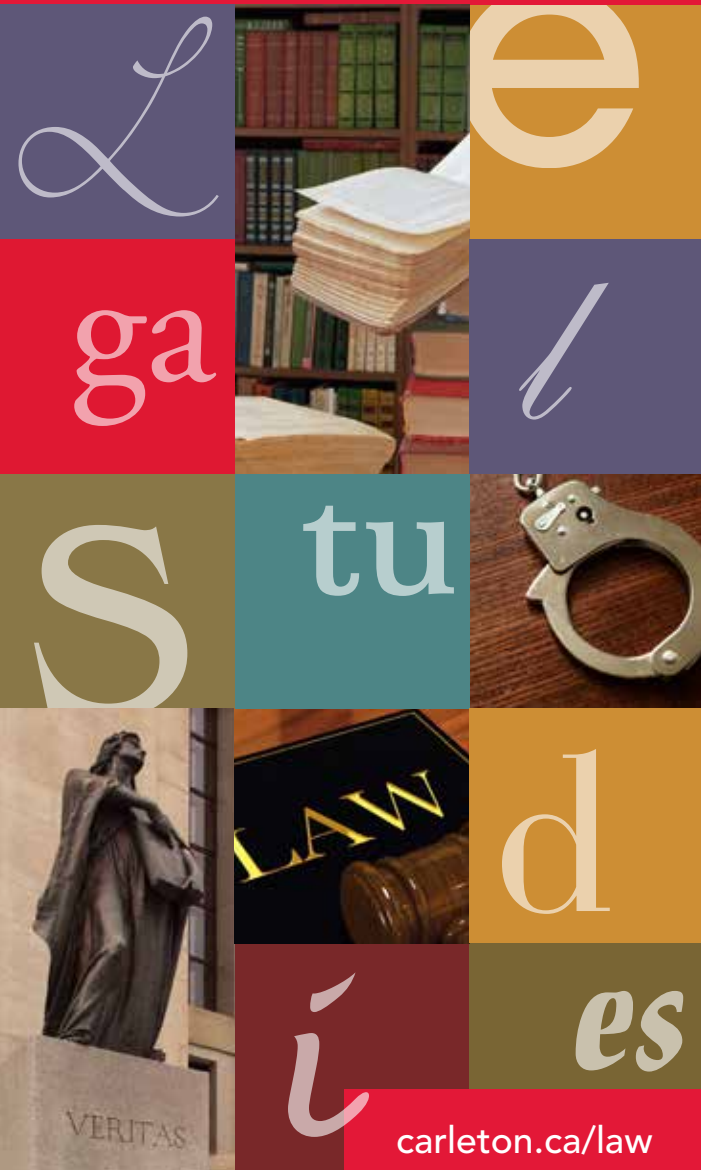


## GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN LEGAL STUDIES



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“Our grad programs offer rich research opportunities.”

### SHAPE YOUR FUTURE BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH INTERESTS

Our flexible MA and new PhD programs in Legal Studies focus on critical, challenging questions about how law works, the different ways individuals encounter and challenge law, the changing means by which regulation takes place and the relationship between law, nation, citizenship and belonging.

What makes our programs unique in Canada is their interdisciplinary approach. Our students and faculty come from many different backgrounds — law, history, sociology, anthropology, communications and political science.

The Department of Law and Legal Studies is a rich research environment. Our students work with faculty pursuing research in: crime, governance and security; globalization, international law and trade; citizenship, human rights and political economy; gender, sexuality and identity; law, history, culture and humanities; and conflict resolution.

Some of our ongoing research projects are investigating issues such as:

- political trials and the administration of national security measures in Canada
- Business Improvement Areas in local governance and policing
- the experience of women in drug treatment courts in Canada
- the role of identity (race, ethnicity, gender) in international war crimes prosecutions
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A collaborative specialization in African Studies is also available at the master’s level.

### CAPITAL ADVANTAGE

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Our MA program is designed to accommodate both students looking for rigorous academic training before continuing with professional work and students preparing for doctoral study or other research-intensive work. Our PhD program is ideal for students who want to pursue academic careers or high-level policy work both within and outside government.

Our alumni are pursuing successful careers as university professors in Canada and abroad, and as researchers and advisers in various federal government departments including Justice, Correctional Services, Public Safety, National Defence and Health Canada.

Many of our MA students go on to pursue PhDs in law, political science, sociology, geography and history at various universities in Canada and internationally.

“ In the MA Legal Studies program at Carleton, I was surrounded by professors whose interests were similar to mine and who were instrumental in helping me apply for and get accepted to an internationally-renowned PhD program (the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies’ School of Law), as well as helping me win various scholarships including a SSHRC Fellowship to pursue my studies abroad. ”

— Racha Al Abdullah, MA/11

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS — MA

The minimum requirement for admission to the master's program is an honours bachelor's degree, or its equivalent, in a relevant field of study (not necessarily law), with at least a B+ standing.

You will need to submit:

- Two letters of reference
- A one-page Statement of Intent
- A Preference Form
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.
- If applicable, a copy of your English-language test results

*Note: Official documents (transcripts, test scores) will be required if you are accepted into our program.*



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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS — PhD

High-achieving students from a wide range of academic disciplines are encouraged to apply. Applicants will normally hold a master's degree (or equivalent) with at least an A- average. Applications are accepted from a variety of backgrounds, including legal studies, political science, communications, history, criminology, sociology, women's studies and philosophy. Contact our Graduate Supervisor if you are unsure about your suitability to our program.

You will need to submit:

- Three letters of reference (one of which must be your MA research supervisor in MA, if applicable)
- A one-page Statement of Intent
- Writing sample (approx. 20 pgs. in length)
- A Preference Form
- A copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.
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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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You can also check our website: [carleton.ca/law](http://carleton.ca/law).

Details about how to apply are available here: [graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online](http://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online).

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## ADMISSION DEADLINES

Space in our programs is limited and all applicants are encouraged to apply by January 15. Applications received by **June 1** will be considered, space permitting, but funding considerations after **January 15** cannot be guaranteed.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Funding is available in the form of teaching/research assistantships and scholarships based on academic excellence. We encourage students to compete for scholarships from the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), or Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). In order to be eligible for funding, you must apply by **January 15**. For additional information on scholarships visit: [graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance](http://graduate.carleton.ca/financial-assistance).

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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