Law School Admission Test
All applicants must write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). It is not necessary that application be made to the Faculty prior to registration for the Law School Admission Test.

Reminder: LSAT scores written more than six years prior to the academic year of application will not be considered.

The Law School Admission Test is administered several times each year at convenient locations in Canada and the United States. For detailed information, applicants are referred to the LSAT Registration and Information Book which is available to all applicants. Applicants may also obtain information about the LSAT by contacting:

Law School Admission Council
Box 2000 661 Penn Street
Newtown, Pennsylvania 18940-0998
Website: www.LSAC.org

Admission to the Practice of Law
A Bachelor of Laws degree does not in itself entitle one to practice. Applicants who propose to enter the practice of law in any province or territory of Canada must consult directly with the Law Society of such province or territory to determine its requirements for admission. Every Law Society requires some period of apprenticeship (articles) as a condition of being admitted to practice. Some jurisdictions may require that, in addition to the L.L.B., a student have an undergraduate university degree before being admitted to the period of articles; other provinces or territories may require that, in addition to the L.L.B. degree, a student successfully complete a minimum of two years university work after senior matriculation or its equivalent.

In Ontario, the Law Society of Upper Canada, in the report of the special committee of law schools, stated that:

The minimum requirements for admission to a law course should be: a) successful completion of two years in an approved university after senior matriculation, or b) successful completion of a three-year approved course in an approved university after junior matriculation.

In 1972, the Special Committee on Legal Education to the Law Society of Upper Canada report recommended as follows:

The law schools and the law societies should recognize a category of “mature student” applications, who have not met normal pre-law school requirements of university work. Law schools waive the normal requirements and admit those students who, on the basis of age, experience, maturity and outstanding qualities as evidenced in their previous careers, merit an opportunity to study law.

The Law Society of Upper Canada, in prescribing the conditions for admission to the practice of law in Ontario, requires that all students have graduated from an approved course of not less than a duration of three years leading to the Bachelor of Laws degree in an approved law school.

The law program at the University of Windsor Faculty of Law has been approved by the Law Society of Upper Canada and students graduating with the LL.B. degree, who otherwise meet the Law Society’s requirements, are eligible for admission to membership in the Law Society and for entrance to the Bar Admission Course.

On completion of the Bar Admission Course, students would be prepared to provide legal services to clients, including effective solutions to client problems on a cost-efficient basis. (Further and updated information concerning admission to the Law Society of Upper Canada may be obtained from the Secretary, Law Society of Upper Canada, Disraeli Hall, 130 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON. M5H 2N6. Information on the Bar Admission Course is available from the Director of Legal Education, www.lsuc.on.ca.)

For information on residence housing please see the Faculty of Law Calendar.

J.D.,A.L.L.B. Program
The program requires a student to successfully complete 60 credit hours of course work at the University of Detroit Mercy and 44 credit hours of course work at the University of Windsor. Most mandatory courses taken at either law school require the student to study both U.S. and Canadian law relevant to the subject area.

The program is designed to enable a student to obtain an American Bar Association-approved Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) Degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and the nationally recognized Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B.) Degree from the University of Windsor within three calendar years. Please see the Faculty of Law Calendar for a further description.

Half-Time Program
The Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, has a limited enrolment Half-Time Law Study Program. Half-Time studies are intended for those who are unable to study full-time. The program cannot be completed through evening courses only.

Applicants for the Half-Time Program must meet the Faculty's general admission requirements or special admission requirements for Aboriginal Canadians. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they are unable to attend law school on a full-time basis.

Please see the Faculty of Law Calendar for a further description.

Integrated M.B.A./LL.B. Program
This program is designed to enable a student to obtain both a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) and an L.L.B. within four, instead of five, years. Successful applicants will pursue first-year studies separately in the Faculty of Business Administration and the Faculty of Law. Years III and IV of the integrated program will involve work in both Faculties. Please see the Faculty of Law Calendar for a further description.

Website: www.uwindsor.ca/law
Admission to Law Studies

Faculty of Law
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Admission Information

A CANDIDATE SEEKING ADMISSION to the studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws must follow the procedures and submit the documentation required for the year in which the application is to enter. Admission criteria and procedures are established by the Admission Committee for each admission year. Admission criteria and procedures for the current entering class are set below.

Objective
The objective of the admission policy is to select those students who will excel in the study of law and have the potential to contribute creatively and meaningfully to the law school and the community.

Criteria
The majority of applicants are considered by the Admission Committee in the following categories:

1. University Program
   - The applicant has a high school average of at least 70%
   - The applicant has completed an acceptable program of courses which includes the recognition of appropriate role models for law study.

2. Work Experience
   - Part-time, full-time and full-time work experience is analyzed for signs of organizational and administrative skills as well as initiative, vocational, professional or other special qualifications which will be considered.

3. Community Involvement
   - Contribution to the community (city/town, university, religious, etc.) will be an important indicator of commitment to the community. Factors examined include the nature of the applicant’s participation in service clubs, community service organizations, religious, athletic, and social organizations.

4. Personal Accomplishments
   - Factors include extracurricular activities, hobbies and special accomplishments; artistic and athletic accomplishments; and language skills.

5. Career Objectives
   - The applicant’s career objectives, including how and where the applicant plans to practice and what kind of legal career the applicant is self-disciplined and committed to excellence in any field, should be described.

6. Personal Considerations
   - Personal characteristics which are not to be considered include: gender, race and/or ethnicity, religious belief, socio-economic status, disability, childhood, national origin, and once having been an inmate of a penal institution.

7. Law School Admission Test Scores
   - LSAT scores written within the past six years prior to the academic year of application will not be considered. Applicants who have not taken the LSAT within the past six years must write the next available test.

We emphasize that no one single factor is solely determinative of admission to the Law School. The Admission Committee assesses applications in light of the criteria. The chief source of information about applicants is that which is provided by them in the Personal Profiles they submit with their applications. Applicants should take care to present a full and rounded view of themselves in their Personal Profiles.

Admission Committee

Applications from students to the University of Windsor are considered on an individual basis. The Admission Committee evaluates all applications and has the authority to determine which candidates will be offered admission. The majority of applications are considered by the Admission Committee.

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Application Procedure

All schools law schools use a common APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO AN ONTARIO LAW SCHOOL. This Application (both paper and electronic) offers an opportunity to introduce in a structured format the nature of the candidate’s career, academic, personal, and community involvement. Applicants must complete the Application for Admission to the University of Windsor, which may be obtained from:

The Ontario Law School Application Service
P.O. Box 1328, 170 Research Lane
Guelph ON N1H 5Z2
Telephone: (519) 823-1940
Facsimile: (519) 823-5322
Website: www.ouac.on.ca/lasls

The application deadline is November 3, 2003.

The application and the Personal Profile have been developed to provide the applicant with the opportunity to assemble a persuasive case for admission.

Members of the Admission Committee will assess the information provided to determine whether the applicant is likely to succeed in law school, has social skills, relates well to people, has taken the initiative in administration and organization (particularly of his or her own time), has a well-developed and focused career plan based upon a sound perception of his or her capabilities and displays leadership qualities and writing skills.

In the application, the applicant is expected to identify significant experiences and achievements and to indicate that they relate to the admission criteria. For example, particular experiences (work, cultural, sporting and academic) should be described in sufficient detail to permit the evaluator to make an assessment. Any experience which demonstrates that the applicant is self-disciplined and committed to excellence in any field, should be described.

The Committee members are interested in those experiences which tend to show that the candidate is devoted to self-improvement and involvement in the community and service to others. Contributions to hospitals, charitable organizations, religious institutions, disadvantaged and underprivileged groups and individuals, political parties and athletics will, among other activities, help to demonstrate this. Letters from the institution evidencing the nature, scope and degree of the applicant’s involvement are helpful to the Committee.

If the candidate is a member of a group disadvantaged for any reason, these circumstances should be made known.

For more information on the Program of Legal Studies for Native People contact:

Native Law Centre
141 Dintertailer Centre,
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5B8
Telephone: (306) 966-6189
Fax: (306) 966-6207
Website: www.usask.ca/nativelaw

Although Aboriginal Canadian applicants are encouraged to complete the LSAT, in special circumstances this requirement may be waived on special application.

Some Aboriginal students are sponsored and/or have their tuition paid by their First Nation’s Education Authority. You are advised to contact the Authority and the Cashier’s Office at the University of Windsor.

Inquiries

All inquiries regarding admission should be in writing and may be addressed to:

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