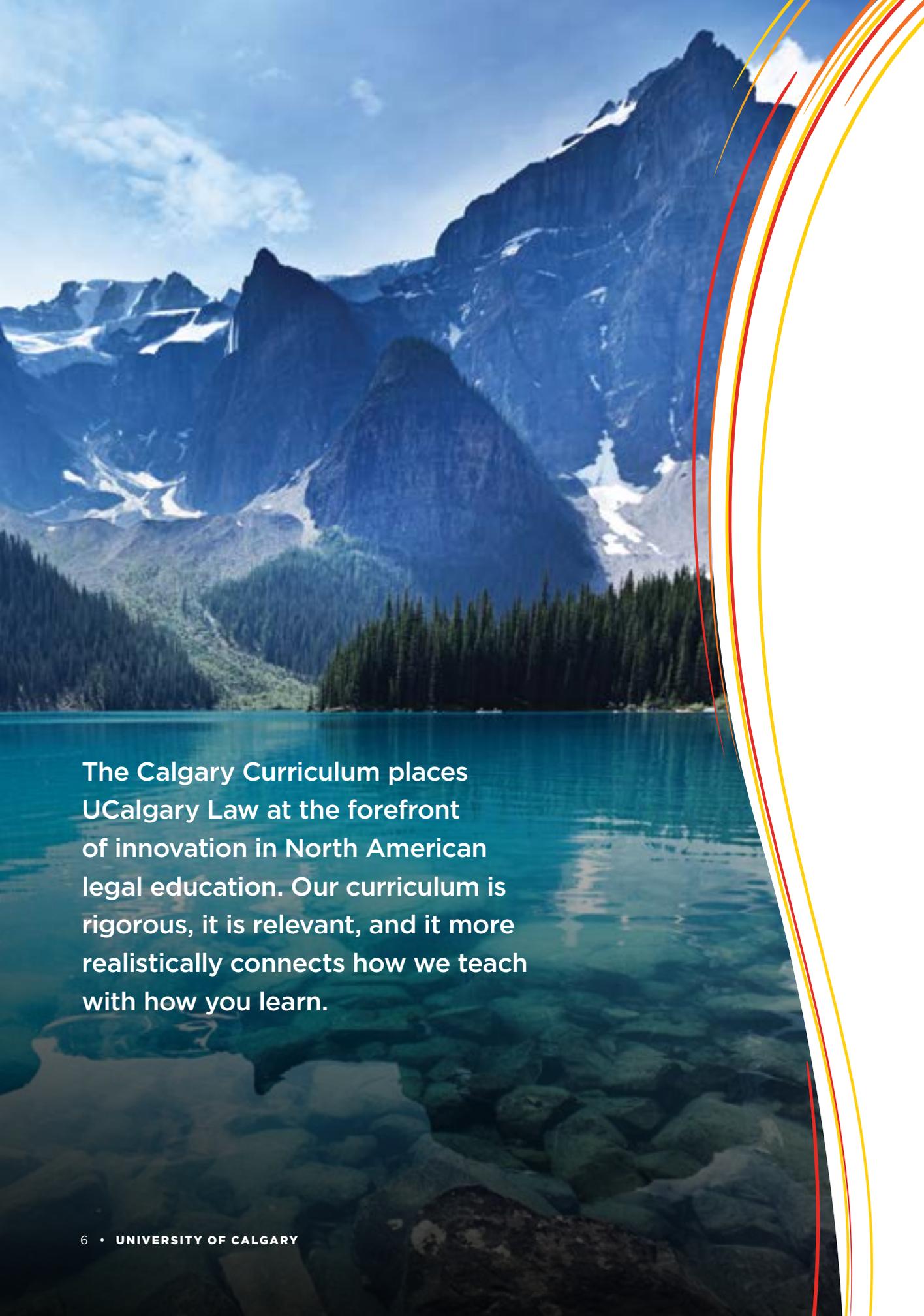
Dr. Ian Holloway, PC QC

Professor and Dean of Law
University of Calgary



“The challenges facing Canada today — globalization, the information revolution, reconciliation, climate change, multiculturalism, the ever-present tensions associated with Canadian federalism — represent legal challenges as well as social and political ones. And each is challenging not only the way in which we think about the law, but also the way in which we at UCalgary Law are thinking about legal education.”

— Ian Holloway, Dean, Faculty of Law



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

Why UCalgary Law?

The Calgary Curriculum

Technology, commodification and globalization all greatly influence the practice of law. As the legal marketplace changes, so too must legal education. The Calgary Curriculum will prepare you for the complex professional world you will enter after graduation by:

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

We have introduced new courses that will fully prepare you to enter the legal marketplace. These courses focus on project management, crisis communications, legal technology, business and leadership skills, and will provide you with hands-on experience dealing with situations that you'll face once you start practicing law.

Find out more: law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/calgary-curriculum

Our faculty's research areas

Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law

Business Law & Tax Law

Technology & Intellectual Property Law

Criminal Law

Legal Practice

Human Rights Law

International Law

Indigenous Law

Private Law

Security Law

Administrative Law & Regulation

Legal Practice

Legal Theory & History

Find out more: law.ucalgary.ca/research

Joint programs

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

- Dual degree program with the **University of Houston Law Center**
- Earn both a Canadian and American law degree; apply to the bars of both countries
- Spend two years at UCalgary Law and two years at the University of Houston
- Exclusive internship opportunities and course offerings in the energy/natural resources law industry

Joint JD/MBA (4 years)

- Dual degree program with the **Haskayne School of Business** at the University of Calgary
- Combines legal and management studies
- Careers in corporate law, commercial litigation, international law, management consulting, government service, and much more

Combined JD/MPP (3.5 years)

- Dual degree program with **The School of Public Policy** at the University of Calgary
- Combine law and policy in a wide variety of areas: resources and the environment, economic and social issues, international policy, taxation, regulation, public finance
- Careers in public or private sectors

Certificate in Common Law in French

- Offered in partnership with the **University of Ottawa Faculty of Law**
- Students with competencies in French gain skills in French legal writing and advocacy
- Complete an exchange with the University of Ottawa and compete in a French moot court competition
- Career opportunities with the Supreme Court of Canada, federal courts and federal public service
- Play an important role in increasing access to justice in both official languages

Find out more about our programs: law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/our-programs

Clinic opportunities and experiential learning

Experiential learning is not a recent development 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.

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!



Find out about all our clinic offerings:

law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/calgary-curriculum/experiential-learning



Students Jana Schoonraad and Marni MacKay won the 2019 Walsh Family Law Negotiation Competition

Mooting and Debating

Our Mooting and Debating program gives students **real experience** in some of the key negotiation, advocacy and debate techniques required to succeed in the practice of law. Students participate in competitions at local, national and international levels, and continually rank high in written and oral advocacy in competition.

Current moot opportunities include:

Alberta Court of Appeal Moot

Bennett Jones Health Law Moot

Canadian Client Consultation Competition

Davies' Annual Corporate Securities Moot

Donald G. Bowman National Tax Moot

Gale Cup Moot

Jessup International Law Moot

Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Circle

The Laskin Moot

Western Canada Trial Competition

Western Walsh Family Law Negotiation

Willms Shier Environmental Law Moot

William McGillivray Moot (non-credit)

Blackstone Medals Debate (non-credit)

Find out more about our Mooting and Debating program:

law.ucalgary.ca/current-students/current-jd-students/mooting-and-debating

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

- ✓ Constitutional Law
- ✓ Contracts
- ✓ Legislation
- ✓ Property
- ✓ Torts
- ✓ Foundations in Law and Justice I (Three-week block course at beginning of fall term)
- ✓ Foundations in Law and Justice II (Three-week block course at beginning of winter term)
- ✓ Crime: Law and Procedure

Second year mandatory courses

- ✓ Administrative Law
- ✓ Civil Procedure
- ✓ Evidence
- ✓ Negotiations (Three-week block course at beginning of winter term. Choose between contract negotiation, dispute settlement or mediation)
- ✓ Ethical Lawyering

Third year mandatory course

- ✓ Advocacy (Three-week block course at beginning of winter term. Choose between civil or criminal trials)

Review all course requirements:

law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/our-programs/jd-program

Upper year optional courses

Our wide selection of optional courses allows you to study the areas of law that interest you most, from energy and environmental law, to human rights law 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:



To view our current list of course offerings, as described by our professors, visit:

law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/our-programs/jd-program



International learning opportunities

UCalgary Law recognizes that international legal studies is important in our interconnected world, and students in 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.

Dentons International Energy Law Study Tour

This full-year course provides students unprecedented engagement with many of the most significant energy lawyers, regulators, producers, stakeholders and academics from around the world. Through this engagement, students are offered an insider's perspective into the challenges facing policy makers today. Classes are conducted on campus and at other sites, including various locations internationally, such as energy facilities, energy facilities, and international law offices.

“ Participating in the Dentons Energy Study Tour allowed me to expand my understanding of energy regulation and critically think about policies surrounding the regulation of energy. I interacted with industry leaders, energy company in-house counsel, and several members of various regulatory agencies — in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Professor Stewart curates an experience to learn from diverse key industry persons and agencies.”

— Chelsea Daku, student



“ 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, JD'19

International energy law in London

This London based program allows students interested in international finance and energy transactions to explore the legal and business considerations that drive international transactions involving energy (and other) businesses. Paying particular attention to corporate law, governance practices, market structures, mergers and acquisitions, disclosure practices, executive compensation and anti-corruption laws, students study in London working with professionals in the field. Professors and international legal experts grant you exposure to legal and economic institutions such as Parliament, the UK Supreme Court, the Inns of Court and the London Stock Exchange.

International exchange

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.



Student life

Top 10 reasons why students choose UCalgary Law

10. Competitive tuition and living costs
9. Family/friends said it was a great school
8. Articling placement rate
7. Being practice-ready
6. Connection with Calgary legal community
5. Clinics and mootng opportunities
4. Holistic admissions process
3. The Calgary Curriculum
2. Small class sizes
1. One hour from the beautiful Rocky Mountains!



Largest urban pathway network in North America*

Explore Calgary

#1 most liveable city in North America — #4 worldwide**

4th largest and fastest-growing city in Canada*

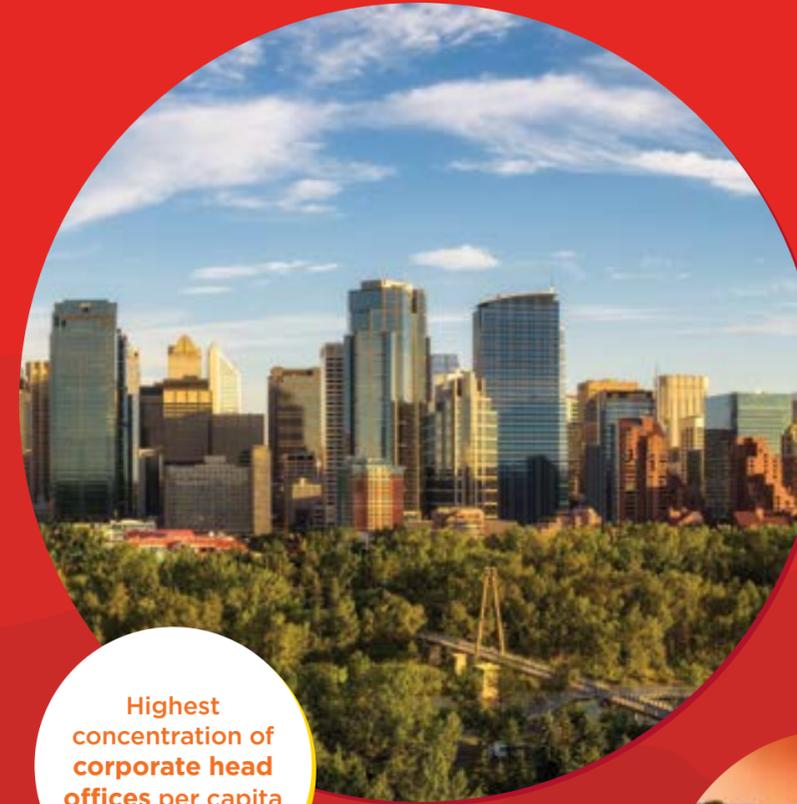
#3 most diverse city in Canada*

Canada's youngest city*

Energy capital of Canada and global finance hub

Canada's sunniest city

* Calgary Economic Development 2019
 ** Global Liveability Ranking, The Economist Intelligence Unit



Highest concentration of corporate head offices per capita in Canada*



Living on campus

Many law students choose to live on campus in one of our many residences, providing convenience, support networks, and a full immersion into the campus community.

Crowsnest Hall, a graduate student residence, is also available for law students. Choose from a variety of studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments with private bathrooms and full kitchens.

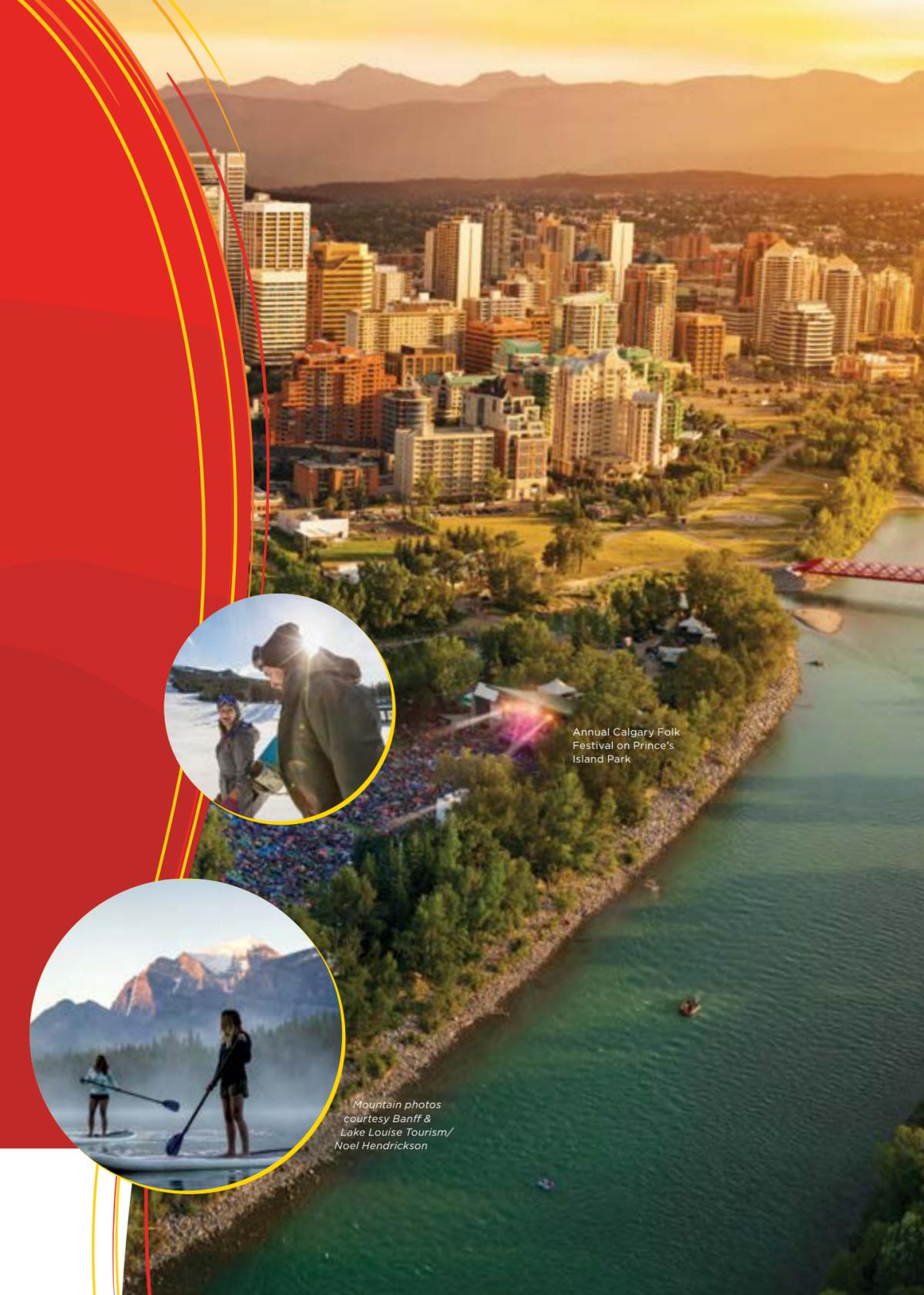


For families, Varsity Courts features 250 unfurnished townhomes designed specifically for family living. One, two and three-bedroom units are available, with heat, water and electricity included.

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.



Annual Calgary Folk Festival on Prince's Island Park

Mountain photos courtesy Banff & Lake Louise Tourism/ Noel Hendrickson

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 a peer-reviewed legal journal made up of law students from the Universities of Calgary and Alberta. The publication promotes legal research and scholarship, and provides a forum for the discussion of contemporary legal issues.

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.

Calgary Women Studying Law Association (CWSLA)

The CWSLA aims to provide law students with the ability to connect with strong, successful and supportive female lawyers in the Calgary legal community.

Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

The Black Law Students' Association is a national student-run non-profit organization. The BLSA is committed to supporting and enhancing academic and professional opportunities for black law students.

Diversity and Law Society (DLS)

The DLS promotes diversity and multiculturalism in the study and practice of law. 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.



OUTLaw

OUTLaw provides a safe forum for the LGBTQIAA+ community to interact, provide mutual support and foster inclusive and positive attitudes toward sexual orientation and gender identity.

Indigenous Law Club

The Indigenous Law Club hosts events throughout the school year to encourage awareness and discussion of Indigenous Law issues. The club also provides resources and support for Indigenous students who are interested in attending law school.



Marleea Lagimodiere and Rebecca Blain at the 2019 Indigenous students convocation ceremony

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**.



Each year, students plan and participate in the Law Show, a fun-filled talent show, as well as the Law Formal, which gives students a chance to unwind and celebrate with friends before exams in December. Each spring, the third year students and their families head out to Banff or Lake Louise for a graduation banquet and dance set against the stunning backdrop of the Rocky Mountains.

Career & Professional Development Office

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

Not interested in practicing in Calgary? Our career advisors can help you find a job across the country, whether you're looking in a major centre or a small town, large firm or a practice with one or two lawyers. Interested in public interest law or clerkships, the team can help you with that as well.

International summer internships can help you reach your long-term career goals. The CPDO 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 Shell.

96-100%
placement
rate
(2014-19)

Our articling placement rate is typically one of the highest in Canada, ranging from 96-100% 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 CPDO, and no law school has stronger ties to that market.

Our new partnership with the [Institute for the Future of Law Practice \(IFLP\)](#) provides unique summer internship opportunities for students with law firms, legal tech companies, public service organizations, and alternative legal service providers who are leading the way in adopting technology to improve business processes and to increase access to justice.

Student and academic support

Our Assistant Dean of 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% confidential.



Students Ellen Forsyth, Daniel Frederiks and Kara Flaman were some of the first participants of the IFLP program in 2019

“The IFLP program is a unique opportunity that allows you discover a different face of the legal market. By learning about how technology is being leveraged across the industry the bootcamp and subsequent internship helped me understand how to deliver high-value and cost-effective solutions in a competitive environment.”

— Daniel Frederiks, student

Tuition, scholarships, awards and bursaries

Tuition at UCalgary Law is highly competitive with law schools across Canada. Completing all three years of law school with us is less expensive than one year at some Canadian law schools, a huge difference to your debt load which can limit your career options down the road.

Tuition fees are assessed on a per-course basis:

- Canadian students: \$1,026/24 per 3-unit course
- International students: \$1,136.94 tuition + \$2,273.88 visa differential per 3-unit course
- Full-time, first-year JD students will take 18 units per semester
- Full-time, second- and third-year students will take a minimum of 12 units per term, to a maximum of 18, and at least 31 units per year, to a maximum of 36

For the most up-to-date information on tuition per 3-unit course, visit:

law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/tuition-scholarships-bursaries-and-awards



Check out the Undergraduate Student Cost Estimator to calculate your tuition:
ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-and-fees/undergraduate-student-cost-estimator



Additional information about fees and costs can be found in the University of Calgary Calendar:
ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar

Financial aid

Student loans are available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are studying full- or part-time in a degree-granting program. For information on applying for financial aid, visit ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/student-loans

Entrance awards

The UCalgary Law entrance awards 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 whose file is complete by **March 1** are automatically considered for these awards.

For a list of entrance awards currently offered, visit:

law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/tuition-scholarships-bursaries-and-awards

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. Visit the UCalgary Awards webpage for details:

ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/awards/professional

Indigenous students

Please visit law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/calgary-curriculum/future-indigenous-students for more information on Indigenous-specific funding opportunities.



Admissions



You can view our past five-year admissions statistics online at law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/how-to-apply

There is no specific “pre-law” program. We select students from a variety of backgrounds. We have admitted students who are musicians, engineers, marketing experts, entrepreneurs, journalists, nurses, athletes, anthropologists, physicists, historians, ecologists...the list goes on.

What do I need to apply?

1. Complete of 10 full courses / 20 half-course equivalents toward an undergraduate degree; ideally complete your degree
2. Write the LSAT by January. More info at lsac.org
3. Find two referees — post-secondary instructors are preferred
4. Write your 500-word statement of interest
5. Collect your transcripts from every post-secondary institution you have attended, including undergraduate and graduate studies
6. Provide evidence of English Language Proficiency, if required, as set out in the University of Calgary Calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-11
7. Pay your application fee: \$125 (CAD) for Canadian applicants; \$145 (CAD) for international applicants (subject to change)

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/future-students/how-to-apply

Important information

UCalgary Law’s holistic admission process considers an applicant’s GPA, LSAT, community involvement and work experience with no specific weighting. We also consider special circumstances in assessing an individual’s suitability for admission.

We do not have discretionary categories for admission other than our Indigenous students category. Applicants are encouraged to set out any special circumstances they feel are relevant to their application.

UCalgary Law values diversity and inclusion, and encourages you to include relevant information in your application.



Members of the UCalgary Law Class of 2019

Contact us

UCalgary Law Student Ambassadors

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

What can you ask them?

- What is law school really like?
- Can I work while I'm in law school?
- What clubs should I join?
- What is your favourite class?
- Can I do an international exchange?
- What's law school like as a mature student?
- Where should I live?
- Can I have a tour of the law school?



Email law.ambassadors@ucalgary.ca with your questions for a personalized response. Want a tour? Include "TOUR" in the subject line.

Find out more about our student ambassadors at law.ucalgary.ca/future-students/student-ambassadors



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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.'

Find out more about *Eyes High* at ucalgary.ca/eyeshigh