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

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2019-2020 calendars (http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/1516/calendars/) for the previous requirements.

University of Ottawa - Common Law

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 2309 Civil Procedure I 3 Units
CML 2312 Administrative Law 3 Units
CML 3376 Professional Responsibility 3 Units
CML 2313 Constitution Law II 3 Units

3 course units from:

CML 2302 Business Organizations 3 Units
CML 3102 Special Course in Business Law

3 course units from:

CML 2320 Mediation Theory and Practice 3 Units
CML 2321 Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes 3 Units

3 course units from:

CML 2101 Appellate Advocacy 3 Units
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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
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CML 3142 Intellectual Property Advocacy
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CML 3234 Labour Law II
CML 3248 Introductory Legal Aid Clinic Course 6
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27 optional course units in common law (CML) 8

American University - Washington College of Law or Michigan State University, College of Law:

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CML 1102 Contracts 5 Units
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CML 1108 Property 5 Units
CML 1107 Torts 5 Units

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Total: 124 Units

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