



Adding Value to Your Team

Students in the Justice and Legal Studies program examine law, justice, and judicial processes in Canada and in a global context. They learn how to evaluate how justice and legal institutions both shape and are shaped by government and society and how the law and legal processes can either enhance or frustrate the pursuit of justice and the goal of improving life.

University of Guelph Advantage

The Justice and Legal Studies (JLS) program is an interdisciplinary program administered by the Department of Political Science. This innovative program examines a broad range of justice and legal issues. It helps students build a foundation of understanding of the principles of law, justice, and the resulting social and community-based services. Students then choose an area of emphasis to focus their studies which can include:

- Canadian Politics and Governance
- Global Relations and Governance
- Business and Management
- Gender and Sexuality
- Arts and Humanities

Our co-op process responds to your needs. Employers can post, hire and interview throughout the semester and our students are available for 4 or 8 month work terms. The Experience Guelph hiring tool makes hiring Guelph co-op students easy!

Student Strengths

- Specialized skills in legal research and a clear understanding of legal processes in Canada and in a global context.
- Strong analytical, research, critical thinking and writing skills that can be applied to social, criminal, government, and corporate policy formation.
- Knowledge and skills required for critical analysis of legal and justice issues involving social and political topics.
- Understanding of the legal landscapes behind issues such as immigration, racial and gender inequality, and free speech.

Justice & Legal Studies Course Sequencing

AREAS OF EMPHASIS: CANADIAN POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE; GLOBAL RELATIONS AND GOVERNANCE; GENDER AND SEXUALITY; ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

| YEAR | FALL (SEPT-DEC) | WINTER (JAN-APRIL) | SUMMER (MAY-AUG) |
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| ONE | ALL AREAS OF EMPHASIS: • INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE AND LAW • 4 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES | • INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY ●● • INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY OR SOCIOLOGY ●●● • 4 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES | OFF |
| TWO | • INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION • LAW FROM A POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE ●●●● • LAW AND LITERATURE • POLITICAL INQUIRY AND RESEARCH METHODS OR INTRODUCTORY METHODS • 3 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES | • CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS • 4 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●●● • DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS • INTRODUCTION TO CANADIAN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT • 3 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●● | WORK TERM ONE |
| THREE | WORK TERM TWO | • QUANTITATIVE METHODS OF DATA ANALYSIS • 4 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●●●● • MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT • FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP OR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN ORGANIZATIONS • 3 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●● | • LAW, POLITICS AND JUDICIAL PROCESS • 4 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●●●● • BUSINESS AND CONSUMER LAW • CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY • 2 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES |
| FOUR | • PHILOSOPHY OF LAW • COMPARATIVE LAW AND COURTS • 3 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●●● • INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORGANIZATIONS • GENDER, SEXUALITY AND LAW • 2 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES ●● | WORK TERM THREE | WORK TERM FOUR |
| FIVE | ALL AREAS OF EMPHASIS: • JUSTICE AND LEGAL STUDIES CAPSTONE • 3 ELECTIVES/RESTRICTED ELECTIVES | OFF | |

Core Restricted Electives for all Areas of Emphasis must include:

- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms or
- The Constitution and Canadian Federalism

0.5 credits from the following:

- Ethics
- Psychology of Law
- Law and Society

1.00 credits from the following:

- JLS Honours Thesis I
- JLS Honours Thesis II
- Global Law and Courts
- Advanced Lecture in Global Law and Courts
- Advanced Topics in Law and Politics
- Advanced Topics Lecture in Law and Politics
- Courts and Parliament
- Women, Justice and Public Policy
- Advanced Lecture in Women, Justice and Public Policy
- Advanced Topics in Rights and Liberties
- Advanced Lecture in Rights and Liberties

BASED ON THE 2021/22 UNDERGRADUATE CALENDAR

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