



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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## Pre-Law

***A lawyer gives legal advice and assistance to clients and represents them in court or in other legal matters.***

You have the vision, determination, and passion to become a lawyer, and you're looking for a university with a strong reputation, personal attention, and excellent research opportunities to help you gain admission to law. Come to The University of Winnipeg for your pre-professional studies and put our small class sizes, community atmosphere, central location, and reputation for excellence to work for you.

Our campus is **located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg**—central to Winnipeg's business district, Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Law Courts, and law offices, and a great location for studying, volunteering, research, and entertainment.

As a University of Winnipeg student, you will get to know your professors and other students because of our small classes and community atmosphere. Our excellent professors—including five Canada Research Chairs—are supportive and accessible, contributing to the many successes of our students.

With students at the second, third, and fourth year levels doing research alongside some of our most innovative professors, we offer you **research opportunities** that are not available to undergraduate students at other universities. You can also gain **hands-on experience** in your area of study by working as a marker or lab demonstrator, participating in co-op programs and practicum placements, and getting involved with one of the many active student groups on campus.

### YOUR EDUCATION

#### **Years 1-2: Pre-Law at The University of Winnipeg**

The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for law at the University of Manitoba or other universities across Canada. Each Canadian faculty of law has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, you will complete **60 credit hours (two years)** of study.

#### **Years 3-5: Professional Studies: Law**

In the final year of your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply for admission to law at another university. Enrolment in law programs is limited, and only highly qualified applicants are chosen. Admission to law is based on an outstanding academic record and performance on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Outstanding marks as well as language comprehension and problem-solving skills offer your best chance of success. At least three more years of study are required to complete a law program. After that, you will complete one year of articling.

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Most students who study Pre-Law at The University of Winnipeg will apply for admission to the University of Manitoba, but you may choose to apply elsewhere.

There are no specific courses required for admission to the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, but most students take related courses from the areas of Politics, History, Philosophy, Criminal Justice, Sociology, and English, depending on their personal interests and career goals.

You must complete the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) by February of the year in which you hope to gain admission to first-year Law.

**NOTE: You must consult with the institution where you plan to complete your studies to make sure that you choose an appropriate set of courses and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your program of choice.**

## PREPARING FOR THE LSAT

The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is a standardized test that is administered four times per year. You may find it helpful to take a preparatory course offered by a private company, or you may choose to prepare on your own or in a study group. Information on the LSAT can be obtained from any Law school.

## YOU SHOULD KNOW

Because competition to get into law programs is fierce, many students plan to complete a three-year bachelor's degree (90 credit hours), instead of the minimum requirement of two years (60 credit hours), before applying to law school. Law schools typically calculate your grade point average based on your best 60 credit hours, so taking more courses than you actually need gives you the flexibility to drop some of your lower grades.

## YOUR FIRST YEAR

We are committed to helping you have a smooth transition from high school to university. You will attend a First Year Survival Session and other orientation sessions to prepare you for university life and introduce you to the facilities and services you will need on campus. We recommend that you choose one of the various sections of Academic Writing to learn the essential strategies for university writing and research. Our Tutoring Centre (3rd floor of Graham Hall) offers peer tutoring to help you develop your writing skills, and in case you need it, our Learning Centre offers free tutoring in chemistry, math, and physics.

## YOUR SUCCESS

The University of Winnipeg has a rich history of academic excellence, and a reputation for providing thorough preparation for professional and graduate programs at other universities. We offer the courses, supports, and challenges you will need to get in to law school and build a rewarding, successful career as a lawyer.

## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"The combination of class size and focus on critical thinking sent me to law school with an advantage over my peers. The availability of seminar classes allowed me to develop excellent analytical and oral advocacy skills that have served me well in law school." - *Laura Marr (BA '03 Conflict Resolution Studies and Politics) is studying Law at Dalhousie University.*

## WHERE CAN I STUDY LAW?

You can apply to study law at any of the 25 law schools in Canada, or apply to schools in the United States or elsewhere. Check out your options online at <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca> or visit The University of Winnipeg's Career Resource Centre, rooms 1A01 and 1A02 in the first floor of Ashdown Hall.

## IN CASE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND...

Courses taken as part of pre-professional studies are applicable to University of Winnipeg degree programs. If you change your mind about your studies, you may wish to consult with an Academic Advisor or an instructor from your area of interest to formulate a new study plan.

## REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

## HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca](http://uwinnipeg.ca) or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

## HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply) and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

**NOTE: Admission to The University of Winnipeg does not guarantee admission to law. As a pre-professional student you are responsible to research and apply for admission to your law school of choice.**

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