

HONOURS LAW (B.C.L./J.D.) (120 CREDITS)

Offered by: Law (Faculty of Law)

Degree: BCLJD

Program credit weight: 120

Program Requirements

The B.C.L. and J.D. with Honours program is open to students who have completed four terms of study at the Faculty of Law and who, during that time, have maintained a GPA of 3.0. Students must complete 15 credits of Honours Thesis courses in addition to the 105 credits required in the B.C.L. and J.D. program. Conditional upon submission and approval of an Honours Thesis, students will be granted a B.C.L. and J.D. with Honours.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Required - Honours Thesis Courses (15 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
WRIT 450	Honours Thesis 1.	3
WRIT 451	Honours Thesis 2.	6
WRIT 452	Honours Thesis 3.	6

Required Courses (47 credits) First Year

The following 33 credits of courses may be taken only in the first year:

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Course	Title	Credits
LAWG 100D1	Contractual Obligations.	3
LAWG 100D2	Contractual Obligations.	3
LAWG 101D1	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts.	3
LAWG 101D2	Extra-Contractual Obligations/Torts.	3
LAWG 102D1	Criminal Justice.	3
LAWG 102D2	Criminal Justice.	3
LAWG 103	Indigenous Legal Traditions.	3
LAWG 110D1	Integration Workshop.	1.5
LAWG 110D2	Integration Workshop.	1.5
PUB2 101D1	Constitutional Law.	3
PUB2 101D2	Constitutional Law.	3
PUB3 116	Foundations.	3

Second Year

The following 13 credits of courses may be taken only in the second year:

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Course	Title	Credits
LAWG 210	Legal Ethics and Professionalism.	3
LAWG 220D1	Property.	3
LAWG 220D2	Property.	3
PROC 124	Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure.	4

Any Year

The following 1 credit course may be taken in any year after completing the first year:

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Course	Title	Credits
PRAC 200	Advocacy.	1

Complementary Courses (12 credits)

Civil Law Immersion Courses

3 credits from the following list of civil law courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
BUS2 561	Insurance.	3
LAWG 506	Advanced Civil Law Property.	3
PROC 200	Advanced Civil Law Obligations.	3
PROC 549		3
PRV2 270	Law of Persons.	3
PRV4 548	Administration Property of Another and Trusts.	3

Common Law Immersion Courses

3 credits from the following list of common law courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
PRV3 200	Advanced Common Law Obligations.	3
PRV3 534	Remedies.	3
PRV4 500	Restitution.	3
PRV4 549	Equity and Trusts.	3
PRV5 582	Advanced Torts.	3

Social Diversity, Human Rights and Indigenous Law Courses

Students must take at least 3 credits from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
CMPL 500	Indigenous Peoples and the State.	3
CMPL 504	Feminist Legal Theory.	3
CMPL 511	Social Diversity and Law.	3

CMPL 516	International Development Law.	3	PUB2 400	The Administrative Process.	3
CMPL 565	International Humanitarian Law.	3	PUB2 401	Judicial Review of Administrative Action.	3
CMPL 571	International Law of Human Rights.	3	PUB2 500	Law and Psychiatry.	3
CMPL 573	Civil Liberties.	3	PUB2 507	Prison Law and Policy	3
CMPL 575	Discrimination and the Law.	3	PUB2 515	Tax Policy.	3
IDFC 500	Indigenous Field Studies.	3	PUB2 551	Immigration and Refugee Law.	3
LAWG 503	Inter-American Human Rights.	3			
LAWG 505	Critical Engagements with Human Rights.	3			
LAWG 507	Critical Race Theory Advanced Seminar.	3			
LAWG 508D1	Indigenous Constitutionalism.	3			
LAWG 508D2	Indigenous Constitutionalism.	3			
LAWG 509	Indigenous Law Revitalization.	3			
LAWG 562	Regulating Artificial Intelligence.	3			
LAWG 580	Women and Constitutions.	3			
LAWG 582	Disability Law and Policy.	3			
LEEL 369	Labour Law.	3			
LEEL 582	Law and Poverty.	3			
PUB2 105	Public International Law.	3			
PUB2 500	Law and Psychiatry.	3			
PUB2 502	International Criminal Law.	3			
PUB2 503	Comparative Federalism.	3			
PUB2 507	Prison Law and Policy	3			
PUB2 551	Immigration and Refugee Law.	3			

Principles of Canadian Administrative Law

3 credits from the following courses:

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Course	Title	Credits
BUS1 532	Bankruptcy and Insolvency.	3
BUS2 504	Securities Regulation.	3
CMPL 518	Policies, Politics and Legislative Process.	3
CMPL 539	International Taxation.	3
CMPL 543	Law and Practice of International Trade.	3
CMPL 574	Government Control of Business.	3
CMPL 575	Discrimination and the Law.	3
CMPL 577	Communications Law.	3
CMPL 580	Environment and the Law.	3
LAWG 523	Tax Practice Seminar.	3
LAWG 561	Privacy Law.	3
LAWG 581	Health Care Delivery and the Law.	3
LAWG 583	Public Health Law and Policy.	3
LEEL 369	Labour Law.	3
LEEL 570	Employment Law.	3
LEEL 582	Law and Poverty.	3
PRV4 545	Land Use Planning.	3
PRV5 483	Consumer Law.	3

Elective Courses (46 credits)

Students must take 46 other elective courses offered within the Faculty or approved as credit equivalences in order to complete the 120-credit degree requirement.

Minimum Writing Requirement

All students are required to submit at least one research paper. This requirement may be satisfied by:

1. writing and essay in a course in which the essay constitutes no less than 75% of the final grade;
2. writing a term essay under independent supervision, for credit, within the Faculty of Law;
3. writing an article, note, or comment of equivalent substance that is published or accepted for publication in the McGill Law Journal and approved by the Faculty Adviser to that publication.

Papers written jointly do not satisfy this requirement.