

JURIS DOCTOR (JD) / AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW OR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW) - INCOMING

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, Indigenous law, international law and human rights, technology law, and environmental law, all with numerous opportunities for experiential learning.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2024-2025 calendars (<http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/1516/calendars/>) for the previous requirements.

University of Ottawa - Common Law ¹

CML 1103	Criminal Law and Procedure	5 Units
CML 1110	Orientation to the Canadian Legal System	1 Unit
CML 1116	Introduction to Public and Constitutional Law	5 Units
CML 1307	Law, Reconciliation and Decolonization	3 Units
CML 2309	Civil Procedure I	3 Units
CML 2312	Administrative Law	3 Units
CML 3376	Professional Responsibility	3 Units
CML 2313	Constitutional Law II ²	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
CML 2302	Business Organizations	
CML 3102	Special Course in Business Law	
3 course units from:		3 Units
CML 2320	Mediation Theory and Practice ³	
CML 2321	Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes ³	
3 course units from: ^{4,5}		3 Units
CML 2101	Appellate Advocacy	
CML 2320	Mediation Theory and Practice	
CML 2321	Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes	
CML 3119	Studies in Oral Advocacy	
CML 3120	Moot Court Competition	
CML 3121	Gale Cup Moot	
CML 3125	National Aboriginal Law Moot: Kawaskimhon "Speaking With Knowledge"	
CML 3127	Wilson Moot Competition	
CML 3128	Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition	
CML 3132	Willms and Shier Environmental Law Moot	
CML 3139	WTO/ELSA WTO Law Moot	

CML 3140	Canadian Corporate/Securities	
CML 3142	Intellectual Property Advocacy	
CML 3154	Trial Advocacy	
CML 3158	Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy	
CML 3165	Arnup Cup	
CML 3180	Eco-Justice Environmental Law Clinic	
CML 3234	Labour Law II	
CML 3248	Introductory Legal Aid Clinic Course ⁶	
CML 3313	Interviewing and Counselling	
CML 3315	Negotiation	
CML 3317	Corporate Immigration Advocacy	
CML 3366	Collaborative Family Law Practice	
CML 3385	International Trade and Investment Law Practicum	
CML 3388	Intellectual Property Litigation	
CML 3391	Dispute Resolution in Family Law	
CML 3449	Clinical Legal Aid II ⁶	
CML 3450	Clinical Legal Aid III ⁶	
CML 3922	Philip C. Jessup International Moot	
CML 3923	Laskin Moot Court	
CML 4100	Dispute Resolution Practicum	
CML 4116	Advanced Refugee Law	
CML 4305	Advocacy Before International Tribunals	
27 optional course units in common law (CML) ⁸		27 Units
American University - Washington College of Law or Michigan State University, College of Law: ^{9,10}		
Advanced standing course units for compulsory courses:		
CML 1101	Legal Foundations: Research, Strategy, Analysis	1 Unit
CML 1102	Contracts	5 Units
CML 1108	Property	5 Units
CML 1107	Torts	5 Units
16 advanced standing course units in common law (CML) at the 1000 level		16 Units
30 course units recognized as advanced standing for common law (CML), including the compulsory courses listed above		30 Units
Total:		124 Units

Note(s)

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These courses are followed during the third and fourth year. Students maintain registration at the partner university for the duration of their studies, even while attending the University of Ottawa.

2

The course CML 2313 must be completed by the end of the second year.

3

CML 2320 and CML 2321 replace CML 1106 Dispute Resolution and Professional Responsibility (a compulsory first year course for the regular 3-year JD Program).

4

Students must fulfill the oral advocacy requirement by completing one of the approved courses.

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These courses may not all be offered every year.

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Six credit course. If taken, 27 optional course credits required.

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Nine credit course. If taken, 24 optional course credits required.

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Students must fulfill the major paper requirement.

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These courses are followed during the first and second year.

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Full time enrolment in the JD program, including all compulsory courses and additional requirements as stipulated by the partner university.