

PROGRAMME DE DROIT CANADIEN – JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.) ET LICENCE EN DROIT (LL.L.)

Common Law

As a law school accredited by the Canadian Federation of Law Societies, the Common Law Section of the Faculty of Law offers a full range of courses in public law, private law, litigation and dispute resolution, aboriginal law, international law and human rights, technology law, and environmental law, all with numerous opportunities for experiential learning.

Civil Law

At the undergraduate level, the Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law offers the following programs in French only: Licentiate in Law, Licentiate in Law and Honours BSocSc in International Development and Globalization, Licentiate in Law-MBA Program and the Canadian Law Program.

The National Program, the General Certificate in Law and the Minor in Law are offered in both English and French.

This program is offered in French only, although knowledge of English is required.

Program Requirements

For more than 50 years, uOttawa's Faculty of Law has been offering programs in both official languages in the two most widely used legal systems in the world, Common Law and Civil Law. The Programme de droit canadien (PDC) allows students to earn both a JD and an LLL in three years, thus opening the doors to the practice of law across Canada and abroad.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Compulsory Courses (75 units):

CML 1506	Introduction à la résolution des différends ¹	3 Units
CML 1508	Droit des biens	3 Units
CML 1602	Les contrats	6 Units
CML 1611	Compétences et habiletés juridiques	6 Units
CML 1613	Droit constitutionnel I	3 Units
CML 1701	Délits civils et responsabilité extracontractuelle I	3 Units
CML 1702	Délits civils et responsabilité extracontractuelle II	3 Units
CML 1704	Législation	3 Units
CML 1705	Droit, histoire et société	3 Units
CML 1707	Vérité, réconciliation et peuples autochtones	3 Units
CML 2702	Droit des sociétés	3 Units
CML 2704	Droit pénal ²	3 Units
CML 2712	Droit administratif	3 Units

CML 2713	Droit constitutionnel II ²	3 Units
CML 2719	Droits linguistiques	3 Units
CML 3776	Responsabilité professionnelle	3 Units
DRC 4789	Droit international privé bijuridique	3 Units
DRC 4790	Droit des obligations : Formation et effets des contrats	3 Units
DRC 4791	Droit des biens	3 Units
DRC 4792	Droit des personnes et de la famille	3 Units
DRC 4795	Droit des obligations III : Exécution, transfert et extinction des obligations	3 Units
DRC 4797	Procédure civile I	3 Units
DRC 4798	Procédure civile II	3 Units
Optional Courses (33 units) ³		
3 optional course units from: ³		3 Units
CML 2701	Les autochtones et le droit	
CML 3901	Selected Problems in Aboriginal Peoples and the Law	
CML 4162	Advanced Aboriginal Law	
CML 4163	Comparative Indigenous Rights	
CML 4517	Traditions juridiques autochtones	
DRC 4596	Cours en territoire autochtone	
DRC 4762	Droit des peuples autochtones	
30 optional course units in common law (CML) or civil law (DRC) ³		30 Units
Total:		108 Units

Note(s)

- ¹ CML 1506 is offered intensively during a three week period in January only.
- ² You must complete CML 2704 and CML 2713 by the end of second year.
- ³ A minimum of 15 optional course credits must be completed in common law (CML) and a minimum of 18 optional course credits must be completed in civil law (DRC).

Students in this program must meet the Common Law Section oral advocacy requirement. The requirement is met by taking DRC 4797 and DRC 4798.

Students in this program must meet the Common Law Section major paper requirement.

Students in this program cannot take a common law course whose content is substantially the same as that of a civil law course they have taken as part of this program. Similarly, they cannot take a civil law course that is substantially the same as a common law course they have taken as part of the program.

In light of the PDC's mandate, a truly 'Canadian' legal education does not seem complete if it is limited to the study of the two European legal traditions. The aboriginal perspective brings a different approach to bear on legal questions which will enrich the program. In addition to CML 1707, 3 optional course units in Aboriginal Law must be completed.

Common Law academic regulations apply. With exception of the CGPA required to obtain both diplomas (GPA required: 4.0).