



University
of Victoria

FACULTY OF LAW

UVIC LAW

Learn Here, Practice Anywhere

UVic Law is one of Canada's leading law schools. We provide legal education that equips students with the knowledge and skills that will ensure their success in diverse careers in the public, private and non-profit sectors. We are known for our strengths in Indigenous, environmental and international law, our commitment to community engagement and social justice, and for providing students with opportunities for experiential learning through mooting, clinical placements and our co-op program.

All of our work is shaped by the belief that the law must speak to all members of society, including those in marginalized communities. We are committed to teaching law within its wider social, political, historical and economic contexts. We have Inclusive, Indigenous and Black admission pathways to create a more equitable application process and build a student body that reflects the diversity of Canadian society.

Global Opportunities for Students

Our international engagement goes beyond the classroom. Students can spend academic terms studying at top law schools in Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and several European countries. Co-op placements can be international, and some of our students do international internships.

UVic is situated in the territory of the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples and sits on the site of an old Lək̓ʷəŋən village. Respect for the land's traditional stewards has inspired us to become leaders in environmental law, Indigenous law issues and public policy initiatives.

Students are exposed to Indigenous laws throughout their time at UVic Law from the first day of Legal Process, and across the curriculum in classes, field schools, moots and in our clinical programs.



UVic Law is home to the joint degree program in Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders, to the Indigenous Law Research Unit and the National Centre for Indigenous Laws.

Programs:

- Juris Doctor (JD)
- Juris Doctor and Juris Indigenarum Doctor (JD/JID) Joint Degree Program in Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders
- Juris Doctor and Master of Public Administration (JD/MPA)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Law (PhD)

Our three-year JD program starts with 2 weeks of **Legal Process** which prepares you for the next 3-4 years of law school. The course is a central component of UVic Law's broader ethos of experiential learning — in the classroom and beyond — alongside a rigorous academic program which engages with the pressing human rights and social justice issues of our time.

We have a co-op program, clinical law terms, international exchanges, and an extensive mooting program. We prepare you to practice in any law firm across the country. Our students do their articles in Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary and communities and cities across the country.

Incoming class



142

JD & JD/JID
Students

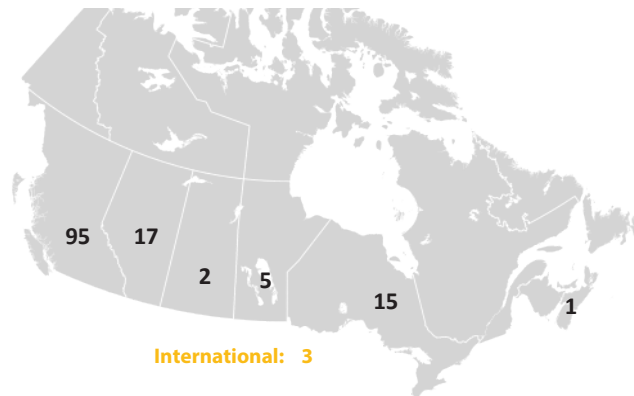


22

Indigenous
Students



Undergraduate
degrees



Arts

89

Science

19

Business

13

Social Work

1

Music

1

Photo credit: Jonathan Woods



We are home to two research centres: the Indigenous Law Research Unit and the Access to Justice Centre for Excellence, and three clinical programs: the Law Centre Clinical Law Program, the Environmental Law Centre and the Business Law Clinic. We are also affiliated with the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives.

CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Law Centre Clinic

The Law Centre clinical term will expose you to the work of being a lawyer. You'll learn about and practise legal skills that include interviewing, fact investigation, counseling and negotiation, as well as how to conduct all aspects of a trial in the Provincial Court.

Co-op program

UVic has one of the only law co-op programs in the country. If you are not sure where your law degree will lead you, law co-op gives you the opportunity to work with a variety of legal employers to help you determine your career path.

Mooting

The competitive moot program gives upper-year law students the opportunity to work with other students under the supervision of a faculty member or a practicing lawyer to build their written and oral legal advocacy skills. UVic Law participates in a wide range of moots and competitions throughout Canada, with several teams successfully advancing to the international level in recent years.

Business Law Clinic

UVic Law's Business Law Clinic course (LAW 349) gives students an opportunity to develop their legal skills and understand the lawyer's role in facilitating business transactions for clients, all within a clinical context. They also learn about client interviewing, problem-solving, legal research, legal analysis and ethical issues.

Environmental Law Centre

Environmental Law Centre - The ELC Clinic is Canada's first hands-on academic program in public interest environmental law. Operating under lawyer supervision, clinic students work in partnership with Indigenous, environmental, and community organizations to understand and respond to public interest environmental law issues. The ELC's goal is to attain and support strong laws that protect air, land, and water, through both Indigenous and state authority.

"The Law Centre was a rubber meets the road moment for me in my legal education, and the practice of law became a reality for me, which affirmed my decision to go to law school. It was the most engaging, fun, thrilling and important term of my life."

Galen Morris



Photo credit: Holly Pattison

