



University  
of Manitoba

| Faculty of Law

# Internationally Trained Lawyer Program

## Prospectus 2026 - 2027



Photo: Laurelle Harris

# Dean's Message

*Welcome to the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law!*

At Robson Hall, we take great pride in fostering an inclusive, supportive environment where students from around the world come together to pursue excellence in the study of law. Here, you will be part of a vibrant academic community dedicated to helping you grow, excel, and find your path within the legal profession.

Our programs provide an exceptional educational experience which combines dynamic classroom learning with practical, hands-on training that sharpens your skills in critical thinking, advocacy, and legal research. From the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program to our Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), and Canada's first interdisciplinary Master of Human Rights (MHR) degree, we are committed to preparing you for the complex realities of today's legal landscape.

We know that navigating the licensing process in Canada can be challenging, especially when embarking on this journey alone. Please know we are here to support you at every step. Our dedicated staff and faculty are ready to assist you as you make academic, cultural, and personal transitions, ensuring that you feel at home in our community.

Your unique perspectives and experiences will enrich our community, and we eagerly anticipate your contributions within and beyond the classroom. Together, we will explore the complexities of law, engage in meaningful conversations, and work toward a more just and equitable society.

We look forward to welcoming you to Robson Hall and witnessing all that you will accomplish during your time with us and beyond.

Warm regards,



Dr. Richard Jochelson  
Dean of Law,  
University of Manitoba



*Photo: Dr. Amar Khoday*



# Internationally Trained Lawyer Program

At the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Law has developed two micro-diploma programs which can be pursued independently or alongside our graduate degrees. These modular micro-diplomas are designed to help meet the National Committee on Accreditation’s requirements for those aiming to practice in a Canadian common law jurisdiction.



*A local inhabitant on the law school grounds, early morning.  
Photo: Laurelle Harris*

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## *A Tradition of Innovation*

*LLM students work in the new graduate space. Photo: Adam Dolman*

The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law is one of the oldest law schools in Western Canada. Situated at Robson Hall, on the banks of the Red River, UM Law offers an exceptional legal education taught by faculty long known for teaching and research excellence. Students benefit from innovative experiential and classroom learning, receiving top-tier training in critical and analytical thinking, advocacy, and legal research, while contributing to a proud tradition of innovation.

## Land Acknowledgement

*The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Dene, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.*

*We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of Reconciliation and collaboration.*



*Marc Kruse, Director of Indigenous Legal Learning and Services teaching on the banks of the Red River. Photo: Christine Mazur*



# Access to Justice



*L. Kerry Vickar Business Law Clinic.  
Photo: Mike Latschislaw*

UM Law is proud to have a dedicated Director of Access to Justice and Community Engagement who teaches, conducts research, and supports access to justice initiatives throughout Manitoba.

We offer immersive learning experiences to students through our various clinics, which include the UM Community Legal Clinic, Prison Law Clinic, and International Human Rights Clinic, the L. Kerry Vickar Business Law Clinic and the Manitoba Legal Clinic for the Arts.

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Law also hosts the Manitoba chapter of Pro Bono Students Canada, a national organization whose mission is to provide free legal support to communities facing barriers to justice.

# Our Community

The Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba takes pride in its strong connections with the legal community and its vibrant network of accomplished alumni including judges, legal scholars, policymakers, and leading practitioners across Canada and beyond.

Notable graduates include:

**1916 – Isabel Ross Maclean Hunt, K.C.**, first woman in Manitoba to receive an LL.B.

**1938 – The Honourable Brian Dickson**, 15th Chief Justice of Canada.

**1956 – Judge Raymond Harris**, believed to be UM Law's first Black graduate.

**1966 – The Honourable Marshall Rothstein**, Puisne Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

**1974 – Kenneth Young**, first Indigenous graduate of UM Law.

**1977 – Marion Ironquill Meadmore, O.C., LL.D.**, Grandmother, first Indigenous woman to graduate from law school in Canada.

**1979 – The Honourable Murray Sinclair, C.C., O.M., M.S.C, K.C.**, first Indigenous person appointed to the Court of King's Bench of Manitoba; served as Chair of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission and as a Senator for Manitoba.

**1981 – Judge Kimberly Prost**, Canadian Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court.

**1984 – Jacqueline St. Hill, K.C.**, believed to be the first Black woman to graduate from UM Law; the first Black person to be appointed King's Counsel in Manitoba.



*Judge Raymond Harris, LLB/56.*



**2006 – Judge Kael McKenzie**, First openly transgender person appointed to the bench in Canada.

**2011 - Zilla Jones**, award-winning writer and co-author of Canada's Black Justice Strategy, practicing lawyer.

**2020 - Chimwemwe Undi**, Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate (2025-2026), practicing lawyer, and recipient of the UM Outstanding Young Alumni award (2024).



*Judge McKenzie, LLB/06 speaks at the Queersay Evidence conference in 2023. Photo: Christine Mazur*



*Chimwemwe Undi, JD/20. Photo: Pierette Boily*

The Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba has a longstanding reputation for teaching and research excellence. Faculty members at Robson Hall have been educated around the world, and engage in scholarly work on the cutting edge of legal issues relevant to our local, national, and international communities.

*Dr. Akinwumi Ogunranti hosts a Q & A with visiting guest lecturer, Dr. Sara Seck. Photo: Christine Mazur*



# Explore the Internationally

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Law is a law school approved by the Federation of Law Societies' National Com

## Micro-Diploma in Canadian Public Law

The Micro-Diploma in Canadian Public Law provides a pathway, if desired, to completing the five core courses always assigned to all internationally trained lawyers by the NCA.

This micro-diploma requires 13 credit hours of core coursework, including three of the five core courses always assigned by the NCA:

- LAW 1140: Criminal Law and Procedure;
- LAW 1460: Constitutional Law; and
- LAW 3530: Administrative Law.

In addition, all students must take LAW 1002: Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada.

Students may also take up to five optional credit hours from the Juris Doctor (JD) Program, including courses which, if successfully completed, will fulfill the NCA's competencies in Canadian Professional Responsibility and Foundations of Canadian Law.

*LL.M. students at one of many study spaces in the Law Library.  
Photo: Adam Dolman*





# Internationally Trained Lawyer Program

Committee on Accreditation (NCA). All courses which may be assigned to students by the NCA can be taken at UM Law.

## Micro-Diploma in Canadian Private Law

The Micro-Diploma in Canadian Private Law is designed for those with a Canadian civil law degree or internationally trained lawyers needing additional common law courses. It requires 15 credit hours of core coursework:

- LAW 1102: Contracts;
- LAW 1480: Torts and Compensation Systems; and
- LAW 1500: Property.

In addition, all students must take LAW 1002: Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada.

Students may also take up to 3 optional credit hours from the Juris Doctor (JD) Program, including LAW 2020: Legal Profession and Professional Responsibility, which if successfully completed, demonstrates competency in the NCA's course, Canadian Professional Responsibility.

*Dr. Amar Khoday teaches 1Ls. Photo: David Lipnowski*



# Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada



*The E.K. Williams Law Library is a quiet and peaceful place to study with a view of the Red River. Photo: Adam Dolman*

All students must take LAW 1002: *Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada*, a zero-credit, pass/fail course that provides a foundation in Canadian common law, including an introduction to Canadian legal systems, Indigenous legal orders, cultural literacy, and legal research and writing.

*Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada* provides students with an important introduction to skills required to successfully practice law in Canada, including:

- **Cultural literacy:** working effectively with marginalized clients to maximize access to justice and minimize harms
- **Canadian Legal Systems:** introduction to Canadian legal histories and legal systems, including Indigenous Legal Orders;
- **Legal Research, Analysis and Writing:** practical skill-building to meet expectations in the workplace.



# Flexible Pathways

The Internationally Trained Lawyer Program offers flexible pathways to help most students meet accreditation requirements of the National Committee on Accreditation, tailored to each student's unique needs. Students can pursue one or both micro-diplomas, with an LLM or Master of Human Rights degree (separate application and acceptance required) to satisfy assigned accreditation requirements, including the legal research and writing requirement and in-person learning requirement (with approval from the National Committee on Accreditation).

Internationally trained lawyers who have not received any recognition of their credentials from the National Committee on Accreditation after applying for assessment may not be precluded from enrollment in the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program if they are directed by the National Committee on Accreditation to obtain substantial exposure to the common law. Please contact us for more information.



*A student in the Master of Human Rights program presents at the annual research symposium. Photo: Christine Mazur*



*Master of Laws students attend a research seminar with the Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Dr. Donn Short. Photo: Adam Dolman*

# Career & Professional Development

We support students in the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program with personalized career and professional development services.

## Professional Development

- Priority access to career planning and advice
- Early identification of professional interests and career opportunities
- Networking events to connect with prospective employers
- Professional development opportunities
- Resources for job search preparation



*Dedicated staff help students' career paths. Photo: Leif Norman*

## Career Planning & Assistance

- Assistance with resume and cover letter development
- Interview preparation, including mock interviews
- Assistance with obtaining articling positions



*Trina McFadyen, Director of Professional Development, encourages networking among students and lawyers at a career fair. Photo: Christine Mazur*



# UM's Internationally Trained Lawyer Advisory Group

At Robson Hall, we care about our former students and their transition into the legal profession. We know that barriers to full inclusion in the legal profession continue to exist and can disadvantage internationally trained lawyers.

## MBA-CBA x Faculty of Law



THE MANITOBA BAR ASSOCIATION

L'ASSOCIATION DU BARREAU DU MANITOBA

A Branch of the Canadian Bar Association

Une division de l'Association du Barreau canadien

All law students, including in the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program, receive a membership to the Manitoba Bar Association at no cost. UM Law sponsors our students' memberships to the MBA.

We encourage active engagement with various MBA sections, explore professional development and networking opportunities, including through the MBA's Internationally Trained Lawyer Section, the first of its kind in Canada.

The Internationally Trained Lawyer Advisory Group is a new initiative of Internationally Trained Lawyer Program at UM Law to help address systemic barriers facing internationally trained lawyers once they transition to their articles and legal practice. The purpose of the group is to advise and to help develop real solutions which will benefit all internationally trained lawyers in Manitoba.

We have ensured representation within the Internationally Trained Lawyer Advisory Group from all corners of Manitoba's legal profession, including the Faculty of Law, members of the judiciary, lawyers from public service and private practice, including those internationally trained, the Law Society of Manitoba, the Manitoba Bar Association, and Legal Aid Manitoba to draw upon the significant expertise of this diverse group.

# Student Experience

Our law school offers a vibrant community with various student-led organizations and opportunities for professional development, social activities with peers, guest lectures from preeminent scholars and practitioners, and cultural events.



*Photo: Laurelle Harris*



*Multi-faith gathering at Robson Hall. Photo: Christine Mazur*

The Manitoba Law Students Association has several advocacy groups including the Black Law Students Association, the Cultural Diversity in Law group, OUTlaws, our 2SLGBTQ+ student group; the Robson Hall Muslim Law Students Association, Jewish Law Students Association and Bilingual Students Association.

Legal practice groups include the Business Law, the Labour and Employment, and Criminal Law groups. Local chapters of national organizations include Pro Bono Students Canada and Christian Legal Fellowship.



# Living in Winnipeg

Winnipeg is a vibrant city that offers a unique blend of urban sophistication and natural beauty. The Globe and Mail's "Canada's Most Livable Cities" rankings consistently place Winnipeg amongst the top cities in Canada in which to live, work and raise children. With 316 days of sunshine per year, Winnipeg is one of the brightest in the country!



*View of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights from the Provencher Bridge. Photo: Christine Mazur*



*A local musician at The Forks. Photo source: Christine Mazur*



*Winnipeg's waterways provide attractive urban green spaces with accessible trails for walking and biking, year round. Photo: Christine Mazur*

Affordable living costs, great schools, a thriving job market, world-class museums, vibrant arts communities, accessible urban green spaces, and exciting professional and recreational sports offerings make Winnipeg a great place to call home.

# Frequently Asked Questions

***The NCA has assigned more courses and/or an in-person learning requirement which cannot be met by one of your micro-diplomas alone. What are my options?***

Each student's pathway to obtaining a Certificate of Qualification from the NCA is unique and dependent on several factors. While one or both micro-diplomas will meet the needs of many internationally trained students, the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program is also designed to help students meet more complex assigned requirements of the NCA, including in-person learning. Please contact us to discuss your specific needs.

***Am I guaranteed admission to the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program if I meet the admission requirements?***

No. Admission to the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program is competitive. Meeting the admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

***I have been exempted from or have already completed a language requirement by the NCA. Do I still need to meet the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law's English Language Proficiency requirements?***

Yes. Exemptions granted or completion of the NCA's language requirements do not apply to the Faculty of Law's English language requirements for admission. You must meet the Faculty of Law's specific requirements. A QR code to our admission requirements, including English language requirements and exemptions can be found on page 18.

**For additional FAQs, please scan here:**





# Praise for UM Law

The Internationally Trained Lawyer Program is new in 2025-2026, but our experience meeting the needs of internationally trained lawyers as they navigate the NCA process is extensive. Our program was developed in consultation with internationally trained lawyers from across Manitoba and Canada, including former students.

We have taken the best of Robson Hall's culture and our commitment to academic excellence and developed a program which is even more responsive to the needs of internationally trained students.

## What former students say:

“My journey at the University of Manitoba as an internationally trained lawyer played a pivotal role in my licensing process. The program offered excellent academic training, including exceptional research skills development, diverse networking opportunities with students and lawyers from various backgrounds, and invaluable career-shaping experiences for which I am deeply grateful.”

- Chikodi A.

“Courses at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law are taught by eminent law professors. I recommend the program to internationally trained lawyers who may want to explore the opportunity.”

- Oluwaseyi A.

“I'm a proud alumnus of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Law, where I had the privilege of being taught by some of the best minds. During my time at the U of M, I had to balance the rigors of my LL.M program with studying for the NCAs, being an internationally trained lawyer, and I vividly recall how isolating this journey felt at times. So, when I learned about the Faculty of Law's new Internationally Trained Lawyer Program, I had to express my support for this new initiative at UM Law.”

- Bolloite O.

# Your Pathway to the Profession

Our dedicated team provides guidance every step of the way—from understanding admission requirements to connecting students with resources at Robson Hall.

## Admissions

Admissions decisions are made annually each spring, with classes commencing in the fall semester. All classes take place during the fall and winter semesters, except for Preparation for the Study of Law in Canada, which takes place during the last two weeks of August.

### Calendar

October 1, 2025	Applications Accepted
March 31, 2026	Application Deadline

### Expected Tuition

\$22,000.00	Domestic Students
\$44,000.00	International Students

Manitoba residents who wish to practice in Northern Manitoba, are Indigenous persons, and/or have marginalized identities may qualify for financial assistance to attend the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program.

Scan this QR code to see our admission requirements, including English language proficiency requirements and exemptions.





## Ready to apply to the Internationally Trained Lawyer Program?

Step 1:

Contact the NCA for assessment of  
your education and experience.

Step 2:

Apply to either the Micro-Diploma  
in Canadian Public Law and/or  
the Micro-Diploma in Canadian  
Private Law.



*Micro-Diploma in  
Canadian Public Law*



*Micro-Diploma in  
Canadian Private Law*



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