GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN LEGAL STUDIES

Our grad programs offer rich research opportunities.

The Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University is home to Canada’s premier Legal Studies programs.

The interdisciplinary MA program is designed for students interested in developing a rigorous and critical understanding of 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. A specialization in African Studies is also available.

The MA program offers a well-grounded, theoretically-informed and research-intensive degree program consisting of three streams: the coursework-only option, as well as a combination of coursework and thesis or research essay. Students develop the theoretical background and research skills that are required for critical engagement with law and legal relations.

The PhD program takes an interdisciplinary approach that makes it one of the most unique graduate programs in Canada. It is designed for students with advanced research interests in the interdisciplinary study of law and is ideal for students who want to pursue academic careers or high-level policy work both within and outside government.

We also offer a specialization in Political Economy at the doctoral level.

Faculty members are drawn from a wide range of disciplines, including anthropology, history, political science, philosophy, public policy, sexuality studies and human rights.

DEGREES OFFERED
MA, PhD
Also see: Graduate Diploma in Conflict Resolution (GDCR)

CAREER OPTIONS
Alumni are pursuing successful careers as researchers and advisors in various levels of governmental departments and NGOs, as well as careers in academia.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
January 15, in order to be considered for funding. Further application deadline information is available online.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
MASTER’S: An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, in a relevant field of study with at least a B+ standing.

PhD: A master’s degree, or equivalent, from a wide range of academic disciplines with at least an A- average.

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