

Law School Admissions Information

To Apply: Visit the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and use the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS) — www.ouac.on.ca/olsas/

*Applying to Law Schools outside of Ontario requires you to apply to these schools on an individual basis. Contact information for all Canadian and American Law Schools can be found on the Law School Admission Council website (www.lsac.org)

<p>Ontario Law Schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bora Laskin Law School (Lakehead University) ▪ Osgoode Hall Law School (York University) ▪ University of Ottawa ▪ Queen's University ▪ University of Toronto ▪ Western University ▪ University of Windsor
<p>Application Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students can begin to seek admission into a law school after completing a minimum of three years at the undergraduate level, however, these students must attain a “high academic standing” in order to be considered. Most students will apply after the completion of their undergraduate degree ▪ Pursue your passion at an undergraduate level! Admission to law school is competitive and a large part of an admission decision is based on your overall academic standing. Usually the two most important factors for admission are a student's GPA and LSAT scores. ▪ While each institution sets their own academic minimums, most Ontario schools require a minimum cumulative average of B+ at the undergraduate level. Note that some schools will not consider students who fall below an A-cumulative undergraduate average. ▪ Law school applications are generally due in the fall of the year before you wish to attend and the process is lengthy, taking between 5 and 25 hours. ▪ Law School Admission Committees look for candidates who can think, read and write well - the importance of strong writing skills cannot be overemphasized. ▪ Students should seek volunteer and or part-time summer employment in the legal field to bolster their understanding of the discipline. Further, volunteer/work experiences will allow students to develop contacts in the field and these individuals may later act as a reference on the student's behalf.

	<p><u>Admission Requirements:</u> *Admission is generally based on a combination of the following elements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic merit. 2. Score from your Law School Admission Test (LSAT). 3. Reference letters (usually two academic). 4. Personal statement.
<p>Resources at the University of Waterloo</p>	<p>→ Advisors at the Centre for Career Action (https://uwaterloo.ca/career-action/) <i>Guidance through the law school application process.</i></p> <p>→ The Writing Centre (https://uwaterloo.ca/writing-and-communication-centre/) <i>Help writing the personal statement.</i></p> <p>→ Legal Studies Society (legalstudiessociety@gmail.com) (https://lss.uwaterloo.ca) <i>Law school information seminars, mock LSATs, and peer mentorship.</i></p>