

# LAWS, LL.M.

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## Law Program Information

The Faculty offers a structured and personal Master of Laws degree.

The Master of Laws is a thesis-based program designed for completion in one year after the completion of a three year J.D. program. The program consists of participation in the Graduate Legal Theory Seminar, two additional courses and completion of a substantial thesis. Further details are available through the LL.M. website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/master-laws-llm/>). Applicants should also consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies website (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/>).

Equivalent academic courses completed at recognized universities elsewhere will be considered. For all admission requirements please refer to the first year information (<https://umanitoba.ca/law/programs-of-study/admissions/admission-first-year-jd-program/>) on the website.

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations ([https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission\\_FGSMasters](https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters)) section of the Guide.

### LL.M. Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are those of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

In addition, candidates must show that they are equipped intellectually to engage in advanced legal study and research. The Faculty of Law anticipates that the prospective LL.M. student will have earned the J.D., LL.B. or equivalent degree in law with a first or high upper second B+ standing. Applicants ordinarily hold a common law or Canadian civil law degree but applications from those whose legal education has been in another legal system will be given full consideration.

Applicants without a JD/LLB degree will possess demonstrable legal or other applicable knowledge obtained through study within another relevant undergraduate or graduate degree.

## Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the LL.M. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/master-laws-llm/>) page.

## Degree Requirements

### Thesis Route

Students must complete two courses, one of which must be in the Faculty of Law, as well as the Graduate Legal Research and Theory seminar LAW 7112. A minimum grade of B must be obtained in each course.

In addition to course work, the student must complete a thesis of 90 to 120 pages. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor with expertise in the chosen area of study who will direct thesis research and design and assist the student in course selection. Early and regular contact with the advisor is recommended.

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 1 - 2 years

### Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
LAW 7112	Graduate Legal Research and Theory	3
Select two additional courses from the following: <sup>1</sup>		4-6
LAW XXXX	LAW Course	
COURSE XXXX	LAW Course or a Course outside the Faculty of Law	
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>7-9</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis <sup>2</sup>	0
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>7-9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must complete two additional courses relevant to their research area. One of these courses may be taken outside the Faculty of Law. Course selection must be approved by the student's supervisor.

<sup>2</sup> Thesis must be complete by July 1 to enable timely review before the Faculty of Graduate Studies' deadline at the end of August.

### Course-based Route

Students must successfully complete 24 credit hours consisting of two required courses (6 credit hours) and 18 credit hours of electives.

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 1 - 2 years

### Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
LAW 7002	Capstone seminar	3
LAW 7112	Graduate Legal Research and Theory	3
LAW 7XXX	LAW Course Electives <sup>1,2</sup>	6
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
LAW 7XXXX	LAW Course Electives <sup>1,2</sup>	6

COURSE XXXX	LAW Course or Course outside Faculty of Law <sup>1</sup>	6
Hours		12
Total Hours		24

<sup>1</sup> Electives must be approved by the student's Advisor and the Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies).

<sup>2</sup> Electives in the Faculty of Law (eg LAW 7120, 7130, 7140, etc) may be taken more than once only if the subtitle is different.

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).

**Note:** Law requires a minimum grade point average of 3.0 with **no grade below B**. A C+ is the equivalent of a failing grade.

## Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

If you have questions about registration, please email [lawgrad@umanitoba.ca](mailto:lawgrad@umanitoba.ca).

## Regulations

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

### Supplementary Regulations

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

### Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

### General Regulations

All students must: