USASK LAW

Juris Doctor Degree

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
College of Law
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BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Pursue your legal education in a welcoming, student-focused college.

Why USask Law

We are dedicated to the ethos of lawyer as public servant: contributing to clients and community, upholding the rule of law, and preserving the integrity of the profession.

- USask Law offers Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Laws (LLM) degrees.
- Our faculty are leaders in Indigenous law, criminal law, transnational commercial law, constitutional law, and environment and sustainable resources law.
- We offer strong clinical programming and a highly regarded mooting program.

Your USask experience

USask Law offers an exceptional range of programs and courses that build your skills and provide opportunities for you to put your learning into practice.

Experiential learning

USask Law offers for-credit, supervised experiential learning opportunities within our program, including a variety of practicum placements focusing on child protection law, criminal law, start-up law and beyond. These provide a bridge between classroom learning and hands-on experiences to help you begin to build your professional identity.

Saskatchewan Law Review

The Saskatchewan Law Review is a journal published at the College of Law and provides a range of opportunities for legal scholars and experts interested in publishing their work. As a student, you can submit work for review or serve on the editorial board.

Dean's Forum on Access to Justice and Dispute Resolution

The Dean's Forum on Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice is an important initiative that engages justice community stakeholders in Saskatchewan in a dialogue about access to justice and the future of the legal system. This course offers law students a unique opportunity to meaningfully and actively contribute to this consultation and policy development exercise.

Leaders in Indigenous law

USask Law is home to the Indigenous Law Centre, founded 50 years ago. Its mission includes facilitating access to legal education for Indigenous people and promoting the development of the law and legal system in Canada in ways that better accommodate the advancement of Indigenous people. It is home to our college's cultural advisors and hosts events so students may meet practising Indigenous lawyers.

USask Law students attend the college's 2025 Career Forum, which includes a recruitment fair, networking receptions and information sessions focused on career development.

Career development

The career office provides a variety of services and hosts a multitude of events to ensure you find the career that is right for you. These include on-campus interviews (OCIs) with out-of-province law firms (specifically for recruiting first-year and second-year summer positions) and professional development seminars to enhance your professional skills and assist you in your career planning.

The college also hosts an annual career fair, which draws dozens of firms and organizations seeking USask Law students.

A student attending the 2025 Career Forum.

Mooting

Mooting is an important part of USask Law's academic and professional program. As a component of the first-year Legal Research and Writing course, all first-year students will experience and participate in a moot. Mooting offers a forum for the development and presentation of legal arguments in the context of an appeal case, as well as a vehicle for the exercise of legal research and writing skills.

Second- and third-year students apply each academic year for spots on the USask Law teams that participate in regional and national moot competitions, testing their skills against teams from across the country.

We are proud of our record of success in these competitions, with our students bringing home team and individual honours.

Our teams finished first and second in the Canadian National Negotiation Competition in 2025, with our first-place team travelling to London, England to compete in the International Negotiation Competition.

Our students also took home first- and second-place honours at the 2025 National Family Law Negotiation Competition.

Mark Wonko and Michael Letts with teammates at the International Negotiation Competition.

Mackenzie Singer and Anjani Sharma, first-place winners at the National Family Law Negotiation Competition.

Incoming USask Law students reciting the student commitment at the First-Year Welcoming Ceremony.

Supportive judicial and legal community

USask Law enjoys a collaborative relationship with our province's judiciary and the Saskatchewan bar. Current and former justices from the Court of King's Bench and judges from the provincial court annually participate in week-long judge-in-residence programs at the college. They also play an integral role in welcoming students to their legal studies at the college's First-Year Welcoming Ceremony. Alumni maintain close ties to the college by sharing their expertise as sessional lecturers and serving as moot team coaches.

Law Students' Association president Sam Riendeau and Chief Provincial Court Judge Shannon Metivier at the First-Year Welcoming Ceremony.

Exchange programs

Study at some of the top law schools in the world in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Norway, Sweden, or the United Kingdom. In recent years, our students have also gone to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Hungary. Studying law abroad allows you to learn about other legal systems and to gain international experience as well as broaden your personal and professional perspectives.

Certification in Common Law in French

This program, known as the CCLF, offers students with French language skills the unique opportunity to obtain a University of Ottawa Common Law Certification in French upon completion of their three-year JD program. This allows them to develop French writing and advocacy skills, as well as an in-depth understanding of important language rights issues in Canada. CCLF students go on exchange to Ottawa and participate in the Michel-Bastarache Moot Court Competition, and they complete a credited internship with lawyers who work in French.

At the college, celebrating graduation with loved ones.

Admissions

Admission requirements

- Two full years (60 credit units) of academic work at a recognized university or equivalent (There are no recommended pre-law programs or classes; we accept students from all accredited university undergraduate programs.)
- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score
- Personal statement (max. 500 words)
- Proof of proficiency in English, if English is not your first language

Admission decisions

Admission to the College of Law is at the discretion of our Admissions Committee and is determined based on merit, considering your academic record, your LSAT score, and any other circumstances the committee deems relevant. Additionally, the Admissions Committee gives a slight preference to applicants with a Saskatchewan connection or residents of the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador (provinces or territories with no law college).

Application procedures

Applications are accepted between October 15 and February 1 for admission in the upcoming year. However, applicants are encouraged to submit and complete their applications as early as possible after the application period opens in October, as offers are made on a rolling basis starting in December.

Please note that applications cannot be evaluated until all documentation, a Law School Admission Council (LSAC) account number (which is used to retrieve your LSAT score), and all transcripts have been received.

Each applicant will be advised by email whether their application is accepted, denied, or waitlisted. If an application for admission is incomplete, it will not be considered.

Second degree programs

The University of Saskatchewan offers several options for a combined JD degree. In all cases, the JD program is taken as the second part of the combined degree. Students choosing to pursue a combined JD degree are not guaranteed a place in the College of Law and, when they become eligible to enter the college they compete for placement with all other applicants. Combined degree options are: Bachelor of Commerce/Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Business Administration/Juris Doctor, Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts/Juris Doctor or Bachelor of Science/Juris Doctor.

126 STUDENTS ACCEPTED

159 COMPETITIVE LSAT SCORE

84% COMPETITIVE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION AVERAGE

Applying to Law

Tuition

Tuition will vary based on the number of classes you take in a year. Below is an **estimate** for your first year of studies if you enroll in a full course load.

Canadian Students 🇨🇦	
Tuition	$18,309
Student fees	$1,308
Books	$2,500
Total	$22,117

The totals above are rates for the 2025-2026 academic year, in Canadian dollars. Student fees are used to fund benefits including health, vision, and dental coverage, a bus pass, recreational programs and fitness centre access.

Funding your degree

Entrance scholarships

All first-year applicants are automatically considered for most entrance scholarships upon acceptance. It is not necessary to submit applications for entrance awards. A preliminary screening of pre-law records of all students registered in first year results in several students being invited to provide additional information. Winners of the awards are informed in September.

Student awards

The College of Law offers various student awards including numerous entrance scholarships, upper-year scholarships, course prizes, and graduate student scholarships.

Bursaries

JD students are invited to apply several times during each academic year for bursaries (which are based on financial need) and additional scholarships (which are based on the merit of the application). There are many diverse funding opportunities for entering and continuing students in the College of Law.

Emergency funding

The University of Saskatchewan has an Emergency Loans Office. The College of Law also operates an emergency funding program for its students. Students in need are asked to contact the college's Associate Dean Academic for further information.

About Saskatoon

The University of Saskatchewan is in Saskatoon, a vibrant city of nearly 310,000. Known for its natural beauty, it's a place of opportunity, diversity and innovation.

You'll find USask near the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. The campus is well known for its beautiful architecture and spacious grounds. The Law Building, expanded in 2008, was the first USask project to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards to decrease energy use.

Saskatoon is located in the traditional territory of Treaty Six First Nations and the homeland of the Métis. The land is acknowledged as our Mother, the Earth. The University of Saskatchewan is committed to honour and support the Indigenous peoples, Indigenous cultures, Indigenous values, and Indigenous languages that belong to this land.

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