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 2018-2019 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 1205 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 Constitutional Law II 3 Units
3 course units from:
  CML 2302 Business Organizations 3 Units
  CML 3102 Special Course in Business Law 3 Units
  CML 2320 Mediation Theory and Practice 3 Units
3 course units from:
  CML 2321 Alternative Dispute Resolution Processes 3 Units
3 course units from:
  CML 2101 Appellate Advocacy 3 Units
  CML 2320 Mediation Theory and Practice 3 Units

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

16 advanced standing course units in common law (CML) 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)

1 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.
5 These courses may not all be offered every year.
6 Six credit course. If taken, 27 optional course credits required.
9 credit course. If taken, 24 optional course credits required.
Students must fulfill the major paper requirement.
These courses are followed during the first and second year.
Full time enrolment in the JD program, including all compulsory courses and additional requirements as stipulated by the partner university.