



**YOU'VE  
MADE  
THE  
RIGHT  
CHOICE**

**2021-2022**

**Osgoode Hall Law School**

*We're pleased to welcome you to  
Osgoode Hall Law School.  
Congratulations on taking the first  
big step in a successful law career.*

You've put a lot of thought into narrowing down the right choice for you. When we ask other candidates why they chose Osgoode, these are their **top five reasons**:

**1.**

**WE ENCOURAGE  
YOU TO THINK  
DIFFERENTLY** –

probing deeper to  
consider problems from  
less obvious angles.

**2.**

**YOU CHART YOUR  
OWN PATH** – choosing  
among flexible options  
to pursue your unique  
interests and goals.

**3.**

**WE EMBRACE DIVERSITY** –

encouraging you to explore different points of view around complex issues.

**4.**

**WE OFFER YOU HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE** –

the chance to apply what you've learned to practical, real-world challenges.

**5.**

**YOU'RE SUPPORTED ALL THE WAY** –

from financial aid and career services to wellness programs and accommodations for unique needs.





In a complicated world where opinions differ sharply and justice can be elusive, a career in law isn't just a means to an end. It's a journey that takes you from assessing the potential for positive change to creating meaningful impact.

**We're very pleased that you've chosen to start your journey at Osgoode.**

In the following pages, we dig a little deeper into Osgoode's advantages and provide all the information you need to complete the admission process.





LAW SCHOOL  
OF BUILDING









1.

**WE ENCOURAGE  
YOU TO THINK  
DIFFERENTLY**

*For us, the law is not  
just about applying the  
rules to resolve issues.*

It's an invitation to dig deeper, ask tougher questions, push past biases and explore unexpected angles. It demands that we be open-minded, weighing different perspectives while considering the broader social context. Studying at Osgoode will transform how you think about collaboration and conflict, equity and individual rights, as you learn to break through the barriers to progress.

- **Osgoode helps you discover new pathways,** both intellectual and professional. Our renowned faculty challenge you to think differently, connecting contemporary legal issues to theoretical frameworks, as well as evolving social realities. Our academic programs, experiential learning options and supportive culture help to deepen your understanding and broaden your career possibilities.
- **We offer you unique opportunities to explore** various legal fields and make an impact long before you graduate. Your research activities can extend beyond courses and seminars to include collaboration with faculty experts on cutting-edge legal projects in a wide range of areas. En route to your degree, you can contribute to initiatives that inform public policy, achieve meaningful community impact – and even help to change the law.
- **Graduates leave Osgoode equipped** to make a difference in a variety of sectors, roles and organizations. Our alumni include practising lawyers in virtually every area of specialization, as well as judges, government and non-profit leaders, entrepreneurs and academics. What unites them is the intellectual scope and agility they've developed through a legal education defined by engagement, innovation and the pursuit of excellence.







**Audio Recording**

**Attention Professor**

If your lecture is scheduled to be recorded, please notify the recorder at the beginning and end of the lecture.



## High-Profile Faculty and Research

*Osgoode's extraordinary full-time faculty* bring a wide range of experience, perspectives, teaching strategies and evaluation methods to their work. Through their legal thinking and research, many have significantly influenced law and public policy in Canada and abroad. Their insights are complemented by those of our adjunct faculty members – respected lawyers and judges who offer thoughtful perspectives on current trends and challenging issues in legal practice.

All Osgoode faculty members are united in their commitment to supporting your growth and achievement. Many offer students the opportunity to collaborate on important research, both through in-course projects and at our highly regarded centres investigating everything from civil justice and human rights to intellectual property in the digital era.

As you progress through your Osgoode program, you'll work closely with these talented scholars, practitioners and teachers, deepening your legal knowledge and skills, and building a network for the future.







*“Osgoode’s faculty are frequently sought after for their expertise. As teachers, they offer students deep insight into our foundational legal concepts, as well as a rich understanding of how law and the legal system operate to make a difference in society.”*

Dean Mary Condon





**Ike Omoruna,**  
Class of 2019





2.

**YOU CHART  
YOUR OWN  
PATH**

*At Osgoode, choice isn't something that has to wait until graduation.*

In your upper years, you create a unique program of study that spans our diverse course offerings. And you choose how you prefer to earn credit – whether through a lecture or seminar or another kind of structured learning opportunity. You tailor a program that fits your interests and goals.

## Choose your experience

Building on the strong foundations of your first year of study, you're free to explore an expansive and flexible upper-year curriculum. We offer more than 150 lecture courses and interactive seminars, ranging from traditional legal subjects to emerging fields.

In addition to participating in lecture courses and seminars, you can work toward fulfilling your degree requirements by:

- **developing a research paper**
- **serving as senior editor for an Osgoode-based law journal**
- **completing a clinical program (see page 26)**
- **taking a graduate course in another York faculty**
- **pursuing an international exchange at a partner law school**

## Specialized streams

Students with defined interests can focus on one of the following four optional curricular streams:

- **International, Comparative and Transnational Law**
- **Labour and Employment Law**
- **Litigation, Dispute Resolution and the Administration of Justice**
- **Tax Law**

## Joint programs

You can expand the scope of your legal education by pursuing one of four joint degree programs. Admission to the first three programs listed below is generally confirmed prior to commencing your studies at Osgoode; however, you can also apply during your first year in the JD program. Admission to the joint program with Université de Montréal is confirmed in your third year at Osgoode.

- **Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA) with the Schulich School of Business**
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Environmental Studies (JD/MES) with the Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change**
- **Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Philosophy (JD/MA) with the Department of Philosophy**
- **Juris Doctor/Bachelor of Law (Civil) (JD/LLB (Civil)) with the Université de Montréal, Faculté de Droit**









## First-year courses

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### **FALL:**

Tort Law; Contract Law; Criminal Law

### **WINTER:**

Property Law; Legal Process II, an elective from our Perspective Options

### **FULL YEAR:**

Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community;  
Legal Process I; Public and Constitutional Law;  
Legal Theory Seminar (as alternative to the Perspective Option)

## Upper-year course offerings

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**Your extensive options include:** business law, constitutional law, administrative law, family law, health law, human rights law, Indigenous law, intellectual property law, labour law, legal information technology, legal theory, natural resources and the law, property law, regulatory law, social justice, equality and the law, taxation law, transnational law, criminal law.

**To explore the full range of courses and seminars, visit [osgoode.yorku.ca/courses](https://osgoode.yorku.ca/courses)**







## Degree requirements

The Osgoode program offers an abundance of choice built around a strong core of essential knowledge and experience. Every graduate must complete:

- **36 credits in the mandatory first-year program**
- **at least 60 credit hours over second and third years**
- **a seminar, course or other option satisfying the Upper-Year Research & Writing Requirement (in each of second and third year)**
- **the Indigenous and Aboriginal Law Requirement**
- **the 40-hour Osgoode Public Interest Requirement**
- **a course or seminar that satisfies the Praxicum Requirement**



3.

**WE  
EMBRACE  
DIVERSITY**

*Sound legal thinking manages to settle differences while celebrating difference.*

That spirit of inclusion defines Osgoode and the wider York community, where we welcome students of diverse backgrounds and benefit from their insights, perspectives and experience. Our faculty members offer similarly varied outlooks and approaches while sharing a commitment to opening doors for all. At Osgoode, you can count on having your views heard – and finding others who share them.







GOODE HALL



## Differing perspectives welcome

A commitment to diversity and inclusion informs all aspects of Osgoode, from our holistic admissions policy to the supports we provide to students with different learning needs. In addition to lowering barriers and promoting equity, we work to foster a culture of collaboration and exchange, ensuring everyone benefits from our richly varied campus community.

## Seeking exceptional students

Osgoode's admissions policy aims to identify outstanding students whose abilities encompass social engagement and non-academic achievements as well as LSAT results and academic performance. We're also committed to initiatives that reduce socio-economic barriers to enrolment, such as our Income Contingent Loan Program. These strategies help to ensure that each student cohort is made up of many voices and perspectives, along with varied dimensions of diversity – from culture, language and migration status to income, gender, sexuality and ability. In addition to enriching Osgoode, our policies are intended to benefit all of society by promoting the continued diversification of the legal profession.



## DIVERSITY COUNTS

Among first-year Osgoode students in 2020:

26%

were born  
outside  
Canada

34

different  
countries  
of origin

31

languages  
spoken

16%

self-identify  
as having  
a disability

23%

self-identify  
as being from  
a low-income  
household  
or community





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5%

have  
caregiving  
responsibilities





**LIKE YOU,  
WE BELIEVE THAT  
VALUES MATTER**

**At Osgoode**, we've always maintained that practical legal solutions must be grounded in ethical principles, and vice versa. From day one – in our unique first-year course, Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community – you're immersed in the underlying values that anchor professional responsibility. And throughout your time at Osgoode, we encourage you to reflect on those values, determining where theory and practice intersect to create outcomes with lasting impact – and deciding how you can make a meaningful contribution to the legal profession.



## **Learning through service**

Service to society is an integral part of your legal education at Osgoode. Through our partnership with Parkdale Community Legal Services, which dates back more than 40 years – as well as through CLASP, our on-site community legal aid clinic – we offer you direct experience in navigating legal questions related to poverty, immigration, employment, criminal law and other complex issues. Additional partnerships enable Osgoode students to conduct legal work related to environmental justice, investor protection and mediation.

## **Commitment to Indigenization**

In 2018, Osgoode introduced the Indigenous and Aboriginal Law graduation requirement. All students must now complete at least one course connected to Indigenous laws and Aboriginal law, as well as practice skills and/or professional considerations related to serving Indigenous clients. Although this graduation requirement is new, Osgoode has long been a dynamic centre of learning and research focused on Indigenous peoples and the law. For example, we launched our Intensive Program in Indigenous Lands, Resources and Governments in 1994.

## **Working in the public interest**

Osgoode was the first Canadian law school to introduce, in 2006, a public interest graduation requirement. As you fulfill this 40-hour volunteer commitment, you'll engage with community members in a variety of settings and help promote better access to justice. And along the way, you'll discover new areas of interest, sharpen your legal skills, meet mentors and build your network.









4.

## WE OFFER YOU HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

*Experiential learning  
is embedded in the  
Osgoode curriculum.*

And it's integral to our overall approach to preparing you for a law career. You can choose from a wide range of opportunities, including in-depth clinical programs, skills-based praxicum courses, and internships in Canada and abroad. All will strengthen your practical knowledge as you tackle real-world issues in the public, private and non-profit sectors.



## Welcome to the real world

Applying theoretical knowledge to real-world challenges deepens your understanding of how the law functions and enhances your readiness for practice. Before you graduate, you'll have many opportunities to serve clients directly, develop practical legal skills and build professional networks. You'll leave Osgoode having gained not only a prestigious degree, but the confidence that comes through hands-on learning.

## Combining theory, practice and reflection

Osgoode launched the first-ever Office of Experiential Education at a Canadian law school, and we offer the most diverse and innovative array of internships, skills-based courses and clinical programs in the country. Critically, these programs all include time for reflection, so you can think about your experiences and consider their broader implications. At the same time, Osgoode has a history of outstanding success in local, national and international mooting competitions – attesting to the effectiveness of our Mooting and Lawyering Skills Program in helping students develop and refine legal research, drafting and advocacy skills.









# Clinical Programs

Placements you may choose to pursue for academic credit:

<b>Advanced Business Law Workshop I: Corporate Finance</b>	Simulate structuring, negotiating and executing corporate finance transactions. Offered in partnership with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP.
<b>Advanced Business Law Workshop II: Mergers &amp; Acquisitions</b>	Examine hostile and negotiated takeover bids, defences, corporate reorganizations and other legal issues related to M&A transactions. Offered in partnership with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP.
<b>Anti-Discrimination Law Intensive</b>	Through a placement at the Human Rights Legal Support Centre, participate in public inquiries, conduct legal interviews and prepare legal documentation.
<b>Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP)</b>	Assist low-income individuals at our on-site legal clinic by conducting intake interviews, performing research and preparing for trial.
<b>Criminal Law Intensive</b>	Learn from experts and visit correctional facilities. Complete a placement with defence counsel, crown attorneys or judges at the Ontario Court of Justice.
<b>Disability Law Intensive Program</b>	Engage in client advocacy, as well as systemic law and policy reform, through a placement at ARCH Disability Law Centre.
<b>Environmental Justice and Sustainability Clinical Program</b>	Advance environmental justice and sustainability through pro bono legal work for a variety of clients.
<b>Feminist Advocacy: Ending Violence Against Women Clinical Program</b>	In partnership with the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, assist women-identified survivors of violence through intake, follow-up legal support and case work in family or immigration law.
<b>Immigration and Refugee Law Intensive Program</b>	Explore contemporary migration issues by interning with the Federal Court of Canada, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Immigration and Refugee Board or law firms.
<b>Intensive Program in Indigenous Lands, Resources and Governments</b>	Explore Indigenous issues through a full-term externship in Canada or abroad. Past placement locations have included Whitehorse, Botswana and Costa Rica.
<b>Innocence Project</b>	Perform investigative work and review trial records to assist with cases of suspected wrongful conviction.
<b>Intellectual Property (IP) Law and Technology Intensive Program</b>	Participate in a placement with an agency, firm, judge, interest group or other party involved with IP-related challenges.
<b>International and Transnational Law Intensive Program</b>	Explore international law issues in placements with the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, Canadian clinics, NGOs or law firms.
<b>Investor Protection Clinic</b>	Provide pro bono legal assistance – including complaint letters, facta and negotiation support – to investors who have suffered investment losses.
<b>Mediation Clinical Program</b>	Facilitate dispute resolution workshops, conduct community mediations, and perform community outreach.
<b>Osgoode Business Clinic</b>	At Stikeman Elliott LLP, draft contracts, employment agreements and incorporation documents for small businesses and start-ups that can't afford legal services.
<b>Poverty Law Intensive</b>	Spend a semester at Parkdale Community Legal Services conducting intake interviews and carrying cases. Promote community development, law reform and public legal education. Divisions: Housing Rights, Workers' Rights, Social Assistance, Violence and Health, Immigration



## Summer Internship Program

Between academic years, you can build your resume and expand your understanding of the law by pursuing one of Osgoode's paid internships.

- **The Barbara Betcherman Feminist Legal Internship**
- **Debwewin First Nation Jury Review Internships**
- **Ian Scott Public Interest Internships**
- **John Plater Health Law Internships and James Kreppner Health Law Internships**
- **Lisus Social Justice Internship**
- **Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Internship**
- **Victor Environmental Law Internships**
- **Forum Equity Partners ICLP Summer Internship**
- **Centre for Addiction and Mental Health**



5.

**YOU'RE  
SUPPORTED  
ALL THE WAY**

*You've chosen law school as your path to the future – and our job is to get you there.*

As an Osgoode student, you're joining a community of like-minded people who believe in encouraging and advancing one another's personal, academic and professional success. Whatever support you may need in pursuing your goals – from financial assistance and career guidance to wellness counselling or equitable accommodations – we're here to help at every step in the journey.









## Financial assistance

We recognize that gaining the value of an Osgoode degree requires a significant investment. In making your decision to join us, you've no doubt considered tuition costs. Rest assured that if you face challenges in making your legal aspirations a reality, we've designed a robust and innovative financial aid program to help bridge the gap. We offer bursaries, scholarships, awards and other forms of financial support that can effectively reduce your overall tuition.

## Career development

When we say that your Osgoode degree is the first step toward a rewarding career, we back that up with concrete support. The large team in our Career Development Office is entirely focused on ensuring graduates succeed in securing articling positions in their preferred areas, or in following whatever paths they've been preparing for. Employers, for their part, know they can rely on Osgoode to provide impressive, high-calibre candidates who are well prepared to be exceptional legal practitioners. This is evidenced by Osgoode's consistently high placement rate.

## Student wellness and success

Law school can be challenging, and we understand that everyone approaches it with their unique histories, perspectives and needs. We're committed to providing an equitable and accessible learning environment, and to ensuring that every student feels welcome and fully supported throughout their time at Osgoode.

To sustain your academic and personal success, we offer a wide range of wellness and other support programs. For example, if you have a disability – whether physical, sensory, medical, mental health or learning-related – you can expect to receive sensitive accommodations and access to relevant support services. If you require short-term professional counselling, you can make an appointment with one of our in-house registered therapists who exclusively support JD students. Whatever your needs or concerns, we're here to make your time at Osgoode a comfortable and fulfilling experience.

You'll find more details on all of these programs in the section headed **“You can count on our support”** (see page 38).







*I have had the honour of teaching securities law to Osgoode students, as well as hiring them at Goodmans LLP. I am always impressed by the curiosity, passion and intelligence that Osgoode students exhibit. ”*

**Dale Lastman** Class of 1982  
Chair, Goodmans LLP



**ALL THE  
BENEFITS  
ADD UP**



*Osgoode has many dimensions that set us apart from other law schools.*

And when you put them all together, they add up to an obvious choice. This is your opportunity to gain a great legal education, valuable personal growth and a solid foundation for building your future career in any number of rewarding fields.



# JOIN OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY

**More than 15,000  
Osgoode alumni are  
shaping the legal  
landscape.**

As they pursue careers in Canada and around the world, many remain deeply engaged with our school as mentors, instructors, donors and advisors. During your time as an Osgoode student and later as a graduate, you'll have opportunities to connect – both formally and informally – with an extraordinary alumni network that extends across private practice, policy development, business, academia, government, political life and social activism.



## **Marie Henein**

Class of 1989

**Criminal Lawyer, Henein Hutchison LLP**

“It was because of CLASP that I was able to first walk into a criminal courtroom and that moment inspired me to keep walking back in. Osgoode allowed me the breathing room that I needed to take my first steps as a lawyer and for that, I will be forever grateful.”



## **Nikhil Handa**

Class of 2009, JD/MBA

**CFO, Supreme Cannabis**

“Although I’ve never practised law, in fact I’ve never been called to the bar, my law degree helps me in my job every day.”

**Andromache Karakatsanis**

Class of 1980

Supreme Court of Canada

*“My time at Osgoode – and at Parkdale Community Legal Services – taught me that the law helps shape society and directly impacts people’s lives. And I learned skills that have helped me throughout a diverse career.”*



**Jonathan Davey**

Class of 2008

National Director, Aboriginal Financial Services,  
Scotiabank

“The education I received at Osgoode has been integral to my ability to work effectively with Indigenous communities in both the public and private sector. The exceptional faculty nurtured my interest in understanding Indigenous peoples and the law while providing unwavering guidance in the classroom and beyond.”



# WE HELP YOU LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

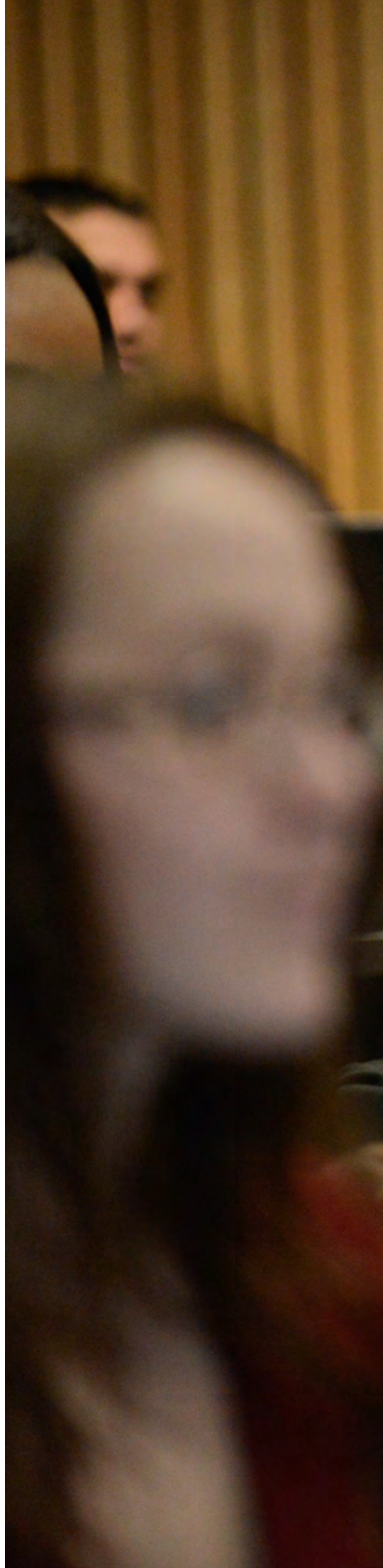
## The Career Development Office

Throughout your time at Osgoode, we'll be here to help you define your immediate and long-term goals, and then guide you along the best path to achieving them. The Career Development Office offers a full suite of services, including individual counselling and career coaching, résumé reviews, mock interviews, networking events, job postings, career workshops and guidance through formal recruitment processes.

You'll also have many opportunities to network with our accomplished alumni and a wide array of legal employers. You can connect via events and career panels, as well as through more formal channels such as our **Alumni Mentor Program**, which pairs you with upper-year students and graduates who can offer valuable advice on building your network and choosing the best career path.

Osgoode graduates succeed in securing a wide range of articling placements. In the class of 2020, approximately 94% obtained **articling** positions – the majority in private practice, the balance in government, public interest organizations and business/industry, as well as clerkships across all levels of court. The remaining graduates pursued further education or alternative opportunities (or, in some cases, moved to jurisdictions where articling is not required).

The Career Development Office has extensive resources for students who want to pursue careers in **public interest law**. In addition to providing individual counselling, we bring public interest employers to the Osgoode campus for information sessions on their fields. We also support summer employment opportunities with diverse organizations and innovative law projects.









# YOU CAN COUNT ON OUR SUPPORT

## Student wellness and success

At Osgoode, we're committed to advancing every student's academic progress and personal well-being. To help you do your best work in the classroom and beyond, we offer a wide range of programs and support initiatives. These are anchored by a strong institutional commitment championed by the Associate Dean (Students), who coordinates development sessions on key academic skills and also consults with students individually.

### Our ongoing efforts to ensure students' well-being include:

- Dedicated on-site professional counsellors – exclusive to Osgoode students
- Wellness programming
- Weekly yoga classes
- Mindfulness sessions
- Mental health awareness events

## Students with disabilities

Osgoode and the wider York University community provide services and accommodations to students who face challenges because of physical, medical, sensory, mental health or learning disabilities. The Dean's Scribes Program, for example, pairs anonymous note-takers with students who require assistance. Our overall goal is to help every student realize their academic aspirations in an equitable, accessible learning environment. All services and accommodations are determined on an individual and confidential basis.

To receive services and accommodations, please identify yourself as someone with a disability by registering with York University's Student Accessibility Services (SAS), as well as by contacting Osgoode's Programs and Records Office (PRO). The self-identification process includes providing appropriate documentation concerning your disability. We encourage you to take these steps as soon as you accept Osgoode's offer of admission.

Visit the SAS website at [accessibility.students.yorku.ca](https://accessibility.students.yorku.ca)  
Contact **Nancy Sperling** at the PRO at [nsperling@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:nsperling@osgoode.yorku.ca)



**Nenad Dumanovic,**  
Class of 2019  
and **Alysha Visram,**  
Class of 2019

## Extended Time Program

At Osgoode, we're sensitive to the challenges faced by students whose life circumstances prevent them from studying full-time – because of pregnancy and childbirth, for example, or family caregiving duties, illness or disability, or extreme financial hardship. Students in for the Extended Time Program can reduce their course load by approximately half.

To seek admission to this program, you should submit a statement via email to the Osgoode Admissions Office as soon as possible explaining why you're unable to carry a full course load. Extended Time Program provisions for first-year students are decided during the summer. Students in upper years may apply to enter the program at any point in their law studies by contacting the Programs and Records Office.

More information is available here:

[osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/access-and-support](https://osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/access-and-support)



## Resources for Indigenous Students

Osgoode and York University work together to provide a welcoming environment for Indigenous students, offering culturally safe support services and programming.

- The Program Manager and Special Advisor, Indigenous & Reconciliation Initiatives provides mentorship, support and advice to Indigenous JD students and promotes Indigenization across Osgoode.
- The Osgoode Indigenous Students' Association (OISA) and York's Centre for Aboriginal Student Services support and connect Indigenous students in a variety of ways.
- Each year at Convocation, we host an honouring ceremony to recognize Indigenous students.
- Our annual Anishinaabe Law Camp offers Indigenous and non-Indigenous law students an introduction to Anishinaabe legal concepts, principles, pedagogies and modes of reasoning.
- Skennen'kó:wa Gamig is a safe cultural space on campus for formal and informal use by Indigenous students, staff and faculty.
- Our on-campus traditional counsellors share Indigenous knowledge, teachings and wisdom through sharing circles and one-on-one counselling.
- OISA hosts an annual career panel that connects Indigenous JD students with diverse employers.

## York University Programs

In addition to success and wellness programs aimed specifically at Osgoode students, you have access to all of the services provided by York University, including:

- **Student Counselling and Development:** individual and group counselling, as well as workshops on personal and academic matters.  
(416) 736-5297 [counselling.students.yorku.ca](http://counselling.students.yorku.ca)
- **Learning skills:** consultation, coaching and workshops to help students improve their reading, listening, note-taking, memory, time management, exam preparation, essay writing and stress management skills.  
(416) 736-5144 [lss.info.yorku.ca](http://lss.info.yorku.ca)
- **Student Accessibility Services (SAS):** a range of specialized services for students with disabilities, including orientation to campus facilities and services, provision of academic accommodations, referral for psycho-educational assessment, individual counselling, educational workshops, mentorship, support for self-advocacy and more.  
(416) 736-5755 [accessibility.students.yorku.ca](http://accessibility.students.yorku.ca)





Left: **Hannah Askew,**  
Class of 2013





# YOU HAVE ACCESS TO GREAT RESOURCES

## Osgoode Hall Law Library

Canada's largest law library is a renowned resource centre offering a quiet, pleasant environment for research and reflection.

- **Outstanding print and digital resources:** Our collection contains more than 800,000 volumes, including the largest collection of historical Canadian legal texts and primary sources in the world. The library also holds many country- and topic-specific resources, enabling research focused on the laws of Australia, India and the Caribbean, as well as international commercial arbitration and United Nations treaties and documents. Our large and growing range of online and digital resources includes HeinOnline, LexisNexis, Quicklaw and WestlawNext Canada.
- **Professional staff to support and guide you:** Osgoode's librarians, qualified in the law as well as librarianship, are available to assist students, faculty members, alumni and members of the profession with reference and research inquiries, as well as training in the use of digital resources.

## Technological support

Osgoode is at the leading edge in developing and deploying specialized technologies to support all aspects of legal teaching, learning and research. Our systems and programs include:

- State-of-the-art electronic classrooms with video and audio conferencing.
- The e-Exam Program, which gives you the flexibility to write exams on your personal laptop, on a computer belonging to the school, or on paper – as you wish.
- Support from faculty, librarians and the IT team in accessing digital resources.
- Laptops available to borrow (from the Law Library circulation desk).
- Strong wireless connectivity throughout our campus.
- The MyOsgoode portal, which provides online access to course selection tools, learning materials for purchase and a range of administrative functions.

## Digital resources at Osgoode

Once you've accepted your offer, create your **Passport York (PPY)** account at [student.computing.yorku.ca/passwords-passport-york-access](https://student.computing.yorku.ca/passwords-passport-york-access). The system will generate a personalized Osgoode email for you.

Use your PPY login to access **MyOsgoode**, the portal for all of our electronic information and services. For more information: [osgoode.yorku.ca/information-technology-services/services-students/accounts-students](https://osgoode.yorku.ca/information-technology-services/services-students/accounts-students).



# YOU CAN LIVE RIGHT ON CAMPUS

## Osgoode Chambers

Our residence complex, Osgoode Chambers, has convenient, affordable suites offered specifically to Osgoode students. Located right across the street from the Law School, the residence features furnished bachelor and one-bedroom townhouse suites overlooking a shared courtyard. Every suite is self-contained and has a full kitchen.

In a close-knit neighbourhood of fellow law and graduate students, you'll have the opportunity to establish friendships and make networking connections – including with upper-year mentors who can offer guidance as you navigate your first year of law school.

**We encourage you to apply early.\*** Suites are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; submitting your application by June 1st significantly increases your chances of securing a unit. Once you move in, your apartment is guaranteed throughout your time at Osgoode unless you choose to make other arrangements.

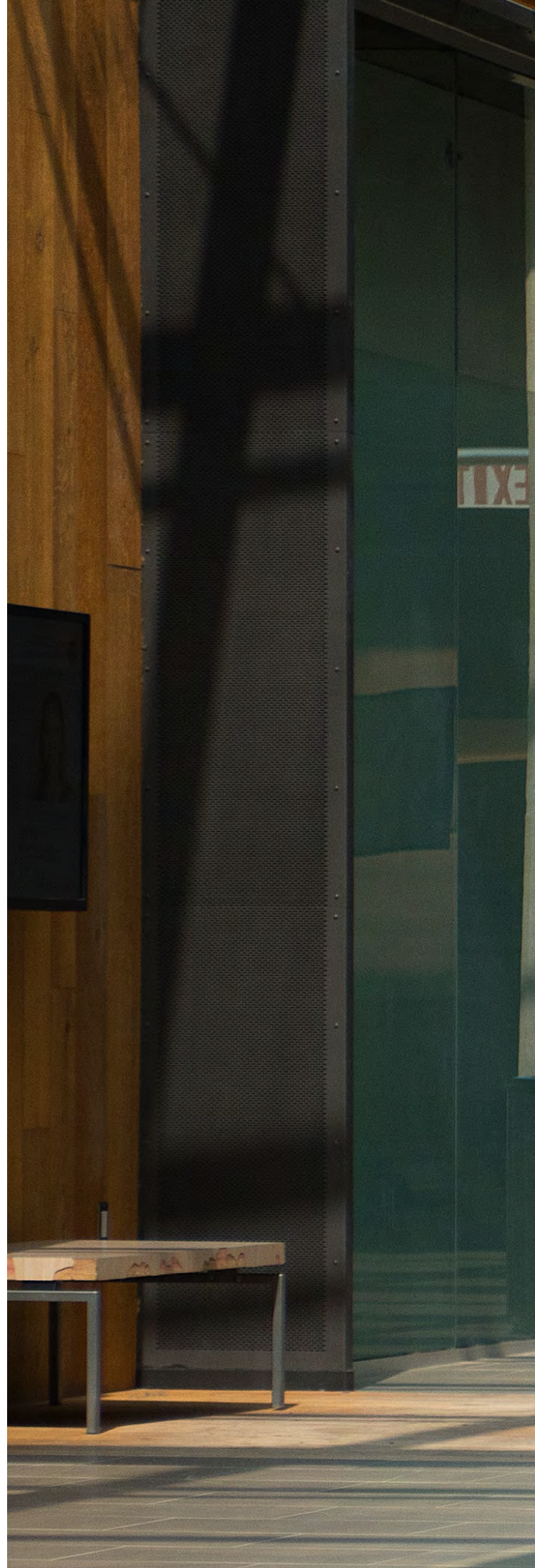
For more information:

[osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/jd-admissions/osgoode-chambers](https://osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/jd-admissions/osgoode-chambers)

To apply for on-campus housing:\*

[studenthousing.info.yorku.ca/yorkkpts/application](https://studenthousing.info.yorku.ca/yorkkpts/application)

\*You need to have firmly accepted your offer of admission to the Law School before applying for on-campus housing.









# THERE'S MORE TO OSGOODE THAN LAW

## A close-knit community

Osgoode is known for having an exceptionally collegial student community. We divide every incoming class into four smaller sections, and within your section you'll learn, socialize and likely form lifelong friendships. What's more, our school attracts people whose commitment to academic excellence is grounded in a desire to make positive contributions to society. This shared commitment to engage and collaborate comes through in all aspects of campus life – and sets Osgoode apart.

## A multifaceted neighbourhood

Now connected to downtown Toronto by subway, the Osgoode campus offers distinctive modern facilities for education and research, as well as welcoming places to interact and unwind. Our dynamic campus-within-a-campus includes classrooms and meeting spaces, Canada's largest law library (see page 42), a student lounge, a bistro, a reflection room and a family room for students with young children – all housed within the bright, welcoming Ignat Kaneff Building.

## A campus filled with possibilities

There are plenty of ways to get involved with Osgoode outside the classroom. In addition to choosing among more than 40 student clubs and organizations, you can contribute to our student-run newspaper, serve on the Student Caucus of Faculty Council or perform in our annual theatrical revue, Mock Trial. As an Osgoode graduate, you not only gain a prestigious degree and vital professional skills – you retain a network of supportive friends for the future.

## A global city on your doorstep

During your time at Osgoode, you'll be well situated to explore Canada's largest city, a bustling metropolitan hub and one of the world's most multicultural communities. Ranked among best places to live globally, Toronto is also Canada's largest legal market, affording opportunities to connect with leading experts, dynamic law firms and specialized knowledge and career networks.

## Want to know more?

We'd be glad to connect you with a Student Ambassador who can answer your questions about the Osgoode experience and our vibrant campus community. Email [recruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:recruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca).



Left to right:  
**Emily Papsin,**  
Class of 2021,  
**Rahina Zarma,**  
Osgoode PhD candidate



# FINANCING YOUR OSGOODE EDUCATION

## Financial aid

At Osgoode, we're committed to ensuring talented, dedicated people aren't deterred from pursuing a legal education by financial constraints. Providing more than \$5 million annually in student support, our financial aid program includes:

- **Financial need-based bursaries**
- **Entrance and upper-year scholarships**
- **Course and essay prizes**
- **Discretionary awards for outstanding achievement beyond the classroom**
- **Summer internship awards**
- **Emergency funding for students facing unexpected financial circumstances**


## Other opportunities for support

In addition to our traditional financial aid programs, we've developed several progressive approaches for improving access to legal education at Osgoode – and reducing debt upon graduation.

- **Canada's first Income Contingent Loan Program (ICLP):** Each year, selected Osgoode students are able to enter the JD program fully funded by a bursary combined with a loan provided through the ICLP. Qualifying students are required to repay the loan portion of their funding within 10 years of graduating – provided their income at that point is sufficient. To be eligible to participate this year, you must have applied to the ICLP simultaneously with your law school application. Decisions will be communicated to incoming first-year students by the end of March 2021.
- **The Wendy Babcock Social Justice Award Program:** This back-end debt relief program offers significant funding to graduating students who have high educational debt and are pursuing careers in social justice.
- **Access to additional funding:** The Financial Services Office maintains a database of externally funded awards and can assist you in exploring other potential sources of support, including government aid and lines of credit.







More information about tuition and financial support, including budgeting resources and other guidance, is available online:

[osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/financial-services](https://osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/financial-services)

You can also contact us directly with any questions about Osgoode financial aid:

[financialservices@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:financialservices@osgoode.yorku.ca)

**99%** of students who submitted a complete bursary application received funding in 2019/20.

**\$1,500-\$11,500**

is the range for most bursaries; additional funding is available for those with the highest need.





## Fees

Tuition plus fees for 2020–2021 totalled \$25,799.86 for domestic students attending Osgoode and \$37,558.22 for international students. Fees for 2021–2022 will be confirmed in the spring of 2021. Tuition is paid in two installments each year – once per term.

### Tuition in joint degree programs:

- Students in the **JD/MBA** program pay a total of five semesters of Osgoode tuition and three semesters of Schulich tuition.
- Students in the **JD/MES or JD/MA Philosophy** programs pay tuition to Osgoode during the six semesters they study at the Law School, and pay tuition to the other faculty when they complete the relevant coursework.

For current tuition at the other faculties, please visit their websites. (Note that when paying tuition to another faculty, you are not eligible for Osgoode scholarships, awards and bursaries; however, you are eligible for any funding supports offered by the other faculty.)

## Planning and preparing

We recommend that you spend some time over the coming months planning your financial strategy for attending Osgoode. If you intend to apply for a bursary, you'll need to apply for both government funding and a student line of credit.



## Consulting a financial institution

Many banks offer professional student lines of credit designed specifically for law students. Once you've identified the financial institution that best meets your needs, we'll be glad to connect you with individuals at nearby branches who are familiar with the needs of Osgoode students. For a list of our bank contacts, please email: [financialservices@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:financialservices@osgoode.yorku.ca).

Many banks will require a confirmation of enrolment letter from Osgoode before fully approving your line of credit. We can only provide this letter once we've registered you in your first-year section in July. To obtain a confirmation letter at that time, please e-mail: [admissions@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:admissions@osgoode.yorku.ca).

## Seeking government support

Students who are residents of Ontario can apply for OSAP at: [osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal](https://osap.gov.on.ca/OSAPPortal). Note that if you apply for OSAP before June 30th, the first half of your tuition will be automatically deferred until October 10 or when you receive your first OSAP installment, whichever comes first.

Information for residents of other provinces and territories can be found at: [esdc.gc.ca/en/student\\_loans/provincial.page](https://esdc.gc.ca/en/student_loans/provincial.page)



**WHAT  
YOU  
NEED  
TO DO**

**NOW**



# FIRST: ACCEPT YOUR OFFER ONLINE

1.

Log in to your completed OLSAS application, using the same username and password you created to apply.

2.

From the “**Applications Links**” menu, select “**Choices/Offers.**” Your offer of admission will be displayed next to your program choice.

3.

Your acceptance of our offer can be either “**firm**” or “**provisional.**”

- If you choose a firm acceptance, your other OLSAS applications will be marked as declined and you’ll no longer be considered for them. Note that this includes Osgoode’s joint degree programs (JD/MBA, JD/MES or JD/MA Philosophy) – so if you’re currently awaiting a reply from one of these programs, you should accept our offer provisionally to ensure your application remains active.
- If you’ve applied solely to the JD program, we hope you will submit a firm acceptance of our offer and join us at Osgoode.

4.

After choosing “**firm**” or “**provisional,**” click “**Review/Submit.**” Follow the remaining steps OLSAS prompts you to complete, and make note of the confirmation number you receive.



### **Important information for applicants to joint degree programs:**

Once you've received an offer of admission to the complementary faculty or program, please advise the Osgoode Admissions Office at [admissions@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:admissions@osgoode.yorku.ca) or by calling 416-736-5712. This will enable us to issue you an offer of admission to the joint degree program.

# **SECOND: PAY YOUR DEPOSIT**

To secure your place in the first year class, you must pay your registration deposit. Refer to your offer email for payment instructions and the deposit deadline.



# HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

## JUNE

### June 1

If you have firmly accepted your offer by June 1, this is your deposit deadline.

### June 30

Deadline for submission to OLSAS of any **outstanding final documentation** (e.g. final transcripts) needed to complete your admission file.

Ontario students wishing to apply for **OSAP** should do so before June 30.

If you do, you'll receive an automatic deferral of the first half of your tuition until you receive your OSAP or October 10, whichever comes first. This deferral is not available for out-of-province students.



# JULY

## July 1

If your provisional acceptance became firm on July 1, this is your deposit deadline.

## Mid-July

Expect to receive a digital **Registration Package** with materials from the Programs & Records Office and the Associate Dean (Students). First-year students are randomly placed in one of four first-year sections, and automatically enrolled in all first-year courses (except the Perspective Option course, which you'll select in November 2021). All this information will be included in your registration package.

# AUGUST

## Week of August 26

Your first year of law school begins with an action-packed **orientation week** starting on August 26. **Registration** happens during the same week. You'll receive further details in July.

## August 30

Classes begin. You pay your Osgoode tuition in two halves. The first half is due on the first day of classes (unless you applied to OSAP; see above). The second half is due on January 10. Payment is made through your bank, with York University as payee and your student number as your account number.



# MAKE HISTORY WITH US

Since our founding in 1889, Osgoode Hall Law School has built a proud history of preparing talented people to make their mark. Generations of illustrious graduates – including Supreme Court justices, influential scholars, prominent activists, and government and business leaders – have begun their journeys here.

Many Osgoode alumni have broken historical barriers, becoming the first members of their communities to serve as judges or legislators. In choosing to study here, you become part of a prestigious community and will help sustain the proud legacy summed up in our motto:

*Through law to justice.*

**We look forward to having you join us.**

**Salimot Solebo,**  
JD/MBA, Class of 2021

Front cover:  
**Nora Parker,**  
Class of 2020



