



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 2024-2025 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	
RURAL AND REGIONAL LEGAL EXTERNSHIP	
LAW 434.12: Rural and Regional Legal Externship + 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 Friday mornings dedicated to participating in the online seminar.
PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS	
LAW 492.12: Clinical Law Practicum + Seminar	A 13-week placement at CLASSIC engaging in hands-on legal work, managing client files, preparing legal documents, and taking on the role of legal advocates under the supervision of the clinic's supervising lawyers. Students are expected to be at CLASSIC from Monday to Thursday each week (12 CU) and attend a seminar delivered by Professor Sarah Buhler on Friday mornings (3 CU).

LAW 484.12: Criminal Law Practicum + 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 Pfefferte, K.C. and Jay Watson, Cuelenaere LLP Partner.
LAW 498.3: Indigenous Child Protection Practicum & Seminar	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.
French Common Law Internships (CCLF only)	Offered in partnership with the Law Faculty of the University of Ottawa, it includes an Introduction to French Common Law course, an Internship, a French Common Law course, a Language Rights course, the Bastarache Moot course, an Independent Interdisciplinary Research course, and completion of 12 CUs at a French language common law institution. Past internship placements include, but were limited to: SPM Law, SKCA, SKKB, and Ingenio – Calgary law and tech company.
LAW 498.3: Opus Startup Incubator	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 with Professor Heather Heavin.
LAW 498.3: USask Privacy and Access	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 with Professor Heather Heavin.
LAW 498.3: USask Governance Office	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 Professor Heather Heavin. 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 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.
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.
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, and the Dispute Resolution moots: Canadian National Negotiation Competition and the National Family Law Negotiation Competition.

APPLICATIONS NOT REQUIRED	
COURSE BASED EL	
Dispute Resolution Curriculum	Through the Dispute Resolution curriculum and EL opportunities, students develop thoughtful, professional, and skillful approaches to managing and resolving client problems and legal disputes. Components include the 1L Dispute Resolution Intensive, Advanced Negotiation, Conflict Resolution Theory, Mediation, Advanced Dispute Resolution in Family Law, the Medicine-Law Interprofessional Experience, and the Dispute Resolution Moots.
LAW 342.3: Appellate Advocacy	A 3 CU seminar that combines legal principles unique to appellate litigation practice with practical written exercises and a mock appeal in the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals. The objective of this seminar is to increase a student's understanding of the appellate process in both civil and criminal matters and provide practical exposure to the practice of litigation.
LAW 472.3: Corporate Restructuring	A 3 CU course using highly realistic simulations to develop an understanding of the substantive law governing commercial reorganizations as well as the advocacy and negotiation skills necessary to provide effective legal advice and representation to clients.
LAW 384.3: Civil Procedure	This course examines the procedural steps, rules, and substantive law in a civil action from initiation to trial, contextualizing the adversarial process within civil procedure policies, lawyer roles, court organization, and cost considerations. Topics include jurisdiction, venue, commencement procedures, pleadings, multiple claims, parties, discovery, and document drafting, with a focus on ethical conduct throughout the stages.
LAW 486.3: Law and Psychiatry	An introduction to psychiatric theory, the methodology of psychiatric diagnosis, modern psychiatric treatment, and the role of psychiatrists in the legal process. Topics include remand for mental examination, fitness to stand trial, sentencing, automatism, insanity, and dangerous offenders. The course also covers competency, civil commitment of the mentally ill, the psychiatrist as expert witness, and interdisciplinary collaboration.