



Clinical and Experiential Learning

2024 Academic Orientation

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Welcome

Windsor Law has many work-integrated, place-based, clinical and experiential learning opportunities for students. Our programs place students in many work and volunteer environments where they can learn more about law-in-action.



Externship

- Windsor Law's Externship Program places students in law firms, non-profits, non-government organizations and courts under the supervision of one or more licensed lawyers.
- The Externship Program incorporates work-integrated and skills-based learning alongside critical reflection, self-directed personal and career planning, focus on ethical and professional practice, and engagement with access to justice in theory and practice.
- Students must simultaneously enroll in both the seminar (5932-01) and placement (5933-01) portions of the program for a total of 6 credits (2 for the seminar, 4 for the placement).
- Examples of placements include: Windsor Regional Hospital, Canadian Centre for Housing Rights, the City of Windsor, Crown's office (Windsor), Legal Aid Ontario (Chatham), Aamjiwnaang (Lands Department), Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, Bilingual Legal Clinic, Muslim Legal Support Centre, D.S. Jones Law, HIV Legal Network, and many more
- Visit our website for more information: [Externships | Faculty of Law \(uwindsor.ca\)](https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/externships)

Judicial Internship



- Students are placed with one or more Supervising Judges in one of the Provincial Courts across Ontario (currently, Windsor and Woodstock).
- Judicial Internships provide a unique opportunity to better understand the work of the courts, learn from observing and critically reflecting on legal advocacy, and refine legal research and writing skills under the direct supervision of a Judge.
- Students interested in future Clerkship opportunities are highly encouraged to consider a Judicial Internship.
- Students will receive three (3) credits for their work.
- For more information please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/judicial-internships>

Judicial Internship with Northwest Territories



- Students are responsible to Justices of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.
- This Internship is an unparalleled opportunity for full-time learning with a Court.
- Students will earn fifteen credits toward their law degree over the course of the term. Internship placements are available in the Fall and Winter terms.
- Funding is available for this placement.
- Please visit our site to learn more:
<https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/1282/northwest-territory-judicial-internships>

Class Action Clinic (CAC)



- The Class Action Clinic is the first of its kind in North America.
- Students work at the clinic under the supervision of Andrew Eckart, full-time review counsel. Students also meet with Professor Gemma Smyth (Academic Clinic Director).
- The clinic provides a range of services to class members including summary advice, public education and outreach, assistance with filing claims in settlement distribution processes, and legal representation in court hearings.
- Students enrolled in the Class Action Clinic will earn 4 credits.
- For more information, please visit: <https://classactionclinic.com/>

Community Legal Aid (CLA)



- This is the first clinic founded at the University.
- CLA is a Student Legal Services Organization (SLSO); a joint project of the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor and Legal Aid Ontario offering legal services to University of Windsor undergraduate students and members of the Windsor-Essex community living on low income who meet financial criteria.
- Under the close supervision of Review Counsel, law students provide direct client legal services having full carriage of their files.
- Students can volunteer starting in 1L as caseworkers, upper year students can volunteer as caseworkers or as senior caseworkers to litigate matters.
- Students earn 4 credits for PT role in the clinic placement and 3 credits in the Clinic Seminar.
- Visit our site for more details: <https://www.communitylegalaidwindsor.com/>

Community Legal Aid (CLA) Volunteer



- Students will work with peers, under the close supervision of Review Counsel in the following areas of law: landlord/tenant, criminal law including domestic violence, provincial offences, employment law, consumer protection, elder law including estates, wills and powers of attorney, family law summary advice and university academic and non-academic matters.
- Students will also have the opportunity to work in a systemic advocacy group preparing and presenting Public Legal Education workshops and systemic advocacy research projects and law reform.
- Visit our site for more details: <https://www.communitylegalaidwindsor.com/>

Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW)



- LAW is a community legal clinic offering services to members of the Windsor-Essex community living on low income.
- Under the supervision of Staff Lawyers, law students conduct file work from the initial intake to the resolution of the matter.
- Students can earn anywhere between 8-11 credits for in clinic placement, and 3 credits for the clinic seminar.
- For more information about LAW, visit:
<https://www.legalassistanceofwindsor.com/>

Migrant Farmworkers Clinic



- The Migrant Farmworker Clinic is the first legal clinic for migrant farm workers in Canada and uses a "law and organising" framework.
- It is unique in offering a singular place for racialized migrant farm workers that will address their complex, intersectional legal needs across multiple areas of law (employment, immigration, human rights, health, etc) while simultaneously building their structural power to challenge systemic oppressions.
- The Clinic course is offered once a year (usually in Fall by Application) consisting of a weekly seminar (of ~2-2.5 hours) and an experiential component involving direct client representation work, support for strategic litigation and law reform, and organizing with migrant farm workers (including outreach in the Leamington area).
- Students will earn 4 credits in the Clinic course, with the option of more credits through project-based placement in the subsequent semesters.
- To learn more please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/migrant-farmworkers>

Mental Health Justice Clinic (MHJC)



- Students will support the work of the Empowerment Council, a voice for the collective community of mental health and addiction service users primarily in the Toronto area (<https://empowermentcouncil.ca/>).
- Students will conduct research to support the development of legal and other strategic responses to the access to justice barriers facing consumers and survivors of the psychiatric system.
- Students will participate in a two-hour weekly clinic seminar, and attend in person three times a semester at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. Mental Health and the Law and/or relevant lived experience is a pre-or co-requisite.
- Students will earn 3 credits.
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/3133/mental-health-justice-clinic>

Cities and Climate Action Policy Clinic



- The Cities & Climate Action Policy Clinic supports law reform and policy creation to support municipalities and other local institutions to lead on good and effective climate action.
- Students selected for the course, working in teams, will undertake community-facing research and community engagement projects
- Students participating in the Cities and Climate Action Policy Clinic for one term will earn 3 credits.
- To learn more, visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/cities-climate-action>

Project Based External Placement (PBEP) UN CRPD



- This Project-Based External Placement provides students with the opportunity to work with a member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Students will gain an up-close look at the functioning of the UN, adversarial advocacy before it, policymaking and norm generation of disability equality law
- This Project-Based External Placement is worth four (4) credits.
- Students will have the opportunity to travel to the UN in Geneva for at least two weeks to take part in this PBEP.
- To learn more about this opportunity, please visit:
<https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/PBEP>

Social Justice Fellowships (SJF)



- The Windsor Law Social Justice Fellowship Program is intended to support students interested in obtaining exposure to social justice advocacy in either a domestic or an international context and to enhance the capacity of future social justice lawyers to work towards the protection of human rights and the pursuit of social justice goals.
- The Program is designed to enable the Fellows to experience enriching professional and intellectual opportunities.
- This is a summer opportunity which we usually recruit for at the end of Fall term. i.e. Summer 2025 recruitment will take place later this Fall 2024.
- For more information please visit: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/law/SJF>

Assistance from the Career Services Office

- Available services:
 - Cover letter and resume review
 - Mock interviews
 - Career path planning
 - Job search strategy
- Contact Katie Behan, Social Justice Career Coordinator, at ktbehan@uwindor.ca



Thank you for your time!

If you have any questions, please direct them to Kristijana Gavrovski at kgavrov@uwindsor.ca or Externship@uwindsor.ca