NATIONAL PROGRAM (JD-LLL)

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.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The Common Law Section offers a special double degree program under which selected civil law graduates, through subsequent studies, may be awarded the JD degree. Applicants apply to the one-year program after completing a civil law degree or during the third year of their civil law studies.

The number of places in this program is limited. Priority is given to applicants who have completed their civil law studies at the University of Ottawa, though a number of spaces are reserved for out of province students. Applicants are evaluated primarily on academic performance in the LLL program. By way of reference, in the past few years, successful applicants had had on average a 6.0 (or "B") GPA. Applicants may use a personal statement to highlight discrepancies in their transcripts which resulted from circumstances beyond their control.

Active knowledge of French and English is necessary. Students must therefore be able to read and express themselves in both official languages, otherwise they may encounter difficulties.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2015-2016 calendars (http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/1516/calendars) for the previous requirements.

Students must obtain at least 30 units during the academic year.

Students who have previously completed courses at the Common Law Section, including the required courses of the National Program before being admitted to the program must replace these courses with other electives to meet the minimum requirement of 30 units.

Students must satisfy the major-paper requirement of the Common Law Section.

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher is required for the success of the program.

Students cannot enroll simultaneously in the National Program and any other full-time program such as the Barreau du Québec.

National Program students are not permitted to enroll in courses that are essentially identical in content to those that the student has already completed before commencing the National Program;

In the National Program, students cannot register:

- in courses whose content is essentially the same as for courses before starting the National Program;
- in internships sponsored by the faculty or individually offered, unless they provide evidence of a common law content that the Director of the National Program would judge acceptable;
- or in competitive moots, unless they provide evidence of a common law content that the Director of the National Program would judge acceptable.

Bilingual competitions with a common law content:

- ARNUP Cup Criminal law
- CORPORATE SECURITIES Moot
- LASKIN
- Constitutional/Administrative Law
- WILSON Equality s.15
- WALSH Family Law moot
- Tax law moot

French moot competitions with a common law content:

- MONCTON OTTAWA Private Law
- Criminal Law GUY GUERIN

For any other competitive moot and common law content, please contact the program director.