

Reimagining legal education

Toronto
Metropolitan
University

Lincoln Alexander
School of Law



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The legal profession is
changing and **so too must**
law school.

The law is worthy of its name only when constant effort is made to **redefine** it. Our democracy is built on this possibility, on the idea that we can always think bigger about **representation** and **inclusion**.

At Lincoln Alexander Law, our commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship is paired with an **entrepreneurial and innovative approach** to legal education.

Our aim is to **shape lawyers** who are inspired to **design solutions** for the **evolving challenges** facing Canadian society.

About Lincoln Alexander Law



Diversity & Inclusion

Together we strive to make the legal profession more inclusive and equitable by welcoming diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and legal frameworks, including Indigenous law. You will be equipped with the multifaceted skills required to serve a broad range of communities, including those who have often been underserved by the legal community.

Integrated Practice Curriculum

Our commitment to increasing access to legal services for Canadians starts with training lawyers who are professionally prepared and capable of working in a wide range of environments. Our JD program is designated as an Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), which means you will not be required to article in order to become a licensed lawyer.

Technology at the Core

As the world is transformed by emerging technologies, you will learn to examine the effects of technological advancement on the rights and freedoms of Canadians and explore how it can be used to augment the legal profession and expand access to justice.

Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Gain professional experience beyond traditional legal contexts as you navigate diverse paths to practice and tackle novel challenges in an increasingly innovation-based economy. Key to this is our Career Development & Professional Placement Office (CDPPO), where our staff will help you explore various career path options to fulfill the Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC) requirement. You'll learn to embrace an entrepreneurial mindset to better serve your clients and to innovate the legal profession itself.

Access to Justice

At the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, you will help to increase legal representation and expand access to justice. From underrepresented communities to small business owners, we aim to make high-calibre legal services available to all Canadians.





Curriculum

YEAR

1

Key Innovations:

Co-teaching model that includes working lawyers to meld theory and practice in each subject area. Special focus on current and future technologies that are relevant to legal service.

First semester

- Law & Legal Methods Intensive
- Legal Research & Writing
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Tort Law
- Foundations of Legal Theory

Second semester

- Ethics & Professionalism Intensive
- Legal Research & Writing II
- Property Law
- Contract Law
- Administrative & Regulatory Law
- Indigenous & Aboriginal Law

YEAR

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Key Innovations:

Intensive modules in each semester include lecture-based learning coupled with hands-on mentorship. In addition to the required courses listed, students can choose two elective courses from the list below.

Third semester

- Technology Toolkit for the Practice of Law Intensive
- Business Law & Practice
- Critical Approaches to Data, Algorithm, and Science in the Law

Fourth semester

- Financial Intensive
- Business of Lawyering
- Civil Procedures & Practice

Electives: Advanced Corporate / Commercial Law; Advanced Criminal Law; Advanced Legal Research Writing; Advanced Legal Solutions; Advocacy and Alternative Dispute Resolution; Big Tech, Social Justice; Charter of Rights and Freedoms; Children and the Law; Class Actions; Climate Change and the Law; Competition Law and Policy; Corporate Governance; Criminal Procedure; Disability Law; Environmental Law; Evidence; Global Health Law and Policy; Immigration Law; Insurance Law; Intellectual Property Law; International Criminal Law; International Human Rights Law; Issues in Indigenous Economic Development; Labour and Employment Law; Law and Health Care in Canada; Law Journal; Legal Clinic I; Legal Clinic II; Moot and Advocacy Skills; Moot Court Competition; Negotiation Theory and Practice; Privacy Law; Public Interest Litigation; Public International Law; Real Estate Law; Refugee Law; Securities Regulations; Special Topics: E-Discovery; Special Topics: Fair Change Clinic; Special Topics: Start Up Law; Special Topics: Start Up Law II; Sports and Entertainment Law; Tax Law and Practice; Technology, Law and Society; Wills and Estates.

YEAR

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Key Innovations:

Use of one semester (either fifth or sixth) for a professional placement. Coursework in the other semester allows for focus on key interest areas.*

Fifth and sixth semesters

- Emotional Quotient/Cultural Quotient (EQ/CQ) Intensive
- Five selections from the list of electives above
- One semester of Professional Placement (4 months)

*If preferred, students can complete their professional placement over the summer break after year 2.



“The university’s vision of progressive legal education is exactly what’s required to meet the changing demands of the new legal economy and to further equity, diversity, and inclusion.”

– Donna E. Young
Dean, Lincoln Alexander School of Law
at Toronto Metropolitan University



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