**OLSAS – University of Windsor**

About Windsor Law

Windsor Law is a transformative law school for the next generation of lawyers. For more than 50 years, Windsor Law has advanced access to justice through various academic and experiential learning initiatives. We are a justice-seeking, community-engaged and people-centred law school.

* Our [**admissions process**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/376/prospective-law-students) reviews all applications through a holistic lens and selects students who will excel in legal studies and have the potential to contribute meaningfully to the law school and the community.
* Discover the vibrant community that sets us apart as one of Canada’s most [**diverse law schools**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/1089/diversity).
* Our campus is situated along the Detroit River and offers many social, educational and career opportunities that span the border.
* Our student resources have expanded from an in-house clinical therapist to a [**hands-on career services office**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/2711/student-services) that supports students through their law school journey.
* We offer a transnational community with research that transcends North America. Study comparative Canada-US law to earn [**joint Canadian & American Dual Juris Doctor (JD) degrees**](http://uwindsor.ca/law/dual-jd) that allow you to practice law in both countries.
* Receive a unique [**mentorship experience**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/alumni/46/windsor-law-alumni-mentorship-programs) from our alumni network that features over 10,000 Windsor law graduates who are leaders in their perspective fields.
* Combine a Juris Doctor (JD) with a [**Master of Social Work (MSW)**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/420/master-social-workjuris-doctor) or [**Master of Business Administration (MBA)**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/326/master-business-administrationjuris-doctor) to open unique career opportunities and achieve 2 degrees in less time.

Program Information

Juris Doctor Program

The program leading to the Juris Doctor (JD) degree requires admission as a full-time student for 3 years.

First-year Curriculum

Windsor Law’s commitment to professional excellence extends beyond the satisfaction of the Federation of Law Societies’ competency requirements. Our program is designed to captivate and expand student interests, addressing the many opportunities and challenges students will face in their future careers.

The first-year curriculum establishes the foundations of knowledge in the fundamental disciplines, contemporary problems and principles of law.

In addition to foundational courses in Criminal, Civil, Contract and Property Law, your first year of study at Windsor Law will hone your Legal Research and Writing skills, and help you develop a rich understanding of Indigenous legal tradition and a compelling social awareness of barriers faced in accessing justice.

[First-year Required Courses](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/239/juris-doctor-jd)

Upper-year Curriculum

Upper-year compulsory and elective courses extend the foundational understanding of law, developed in the first year of study, and provide opportunities for in-depth knowledge development through the customization of bespoke programs of study.

Upper-year compulsory courses include:

* Torts
* Civil Procedure
* Administrative Law
* The Legal Profession

Upper-year qualifications include:

* 1 academic research paper, worth at least 50% of the grade in any course,
* 1 course from a group of courses that gives a broader perspective of the legal process and legal theory and
* 1 course from a group of courses on transnational law.

Additionally, beyond satisfaction of the Federation of Law Societies’ competency requirements, the JD program is comprised of optional courses intended to captivate student interests, and address the many opportunities and challenges students will face in their careers.

Canadian & American Dual Juris Doctor Program

Dual JD Overview

The [**Dual JD program**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/370/canadian-american-dual-jd-program) at Windsor Law and Detroit Mercy Law is the only comparative program of its kind in Canada and the US. Graduates will earn a Canadian and American law degree in 3 years, allowing them to pursue careers in both countries. Students in the program will attend classes on both sides of an international border and will be eligible to write bar exams in both Canada and the US.

Your application is reviewed by the Dual JD program Admissions Committee using 7 criteria:

1. Grade point average (GPA) and university program
You must successfully complete your undergraduate (bachelor’s) degree by August 1 in the year of entry.
2. Work experience
3. Community involvement
4. Personal accomplishments
5. Career objectives
6. Personal considerations
7. Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score(s)

The Dual JD program Admissions Committee places additional weight on your GPA and LSAT score.

The primary source of information about you is the information you provide in your [**Personal Statement**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/olsas-windsor/#statement) (found in the application in School Submissions). Take care to present a full and rounded view of yourself in your Personal Statement.

Dual JD Program Application Procedure

Applications are considered for first-year enrollment only; current law students cannot transfer into the Dual JD Program.

The Dual JD program Admissions Committee is composed of faculty members from both Detroit Mercy Law and Windsor Law.

Detroit Mercy Law requires applicants to submit a Supplemental Application Form, which must be completed and uploaded through your OLSAS application. Please explain why you are interested in a transnational legal education.

The Detroit Mercy Law Supplemental Application Form (found in the application and uploaded via Secure Applicant Messaging [SAM]) is required to apply to the Dual JD Program.

Dual JD Application Deadline

April 15, 2026

Dual JD Late Applications

After April 15, 2026, **you may request an extended deadline by sending an email** and addressing it to the Director of Admissions for the Dual JD Program.

Files completed after this date may not be considered.

Dual JD Immigration Requirements

If you are qualified, you may need study permit(s) or visa(s) to participate in the program because it involves study in Canada and the US. A valid passport is required.

Program administrators work closely with incoming Dual JD students regarding immigration matters. You will receive information in May and June about the steps you must take to participate in the program.

If you are not a citizen of Canada or the US, you may need consular approval for your study visa. If you are not a citizen of either country, allow additional time for visa processing.

Enrollment is conditional on visa and study permit approval. Visa and study permit eligibility is at the discretion of the US and Canadian governments.

**Do not begin any kind of visa or permit application**. Dual JD program staff will contact you about this process.

[Dual JD Program Required Courses](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/370/canadian-american-dual-jd-program)

The Integrated Master of Social Work/Juris Doctor (MSW/JD) Program

MSW/JD Overview

The MSW/JD is a dual degree program for students who want to obtain both MSW and JD degrees. The program is structured to enable a student to obtain an MSW and a JD degree 1 full year sooner than if the student had chosen to pursue the degrees independently.

Applicants who hold a Bachelor of Social Work Degree (BSW) can obtain an MSW and a JD in 3 years, while applicants with an Honours degree in a related discipline can obtain the degree in 4 years.

The course sequencing is planned so that students can gain experience in the 2 professions simultaneously, including 2 specialized courses that integrate law and social work knowledge, perspectives and professional identity.

MSW/JD graduates will be well positioned to serve the diverse and complex needs required of employers in the legal and/or human services. Children’s Aid Societies, Office of the Children’s Lawyer, and Legal Aid providers are possible employers of graduates from this program.

Visit the [**School of Social Work**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/420/master-social-workjuris-doctor) website for more information about the Advanced Standing 3-year program (students with a BSW), and the Regular Track 4-year program (students without a BSW).

[MSW/JD Application Process](https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/454/mswjd-application-process)

If you enter the MSW/JD program, indicate so on your application. If you apply to the MSW/JD program, you must apply separately to the Faculty of Law and the School of Social Work and meet the admission criteria for each program.

MSW/JD Application Deadlines

JD — Faculty of Law: November 1
MSW — Faculty of Graduate Studies: January 15

The Integrated Master of Business Administration/Juris Doctor (MBA/JD) Program

MBA/JD Overview

For admission to the MBA/JD program, you must meet the admission requirements of both the MBA and JD programs. Therefore, you must submit separate applications to the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research for admission to the regular degree program in Law and the MBA.

To facilitate academic and career planning, it is strongly suggested that you make these applications simultaneously. If you are accepted to both the MBA and JD programs, you will be accepted to the integrated program and will proceed to attend first year in either faculty of your choice. You will be granted a deferred admission to the other faculty in the program.

This special deferred admission will be revoked if your performance in the first program fails to meet the first-year academic standards of the program. In such a case, you may re-apply for regular admission to the second-degree program.

[MBA/JD Application Process](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/344/how-apply-mbajd)

MBA/JD Application Deadlines

JD — Faculty of Law: November 1
MBA — Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research: April 1 (international applicants), July 1 (domestic applicants)

Admission Requirements and Supporting Documents

The Admissions Committee establishes the admission policy and criteria, and procedures for the application assessments. All admissions are based on a 3-year commitment to Windsor Law.

The admission policy objective is to select those students who will excel in the study of law and who have the potential to contribute creatively and meaningfully to the law school and the community.

Criteria

The Admissions Committee considers most applicants in the framework of the following criteria:

1. **University Program**
Your undergraduate average and academic performance trends, awards and/or distinctions, the nature and content of the program taken, and the level of any degree(s) or diplomas obtained are considered.
2. **Work Experience**
Your part-time, summer and full-time work experience is analyzed for signs of organizational and administrative skills as well as initiative. Vocational, professional or other special qualifications will be considered.
3. **Community Involvement**
Contribution to the community (city/town, university, religious, etc.) will be assessed for indications of commitment to the community. Factors examined include the nature of your participation in service clubs, community service organizations and religious, athletic and social organizations.
4. **Personal Accomplishments**
Personal accomplishments are considered. Factors can include extracurricular activities, hobbies and special accomplishments, artistic and athletic accomplishments, and communication skills and languages spoken.
5. **Career Objectives**
Your career objectives are considered, including how and where your legal education will be employed.
6. **Personal Considerations**
Any personal factors, such as illness, bereavement, unusual family responsibilities or other such circumstances that may have some bearing on your qualifications, are noted.
7. **LSAT Scores**
The LSAT is required. For detailed information and registration dates, visit [**Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**](https://www.lsac.org/).
8. **Detroit Mercy Law Supplemental Application Form** (Canadian-American Dual JD Program only)
If you are applying to the Canadian-American Dual JD Program, this form is required (found in the application and uploaded via Secure Applicant Messaging [SAM]).

You do not need to apply to the Faculty of Law prior to registering for an LSAT.

The last LSAT scores Windsor Law will accept are:

* the January LSAT in the year of application for the JD program(s) and
* the April LSAT in the year of application for the Dual JD Program.

However, you are highly encouraged to write the LSAT by November 2025. We will consider the highest result reported by the LSAC. We make rolling offers of admission.

We will not consider LSAT scores written more than 5 years prior to the academic year of application.

Personal Statement

No one factor determines admission to Windsor Law. The Admissions Committee assesses applications based on the stated criteria. The primary source of information about you is that which you provide in your Personal Statement. Take care to present a full and rounded view of yourself in your Personal Statement.

The application and the Personal Statement were developed to provide you with the opportunity to assemble a persuasive case for admission.

Your Personal Statement is made up of your responses to 5 questions (4 required and 1 optional), which you can find in the School Submissions section of your OLSAS application.

Admissions Committee members will evaluate your responses to these questions to determine:

* whether you are likely to succeed in law studies;
* if you have social skills and relate well to people;
* if you have talent for administration and organization (particularly of your own time);
* if you have a well-developed and focused career plan based on a sound perception of your capabilities; and
* if you display leadership qualities and writing skills.

In your application, you are expected to identify significant experiences and accomplishments and indicate how they relate to the admission criteria.

For example, you should describe particular experiences (work, cultural, sporting and academic) in sufficient detail to allow the evaluators to make an assessment.

You should describe any experience that demonstrates that you are self-disciplined and committed to excellence in any field.

Committee members are interested in those experiences that show that you are devoted to self-improvement, involvement in the community and service to others.

Contributions to the following help demonstrate this:

* hospitals,
* charitable organizations,
* religious institutions,
* disadvantaged and underprivileged groups and individuals, and
* political parties and athletics, among other activities.

If you are a member of a disadvantage group, these circumstances should be made known to the Admissions Committee.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

A current, official LSAT score is required (LSAT scores written in the previous 5 years). LSAT scores from June 2020 to January 2026 are accepted.

You do not need to apply to the Faculty of Law prior to registering for an LSAT.

The last LSAT scores Windsor Law will accept are:

* the January LSAT in the year of application for the JD program(s) and
* the April LSAT in the year of application for the Dual JD Program.

However, you are highly encouraged to write the LSAT by November 2025. We will consider the highest result reported by the LSAC. We make rolling offers of admission.

For detailed information and registration dates, visit [**Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**](https://www.lsac.org/).

Application Procedures

All Ontario law schools use the common Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS).

The Admissions Committee evaluates completed applications on a continuous basis. All files must contain:

1. OLSAS application
2. University of Windsor Personal Statement (responses to questions in the School Submissions section of your application)
3. All official transcripts
	* The Dual JD Program requires the completion of an undergraduate degree by August 1, 2026.
	* If you have received an offer of admission to the Dual JD Program, you must submit final official transcripts by July 1, 2026.
4. Current official LSAT score report; LSAT scores written in the previous 5 years.
5. 2 letters of reference (1 academic and 1 non-academic) on the forms specifically provided for this purpose.
	* You are required to submit 2 letters of reference.
	* If you attended a postsecondary institution during the 3 years prior to the application, you are required to submit 1 academic reference and 1 non‑academic reference.
	* If you did not, you may submit 2 non-academic references.
6. Electronic reference forms are provided by, and should be forwarded directly to, OLSAS by the referee.
7. Dual JD Program Supplemental Application Form (if applicable).

Application Deadlines

* JD Program: November 1, 2025.
* Canadian & American Dual JD Program: April 15, 2026.

Late Applications

OLSAS applications are due to the OUAC by the specified deadlines. **You may request an extended deadline by email**. Address your request to the Chair, Admissions Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor.

You must state your reasons for failing to meet the original deadline.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your application materials and supporting documents are submitted. We will not consider incomplete applications.

Admission Categories

At Windsor Law, your application for admission is reviewed through a holistic lens. As a candidate, you may provide the Admissions Committee with a range of information that supports your application for entry.

There are 2 pathways for admission into first year:

General Pathway

A minimum of 3 years of full-time (or equivalent) university study is preferred, while most successful applicants have completed a 4-year university undergraduate degree. Graduate degree holders are particularly welcome to apply.

Indigenous Pathway

We recognize that Indigenous applicants are not adequately represented within the legal profession. Our admission policy encourages Indigenous applicants to pursue legal studies.

We encourage applicants to demonstrate connection to the community when completing the Personal Statement questions.

If you are an Indigenous applicant and receive an acceptance to the Faculty of Law, an Indigenous Pre-Law Summer Program is offered at Windsor Law in August.

[Indigenous Initiatives at Windsor Law](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/indigenous)

Upper-year Applicants

The Faculty of Law welcomes upper-year applicants.

Applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year, with a general application deadline of May 1, 2026, for full consideration.

Applicants must demonstrate satisfaction of Windsor Law admission standards.

Where appropriate, the Admissions Committee may request a [**World Education Services (WES)**](https://www.wes.org/ca/) academic record evaluation.

Transfer

The Faculty of Law welcomes second-year applicants to the JD program who have successfully completed the first year of a JD program at another common law school.

Preference will be given to applicants who have attended a Canadian or recognized accredited common law school.

You may be eligible for the JD degree from the University of Windsor upon successfully completing 2 years of academic work.

Advanced Standing

If you have attended a foreign law school for more than 1 year, you may apply for advanced standing in the JD program. This will normally require 2 years of full-time study in the JD program at Windsor Law.

You may be eligible for the JD degree from the University of Windsor upon successfully completing 2 years of academic work.

Letter of Permission (LOP)

The Faculty of Law welcomes visiting students from other law schools wishing to gain admission to a people-centred, justice-seeking, equity-focused program of study for up to 1 year.

Certificate of Equivalence (NCA)

If you have completed your law degree at a foreign law school and/or are qualified to practice in a foreign jurisdiction, Windsor Law welcomes you to apply for a Certificate of Equivalence from the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA), which may be acceptable to some Law Societies in Canada.

The Faculty of Law welcomes you to apply for admission to the program of study for less than 2 years of study if recommended by the NCA.

No degree is granted by the University of Windsor.

Applicants are required to submit the NCA Assessment Result letter or the report from the NCA. You may obtain information by contacting the NCA:

[**National Committee on Accreditation**](https://nca.legal/)
Federation of Law Societies of Canada
World Exchange Plaza
1810-45 O’Connor Street
Ottawa ON K1P 1A4

Telephone: 613-236-7250, ext. 229
Email: **nca@flsc.ca**

Deadline for Upper-year Applications

If your transcript for the current academic year is not available before the May 1, 2026, deadline, you must ensure your transcript is provided as soon as it is available. In extraordinary circumstances, conditional offers of admission may be possible pending receipt of official transcripts.

Admission Information

Fee Waivers

You may request a fee waiver for the Windsor Law portion of the application fee. Requests will be assessed using a [**fee waiver application form**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/330/dates-and-deadlines) obtained directly from Windsor Law.

The basic criterion for granting a fee waiver is the absolute inability to pay for the service.

Deferral of Admission

Requests for a 1-year deferral of admission will be considered individually after you are admitted. Submit written requests, with supporting documentation, to the Associate Dean (Academic) by writing to: **lawadmissions@uwindsor.ca**.

Deferrals are granted in exceptional circumstances and require a firm commitment to your offer of admission.

Additional Information

Admission to the Practice of Law

A law degree does not in itself entitle one to practice law. If you propose to enter the practice of law in any province or territory of Canada, you must consult directly with the Law Society of such province or territory to determine its admission requirements.

The [**Law Society of Ontario**](https://lso.ca/home), in prescribing the conditions for admission to the practice of law in Ontario, requires that you graduate from an approved course of no less than 3 years leading to the JD degree in an approved law school.

The law program at the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, has been approved by the Law Society of Ontario and the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. Students graduating with the JD degree, who otherwise meet the Law Society of Ontario’s requirements, are eligible for admission to membership in the Law Society of Ontario and for entrance to the Licensing Process.

Clinical and Experiential Learning

We have many work-integrated, place-based, clinical and experiential learning opportunities for students. Our programs place you in many work and volunteer environments where you can learn more about law in action.

* [**Community Legal Aid**](https://www.communitylegalaidwindsor.com/)
* [**Legal Assistance of Windsor**](https://www.legalassistanceofwindsor.com/)
* [**Centre for Cities**](https://windsorlawcities.ca/)
* [**Migrant Farmworker Legal Clinic**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/migrant-farmworkers)
* [**Class Action Clinic**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/class-action)
* [**Northwest Territories Clerkship Program**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/1282/northwest-territory-judicial-internships)
* [**Judicial Internship Program**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/judicial-internships)
* [**Law and Technology (LTEC) Lab**](https://www.lteclab.com/)
* [**Transnational Environmental Law Clinic**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/TELP)
* [**Advocacy and Mooting Program**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/AMP)

[More About Clinical and Experiential Learning Programs](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/341/clinical-and-experiential-learning)

Study Exchanges

We have developed a broad range of student exchange partnerships with other universities around the world for our students. If you are currently attending 1 of our partner institutions, we invite you to apply for an exchange through their exchange office.

[Our Exchange Partners](https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentexchange/)

Work and Volunteering Opportunities

Students can gain real-world experience through many volunteering opportunities, such as:

* [**Community Legal Aid**](https://www.communitylegalaidwindsor.com/)
* [**Pro Bono Students Canada**](https://www.probonostudents.ca/)
* [**The Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues**](http://wrlsi.ca/) (a student run, peer-reviewed journal)
* Justice at Work
* [**The Peer Mentorship Program (PMP)**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/peermentorshipprogram/#:~:text=The%20Peer%20Mentorship%20Program%20(PMP,mentor%20throughout%20the%20academic%20year)
* [**The Students’ Law Society (SLS)**](https://windsorsls.com/)
* Various other student groups and clubs

Student Life

Windsor, located in Canada’s southernmost region, stands out for its diversity and affordability. It offers a vibrant cultural scene showcased through numerous annual festivals and a wide range of international cuisine. Its advantageous position in the Great Lakes region provides it with Ontario’s warmest climate.

Windsor Law students benefit from easy access to downtown amenities, such as theaters, pubs, and cultural institutions, thanks to the city’s walkable and accessible transportation options. The city’s proximity to the Detroit River offers a picturesque 5 km riverfront with recreational paths, while also providing convenient access to the attractions and entertainment options of neighbouring Detroit, including sports events and culinary delights.

Students have the opportunity to engage with more than 50 student clubs and associations, allowing them to connect with others who share their interests, build relationships with peers who have similar backgrounds and enrich their overall law school experience.

[About the Students’ Law Society](https://windsorsls.com/)

Tuition, Scholarships and Financial Aid

Tuition

Information regarding approximations of tuition can be found by visiting our [**Fee Estimator**](https://www.uwindsor.ca/finance/fee-estimator) website.

Scholarships and Awards

Windsor Law has a generous scholarship and bursary program that assists students with financial need. In addition, we offer many awards that recognize students who demonstrate good citizenship and academic excellence. Although students are automatically considered for some awards, other awards may require an application.

At Windsor Law, we recognize the financial challenges that many students face when pursuing a legal education and we are here to support you through this process. We are committed to further enhancing needs-based scholarships and awards, so the financial aid program remains strong and responsive to students’ needs.

Annually, Windsor Law awards approximately 350 students with scholarships and bursaries between $500 and $17,500.

Some Indigenous students are sponsored and/or have their tuition paid by their First Nations Education Authority. You are advised to contact the Authority and the Cashier’s Office at the university. The Cashier’s Office will then contact the First Nations Education Authority and arrange to have your tuition paid.

We have partnered with Scotiabank to offer enhancements to their Scotia Professional Student Plan, including increased borrowing limits and preferential repayment terms. We encourage you to speak with a Professional Banking Advisor to determine how this program can help you fund your legal education at Windsor Law by calling: 519-973-5397.

[More about Scholarships and Awards](https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentawards/scholarships-bursaries)

Government and Student Loans

Both the federal and provincial governments provide student financial assistance for Canadian citizens and permanent residents or landed immigrants studying at the postsecondary level.

Financial assistance is in the form of an interest-free loan while you are a full-time student. If you live in Ontario, you should apply to the [**Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**](https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program).

If you live in another province, you should obtain financial aid information by contacting the appropriate government office in your province.

Contact Information

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Windsor ON  N9B 3P4
Email: **lawadmissions@uwindsor.ca**

[Connect With Us At An Event Near You](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/2355/recruitment-events)

**OLSAS – Program Requirements Overview**

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/olsas-program-requirements/>

University of Windsor

**First-year class size in 2024:** 187 (JD); 73 (Dual JD)

 **Number of first-year applicants in 2025 academic year:** 2,238 (JD); 534 (JD/JD)

 **Part-time, Half-time, extended-time:** Half-time

 **Minimum undergraduate academic requirements:**

* 3 years or more is preferred.
* Most successful applicants have completed a 4-year undergraduate degree.
* Canadian & American Dual JD program requires the completion of a 4-year undergraduate degree by the beginning of August in the year of entry.

 **LSAT:**

* Earliest acceptable test date – June 2020
* Latest acceptable test date – January 2026 (JD), April 2026 (Dual JD)
* Highest score
* No minimum LSAT score
* The LSAT is 1 of 7 criteria considered

 **Academic minimums:** [**Refer to the University of Windsor’s 7 criteria**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/olsas-windsor/#criteria).

 **School Submissions:** Personal Statement is required from every applicant (found in the application under “School Submissions”).

 **Referee forms (letters of reference):** 1 academic reference form and 1 non-academic reference form (preferably from a community engagement experience).

 **Programs:**

* JD
* Canadian & American Dual JD
* MSW/JD
* MBA/JD
* LLM

 **Categories:**

* General
* Indigenous

[More About the University of Windsor’s Faculty of Law](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/olsas-windsor/)