



PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

PRE-LAW

A lawyer gives legal advice and assistance to clients and represents them in court or in other legal matters. The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to fulfill the entrance requirements for law at the University of Manitoba or other universities across Canada.

YOUR EDUCATION

Years 1-2: Pre-Law at The University of Winnipeg

Each Canadian faculty of law has its own entrance requirements. To meet the entrance requirements of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, you will complete **60 credit hours (two years) of study**.

Years 3-5: Professional Studies: Juris Doctor (JD)

In the final year of your pre-professional studies at The University of Winnipeg, you will apply for admission to law at another university. Enrolment in law programs is limited, and only highly qualified applicants are chosen. Admission to law is based on an outstanding academic record and performance on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Outstanding marks as well as language comprehension and problem-solving skills offer your best chance of success. At least three more years of study are required to complete a law program. After that, you will complete one year of articling.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Many students who study Pre-Law at The University of Winnipeg will apply for admission to the University of Manitoba, but you may choose to apply elsewhere. Note: You must consult with the school where you plan to complete your studies to ensure you choose an appropriate set of courses, and that you will meet the entrance requirements for your Law program of choice.
- There are **no specific courses required** for admission to the Faculty of Law at the University of

YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW...

Preparing for the LSAT: The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) is a standardized test that is administered four times per year. You may find it helpful to take a preparatory course offered by a private company, or you may choose to prepare on your own or in a study group. Information on the LSAT can be obtained from any Law school.

Advantages to Completing a Degree: Because competition to get into law programs is fierce, many students plan to complete a three-year bachelor's degree (90 credit hours), instead of the minimum requirement of two years (60 credit hours), before applying to law school. Law schools typically calculate your grade point average based on your best 60 credit hours, so taking more