

ACADEMIC ADVISING

So you want to study LAW

Depending on the program, students may complete up to two years worth of university level coursework at Camosun. Students are to confirm with their destination institution that the below academic requirements & non-academic preparations are current. Students should also confirm deadlines and GPA requirements for admission with their destination institution. Because admission to these programs is competitive, students should have a backup plan that may include an alternative degree.

University of Victoria Faculty of Law:

www.law.uvic.ca

Academic Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from UVic or a recognized university **or** 3 years (90 credits) of courses towards a degree at UVic or equivalent at a recognized university
- There are no specific degrees required for Law, however, it is recommended to study a breadth of courses in literature, history, political science, philosophy, psychology, sociology, economics & languages.
- Check directly with this institution for required or recommended course work
- Students may wish to take courses in the area of law they wish to practice, eg: BUS for Business Law

Non-Academic Preparation

- The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) completed in the last 5 years
- Law schools evaluate other factors beyond education, such as community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work experience etc...

University of British Columbia Faculty of Law:

www.law.ubc.ca

Academic Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from UBC or a recognized university **or** 3 years (90 credits) of courses towards a degree at UBC or equivalent at a recognized university
- There are no specific degrees required for Law, however, it is recommended to study a breadth of courses in literature, history, political science, philosophy, psychology, sociology, economics & languages.
- Check directly with this institution for required or recommended course work
- Students may wish to take courses in the area of law they wish to practice, eg: BUS for Business Law

Non-Academic Preparation

- The Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Law schools evaluate other factors beyond education, such as community involvement, extra-curricular activities, work experience etc...

For Your Information:

- Law students need very strong written and verbal communication skills. It is recommended to take classes that include essay writing, research papers, and presentations. Public speaking clubs are also recommended.
- Simon Fraser University, in joint partnership with UBC, offers a graduate program in Law and Forensic Psychology. See <http://www.psyc.sfu.ca/index.php?topic=law> for more information
- The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) website at <http://www.lsac.org/> has links to: The Official Guide to Canadian Law Schools, LSAT Dates and Deadlines, & Preparing for the LSAT. Ensure you are searching for the Canadian content, as this website covers the US, Canada and Australia.