The Peter A. Allard School of Law is committed to excellence in legal education and research. As part of an outstanding public university, situated on traditional ancestral and unceded Musqueam lands in one of the most open, diverse and beautiful places in the world, we offer an inspiring environment that combines rigorous professional legal education with an awareness of the role of law in society and a commitment to the rule of law and access to justice.

Research Strengths & Facilities

The Allard School of Law is home to some of the finest legal scholars and teachers in Canada, and has a long history of outstanding graduate legal education. With a history of doctrinal and interdisciplinary legal scholarship in domestic and international spheres, the Allard School of Law has particular research strengths in Indigenous peoples and the law, Asian legal studies, business law, environmental and natural resource law, feminist legal studies, human rights, and law and society.

In 2011, the law school moved into a spectacular new building, Allard Hall, with dedicated social and work spaces for graduate students. The building also houses a three-story library, which contains research materials from all of the major common law jurisdictions, civil law materials from Quebec (in English and French), comparative and international law materials, and comprehensive access to electronic databases.

Helen Sevenoaks (LLM student)

“The Allard School of Law graduate program attracts graduates from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds and equips them with the knowledge and skills for successful careers in their chosen fields. It offers a dynamic research environment for faculty and graduate students and a thriving law community with students from around the world. It exceeded all of my expectations.”

Chilenye Nwapi (PhD student)

“In terms of getting into a graduate program where I would have the opportunity to train under the guidance of some of the most venerable professors in my field, my decision to come to UBC is easily the best I have made. With accessible professors, and a Graduate Program Administrator who is always there twenty-four-seven to attend to your needs, there is really nothing else a doctoral student needs in a program.”

Graduate Programs

- Common Law (LLM CL)
- Law (LLM, PhD)
- Taxation (LLM T)
Allard School of Law Facts

- Outstanding new building—Allard Hall—located on UBC’s spectacular Vancouver campus.
- Large and diverse graduate student body, with nearly 50% of students from outside Canada.
- Research-based programs provide highly respected academic training, with many alumni teaching in universities around the world.
- A year-long course-based LLM CL program provides students with the opportunity to complete a graduate degree while working towards the course-work requirements for the practice of law in Canada.
- The Allard School of Law offers a one year, full time course-based degree, with a part-time option designed to prepare graduates for specialized tax work in the private or public sectors.
- Research centres and speaker series in Asian legal studies, business law, environmental and natural resource law, feminist legal studies, and law and society studies.
- A leader in Indigenous legal studies, with broad course selection and strong supervisory support.
- Strong commitment to interdisciplinary study with linkages to academic units across the university.
- Active and engaged graduate student community led by the Graduate Law Students Society.
- Exceptional library collection.

Admissions

Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies establishes common minimum admission requirements. Please refer to the Graduate Student page on the Allard School of Law’s website for application details and deadlines.

Financial Support

The Allard School of Law has a substantial scholarship program for the LLM and PhD programs and tuition support for the LLM CL and LLM in taxation. Additional annual support for conference and research travel is available in the research-based programs.

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