

Faculty of Law
Statement of Research Interests & Autobiographical Sketch



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Name

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Surname

Given Name

Present Address:

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Summer Address (if different):

Degree Sought:

LLM (regular 12 month)

LLM with Certification University Teaching & Learning (24 month)

Starting Date: September, 20

All Applicants:

Please answer the following questions in the space provided or as otherwise directed. If additional space is required, you may submit a separate document.

a. Please take a moment to tell us how you have heard of our program:

- (i) Internet search;
- (ii) Other (*please explain below*)

- e. Please attach a **“Research Proposal”**. The proposal should be 2-3 typed single-spaced pages (maximum) including a bibliography of no more than one page. Please use 12point Times New Roman font. Please include a distinct title page, with your Research Proposal title in 14point Times New Roman font. Your statement should indicate the research question(s) that you hope to pursue and your understanding of the subject area. You should also indicate the ways in which you plan to pursue answers to the research questions that interest you. Please identify 3-4 Windsor Law Faculty members whom you would like to supervise your research and why. *The University of Edinburgh provides guidance on how to write a research proposal that you may find useful, which can be found at the following link:*
<http://www.ed.ac.uk/files/imports/fileManager/HowToWriteProposal090415.pdf>.

Admission Requirements (LLM)

Students who are accepted to the program will be academically inclined, motivated and committed to continuous learning. Outside of exceptional circumstances, students applying to the LLM program will be required to have an undergraduate law degree. In rare cases, a student may be admitted without a law degree. For students without law degrees to gain entry, they must have outstanding grades or experience and superior ability to complete the LLM program. Admission to the program will be based on four categories which evaluate the student's: a) aptitudes, b) academic achievements, c) research proposal and, d) additional requirements, such as, reference letters and language proficiency. Details of these four broad categories are as follows:

- i) **Aptitudes:** Generally, successful students admitted to our LLM program will demonstrate the following aptitudes in terms of their ability to apply themselves, their knowledge, and their reasoning and communication skills. Specifically, the student accepted into the program will have shown evidence of:

Application: Exceptional academic motivation; capacity for sustained and intense work; developed ability to organize time and set own agenda for study; academic curiosity for investigation and learning.

Knowledge: A broad, deep, advanced, and integrated understanding of the main branches of law and/or a related discipline.

Reasoning Ability: outstanding analytical abilities, including the ability to draw and maintain fine distinctions, the ability to separate the relevant from the irrelevant, and the ability to develop and sustain complex arguments; capacities for accurate observation and insightful criticism, including willingness and ability to engage with disciplines other than law and to bring their insights to bear on legal problems; originality and creativity of thought, open-mindedness, and capacity for lateral thinking; excellent powers of synthesis.

Communication: willingness and ability to express highly complex ideas clearly and effectively; ability to conduct a mature debate leaving room for the contributions of others; aspiration to professional standards of style and organization in legal and scholarly writing.

- ii) **Academic Achievements:**

First and foremost, applicants will be able to demonstrate their exceptional abilities through their academic achievements. Generally, this will mean high academic standing – normally at least a B average in an undergraduate law program (although this alone will not necessarily guarantee admission), and evidence of interest in academic pursuits (for example, pursuing independent/supervised research studies, publications, editing of academic work, etc.). For applicants applying from the workforce, noteworthy achievements may also be taken into account for what they reveal about the applicant's ability to succeed academically within a Master's program in Law.

All applicants will also be required to submit their undergraduate transcripts.



iii) Research Proposal

A significant element of each student's application package will be the statement of proposed research. The clearly labelled Research Proposal should provide evidence of the candidate's ability and potential to engage with the relevant scholarly literature, doctrinal and/or empirical material and to formulate pertinent research questions. *The University of Edinburgh provides guidance on how to write a research proposal that you may find useful, which can be found at the following link:*
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A clearly labelled "**Academic Writing Sample**" will also be required. The writing sample should be no more than 10 to 15 pages and may be an excerpt of a larger document.

iv) Additional Requirements

Applicants will be asked to submit at least two letters of reference that show support for their scholarly endeavor. Admission will be contingent upon availability of a suitable supervisor and suitable reference materials for the applicant to pursue their research project.

Finally, all students must meet an English language proficiency standard of: 250 (600) IBT-100 minimum on the TOEFL or 7.0 IELTS

Brief Overview of Your Research Interests and Experience

Please indicate the specific area(s) of interest for your LLM thesis:

Indicate the specific research topic on which you would like to work:

Please list the names of three (3) Windsor Law faculty members whom you would like to supervise your research, in order of preference. Please state whether you have corresponded with any of them about your interest in pursuing graduate research:

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Educational Experience (University and/or College):

Degree	Institution	Area of Study	Year of Graduation

Other training or experience pertaining to your LLM interests:

Kind of Experience	Location	Year(s)

Titles of any Undergraduate or Graduate Theses Completed:

Please list any publications, reports, and/or oral presentations. For publications and reports that are in progress, please indicate whether they are in preparation, submitted, or in press. Please attach an **“Academic Writing Sample”**, such as, a paper written for a course during JD or LLB studies, a prior publication, or other work you have written in an academic context, that demonstrates your academic research and writing abilities; preferably written originally in English. The writing sample should be no more than 10 to 15 pages and may be an excerpt of a larger document – please include a cover page.

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Please describe any teaching experience that you may have:

Other Information:

Please use this page to provide any information that you would like the Graduate Admissions Committee to consider but that has not been outlined elsewhere:

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Applications to the LLM Program are submitted on-line and will not be reviewed until all required documents are completed and submitted, including this form.

I certify that all information on this form is correct, and that all written statements are of my own composition.

Signature of Applicant	Date

Applicants are encouraged to take the opportunity to review and apply for scholarships external to the University such as the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) and scholarships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Please note that these scholarships generally have deadlines several weeks in advance of the LLM Program Application Deadline and must be applied for separately. More information may be found directly from the organizations; limited information may be found on the LLM website - <http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/610/tuition-scholarship-funding> and on the University of Windsor Graduate Studies website <http://www.uwindsor.ca/graduate/>.