



Law Tip Sheet 2023

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Faculty of Law's rigorous program of study is well-known among leading law firms for providing students with the knowledge to succeed in the legal profession. Through the University of Alberta's targeted program of required courses and a wide-range of options, you'll receive a strong foundation in the law—its origins, meaning, and limits—while also having flexibility to customize your studies. The end result is a degree that opens doors.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

There is no direct entry from high school into the Juris Doctor program (JD). Students must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or at least the first three years (90 unit hours) of a program leading to a degree, at the University of Alberta or from a university recognized by the University of Alberta. There are no prerequisite courses required for admission to Law and no specific degree that is recommended.

In special circumstances the Committee will consider applications from applicants without a degree who have completed two years (60 units), or equivalent, of a full program of studies that would be accepted for credit towards any degree at the University of Alberta. To be considered in this way, students must present a minimum GPA of 3.7 over the two years of study, as well as an LSAT score placing the applicant in the 90th percentile

Admissions will be based on GPA and LSAT Score:

- The GPA is determined by reference to the applicant's most recent 60 units/credits (equivalent to 10 full courses or 20 half courses) of study in a recognized university degree (undergraduate or graduate), provided those units of course weight are completed by February 1st in the year in which admission is sought. This is the minimum number of units/credits or courses that will be used in the assessment of an applicant's GPA. In many cases when we count back to obtain the 60 units/credits, we may have to go part-way into an academic semester. If this happens, we do not stop at the 60th unit/credit, we will use the courses and grades for that entire session.

- The Committee may also take into account exceptional circumstances that adversely affected particular grades or overall academic performance and/or LSAT score(s), but do not pose an ongoing issue in terms of the applicant's ability to succeed in law school.

Admission is competitive and meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **LSAT:** Students must have written the Law School Admission Test within a 5-year period preceding the September of the year in which admission is sought. **If multiple LSAT scores are presented, the highest will be used.**
2. **Personal Statement** (750 – 1000 words).
3. There are additional considerations for Indigenous applicants, as per the university [Calendar](#).

TIPS & TRICKS

A free online personalized LSAT Prep Course is available through [Khan Academy](#)

The Faculty of Law offers a free LSAT Prep Course in the summer months for low-income students. More information [is available online](#).

AP / IB CREDIT

Only graded credit will be used for admissions purposes; any AP/IB transfer credit will not impact an application to Law.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Contact the Student Recruiter for further assistance: law.recruiter@ualberta.ca

IMPORTANT DATES

Law school applications for Fall of the following year will open in July.

Application deadline - December 1st

Last Acceptable LSAT - January

Document Deadline - February 1st

FAQ

[Frequently asked questions about UAlberta Law are available online.](#)