



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

College of Law

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Experiential Education Program

Participating in experiential education provides law students a unique and invaluable opportunity to bridge the gap between theory and practice. This learning format allows students to explore different legal areas, helping them to identify their interests and strengths, and inform their future career path.

If you are eager to enhance your legal education with hands-on experience, then an EL-based course is the perfect choice for you.

The following courses are only available for 2L and 3L students. *Applications are not required for the course based EL offerings.* For more information on placements or EL-based courses, please contact law.EL@usask.ca or peruse <https://law.usask.ca/students/jd-students/experiential-learning.php>

Here are the 2025-2026 placements available for law students, offering a range of hands-on experiences and seminars designed to enhance your practical skills and professional development:

APPLICATION-BASED EXTERNSHIPS	
LAW 434.12: Rural and Regional Legal Externship + 3 CU Seminar	The Rural and Regional Legal Externship pilot program leverages an experiential education model where law students learn through direct experience, hands-on mentorship, and critical reflection. Centered around an experience in a rural or regional legal setting at Legal Aid or Public Prosecutions for a full term, they will engage with client files across a spectrum of legal areas. Legal Aid experiences offer the potential to learn in the areas of both family law and criminal law. Students will be supervised throughout their placements by a practicing lawyer, ensuring guidance and support as they navigate the experience. Immersive insight into the legal system in rural and regional areas prepares students to better understand how to contribute to and advocate for communities. As part of their externship and the associated seminar, students will gain essential tools to critically reflect upon their legal practice and explore their identities as future lawyers. Students are expected to engage in their placement from Monday to Thursday each week, with Monday afternoons dedicated to participating in the online seminar.
LAW 484.12: Criminal Law Practicum + 3 CU Seminar	A 9-week placement at a criminal lawyer's office (12 CU), engaging deeply with all aspects of criminal law practice, supplemented by guest lectures and seminars to debrief. Students gain courtroom experience with judges, complete one major paper, one minor paper, and maintain weekly reflective journals. The practicum is supplemented with a series of lectures during the first two weeks of term and then with a weekly seminar on Fridays (3 CU) provided by sessional instructors Brian Pfefferle, K.C. and Jay Watson, Cuelenaere LLP Partner.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS	
LAW 498.3: Indigenous Child Protection Practicum	A semester-long 3 CU practicum taught by Professor Jamesy Patrick where students collaborate directly with FSIN and Indigenous communities, supporting the development and research of legal frameworks, and national standards that impact Indigenous children and caregivers in Saskatchewan. Students engage in various legal and social policy activities, including legislation development, tribunal training, and case-specific research, utilizing a two-eyed seeing research model.
LAW 498.3: CREATE Justice Internship	A semester-long 3 CU (6 hours weekly) internship with CREATE Justice, under the supervision of the Director, engaging in systemic justice reform projects. Activities include performing detailed legal research, drafting documents for internal use and publication on CREATE's website, and developing communication skills through regular verbal reports and meetings with the Director, stakeholders, and potentially Saskatchewan Access to Justice meetings.
LAW 323.3: Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan Internship	A semester-long 3 CU (6 hours weekly) internship where students work on active law reform projects under the supervision of the Director at the Commission. They engage in a variety of tasks including intensive legal research, analysis, and the drafting of documents and website content. Students attend scheduled meetings with the Director, provide regular verbal reports, written assignments with set deadlines, and participation in Commission meetings.
LAW 498.3: Opus Startup Incubator Practicum & Seminar	A semester-long 3 CU placement (6 hours weekly) exploring legal aspects of business venture incubation and innovation at USask's Opus startup incubator located at Collider. Under supervision of a practicing lawyer and startup coach (Joe Gill, McKercher LLP Partner), students engage in fostering innovation, enterprise creation, and forming collaborations to drive societal advancements in a technology-driven world. Students produce one research deliverable at the end of the term, provide weekly reflections, one reflective practice assignment, and attend periodic seminars by a faculty member.
LAW 498.3: USask Privacy and Access Practicum	A semester-long 3 CU placement (6 hours weekly) under the supervision of Rayelle Johnston, USask Legal Counsel and Privacy Officer. Students engage with the laws governing the collection, use, and disclosure of information. They participate in a variety of committee meetings and interdepartmental collaborations, applying critical analysis to understand governance structures and due diligence processes in contexts involving privacy, access to information, procurement, trade agreements, cyber security, and IT issues. Students will produce one research deliverable, provide weekly reflections, one reflective practice assignment, and attend periodic seminars held by a faculty member.

LAW 498.3: USask Governance Office Practicum	A semester-long 3 CU placement (6 hours weekly) in administrative and business law, focusing on governance of administrative bodies and policy interpretation. Based in the USask Governance Office, under the placement supervision, students experience policy development and support activities of the university's governing bodies. They will produce one research deliverable, provide weekly reflections, one reflective practice assignment, and attend periodic seminars with a faculty member. When possible, they will attend meetings with GO staff, USask Legal Counsel, the Board of Governors, Senate, General Academic Assembly, and/or University Council.
LAW 498.3: Cameco Practicum	This practicum placement is for a student who will engage with Cameco's in-house counsel on matters in the fields of construction law and procurement. Guided by legal professionals who draft, negotiate, and advise on contracts in those fields, the student will examine the bid process through to award, the allocation of risk in construction/procurement contracts, and the structuring of performance security, all within an industrial projects setting. Students produce a project deliverable by term end, submit weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and participate in periodic faculty-led seminars.
LAW 498.3: Canpotex Practicum	This practicum places upper-year students at Canpotex, the Saskatoon-based exporter that markets and ships Saskatchewan potash to global markets. Working with Canpotex in-house counsel, students apply corporate, commercial, and international-trade law principles to live matters involving contract negotiation, regulatory compliance, and risk management. Learners may conduct targeted legal research, review and draft commercial agreements, prepare briefing notes and reports, and observe strategy and negotiation meetings. Students produce a project deliverable by term end, submit weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and participate in periodic faculty-led seminars.
LAW 498.3: College of Physicians and Surgeons Practicum	This practicum places upper-year students at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS), the provincial regulator responsible for licensing, professional conduct, and policy oversight in the medical profession. Working under CPSS legal counsel, students apply administrative and health-law principles to live files involving professional discipline, legislative compliance, and policy drafting. Learners conduct targeted legal research, analyze investigative materials, draft memoranda or policy briefs, and observe committee and hearing processes. Students produce a project deliverable by term end, submit weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and participate in periodic faculty-led seminars.
LAW 498.3: Federated Co-operatives Practicum	This practicum places a student within Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) to experience the varied work of in-house counsel in a large co-operative enterprise. Under the supervision of FCL lawyers, the student will engage with corporate, commercial, environmental, employment, and co-operative governance matters in a dynamic business setting. The student may be assigned various tasks and small projects related to different legal practice areas and non-legal functions of the organization in order to gain exposure to the variety, depth and complexity of in-house counsel practice. This could

	include contract management, dispute resolution, litigation management, policy development, risk management, IT compliance, mergers and acquisitions, employment law, IP law, labour law, and external counsel management. Students produce a project deliverable by term end, submit weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and participate in periodic faculty-led seminars.
LAW 498.3: Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Practicum	This practicum places upper-year students at the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC), the provincial agency responsible for enforcing the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code and advancing equality policy. Working under Commission counsel, students apply administrative- and human-rights law principles to matters involving discrimination complaints, policy development, and public education initiatives. Learners may conduct targeted legal research, draft pleadings and memoranda, prepare policy briefs, and observe mediation, settlement conferences, and tribunal hearings. Students produce a project deliverable by term end, submit weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and participate in periodic faculty-led seminars.
LAW 498.3: Saskatchewan Medical Association Practicum	This practicum places students within the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) to gain first-hand experience with the legal and advocacy work of a provincial physicians' association. Under the supervision of Reché McKeague, K.C., students will examine health-law frameworks, regulatory compliance issues, contract negotiations, and policy strategies that support SMA members. Typical tasks may include researching health-care legislation, drafting contract or advocacy briefs, assisting with regulatory files, and observing meetings where legal counsel advises on policy and member representation. Students will produce a project deliverable by the end of the term, provide weekly reflections, complete one reflective-practice assignment, and attend periodic seminars led by a faculty member.
LAW 498.3: University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association Practicum	This practicum places students inside the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) to experience labour-relations advocacy in a unionized setting. Working under the guidance of USFA's Professional Officer, students will apply doctrinal learning to live matters involving collective bargaining, grievance management, and member representation. Typical tasks may include researching labour statutes and arbitral jurisprudence, preparing briefing notes, assisting with grievance files, and observing negotiation or mediation sessions. Students produce a project deliverable by the end of the term, provide weekly reflections, one reflective practice assignment, and attend periodic seminars held by a faculty member.
LAW 498.3: University of Saskatchewan Legal Office Practicum	This practicum, a student will work with the University of Saskatchewan's Legal Office on a forward-looking legal research and drafting project connected to future service-delivery options on campus. Under the supervision of David Stack, General Counsel, you will evaluate governance frameworks, study statutory requirements for incorporating a Saskatchewan non-profit corporation, analyze membership considerations, and recommend suitable board structures. Typical tasks may include preparing briefing notes, drafting sample articles of incorporation and bylaws, and presenting findings to Legal Office leadership. Students complete a project deliverable, submit weekly

	reflections, produce one reflective-practice assignment, and attend periodic faculty-led seminars.
COURSE-BASED EL	
LAW 452.3: Trial Advocacy	A 3 CU course providing students with the skills to understand and conduct a criminal jury trial. They learn how to deliver opening and closing statements, conduct examinations-in-chief and cross-examinations, utilize exhibits, make and respond to objections, and address evidentiary issues that may arise during a trial.
LAW 440.3: Innovation in Justice: The Dean's Forum	The Dean's Forum on Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice is an initiative that engages justice community stakeholders in a dialogue about access to justice and the future of the justice system. The associated Dean's Forum course, unique to the College, offers students a rare EL occasion to explore justice policy alongside leading members of the profession.
MOOT PROGRAM	
Available Moots	Bowman National Tax Moot, Gale Moot, Laskin Moot, Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Rights Moot, Dispute Resolution Moot, Western Canada Moot, Jessup Moot, Securities Moot, Environmental Law, and the Dispute Resolution moots: Canadian National Negotiation Competition and the National Family Law Negotiation Competition.