

# A different kind of law school

Toronto  
Metropolitan  
University

Lincoln Alexander  
School of Law

The legal profession is  
changing and so too must  
law school.



The law is worthy of its name only when constant effort is made to **redefine** it. Our democracy is built on this possibility, on the idea that we can always think bigger about **representation** and **inclusion**.

This is why legal education must be as critical of its traditions as it is **transparent** about its intentions. It's why we must continually strive to increase **access** to **justice**. It's why we need a new kind of law school.

It's time to **embrace** technology as a means to achieve greater representation. It's time to **advocate** for ordinary citizens. It's time to **set a new precedent**.

# Reimagining Legal Education



## Diversity & Inclusion

Together we strive to make the legal profession more diverse as it pertains to backgrounds and perspectives, including Indigenous law. You will be equipped with the multifaceted skills required to serve a broad range of communities, including those who have often been underserved by the legal community.

## Integrated Practice Curriculum

Our commitment to increase access to legal services for Canadians starts with training lawyers who are professionally prepared and capable of working in a wide range of environments. Our JD program is designated as an Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), which means you will not be required to article in order to become a licensed lawyer.

## Technology at the Core

As the world is transformed by emerging technologies, you will learn to examine the effects of technological advancement on the rights and freedoms of Canadians and explore how it can be used to augment the legal profession and expand access to justice.

## Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Gain professional experience beyond traditional legal contexts as you navigate diverse paths to practice and tackle novel challenges in an increasingly innovation-based economy. Key to this is our Career Development & Professional Placement Office (CDPPO), which provides law students with services to help them explore various career path options to fulfill the Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC) requirement. You'll learn to embrace an entrepreneurial mindset to better serve your clients and to innovate the legal profession itself.

## Access to Justice

At the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, you will help to increase legal representation and expand access to justice. From underrepresented communities to small business owners, we aim to make high-calibre legal services available to all Canadians.







# Curriculum

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## Key Innovations:

Co-teaching model that includes working lawyers to meld theory and practice in each subject area. Special focus on current and future technologies that are relevant to legal service.

### First semester

- Law & Legal Methods Intensive
- Legal Research & Writing
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Tort Law
- Foundations of Legal Theory

### Second semester

- Technology Innovation Intensive
- Property Law
- Contract Law
- Ethics & Professionalism
- Administrative & Regulatory Law
- Indigenous & Aboriginal Law

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## Key Innovations:

Intensive modules in each semester include lecture-based learning coupled with hands-on mentorship. In addition to the required courses listed below, students can choose two elective courses from the list below.

### Third semester

- Coding Intensive
- Business Law & Practice
- Data, Code & Social Innovation

### Fourth semester

- Financial Intensive
- Business of Lawyering
- Civil Procedures & Practice
- Access to Justice & Technology

**Electives:** Advanced Corporate/Commercial Law; Advanced Criminal Law; Advanced Issues in Privacy & Technology; Advanced Legal Research & Writing; Advanced Legal Solutions; Advocacy & Alternative Dispute Resolution; Big Tech, Social Justice, & the Public Interest; Children & the Law; Climate Change & the Law; Class Actions; Competition Law; Corporate Governance; Criminal Procedure; Critical Race Theory; Directed Studies; Disability Law; Environmental Law; Evidence; Family Law; Gender, Sexuality & the Law; Global Health Law & Policy; Human Rights Law in Canada; Immigration Law; Intellectual Property; Indigenous Dispute Resolution; Indigenous Legal Theory & Practice; Indigenous Peoples & Criminal Law Practice; International Criminal Law; International Environmental Law; International Human Rights Law; International Trade Law; Insurance Law; Labour & Employment Law; Law & Injustice; Law & Health Care in Canada; Law Journal; Law of Armed Conflicts; Legal Innovation; Legal Issues in Indigenous Economic Development; Moot & Advocacy Skills; Moot Court Competition; Municipal Law; Negotiation Theory & Practice; Privacy Law; Private International Law; Public Interest Litigation; Public International Law; Real Estate Law; Refugee Law; Secured Transactions; Securities Regulations; Special Topics; Sports & Entertainment Law; Tax Law & Practice; The Charter of Rights & Freedoms; Wills & Estates.

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## Key Innovations:

Use of one semester (either fifth or sixth) for a valuable professional placement. Coursework in the other semester that allows for focus on key interest areas.

### Fifth and sixth semesters

- Emotional Quotient/Cultural Quotient (EQ/CQ) Intensive
- Five selections from the list of electives above
- One semester of Professional Placement (4 months)



# Why Lincoln Alexander Law



“The university’s vision of progressive legal education is exactly what’s required to meet the changing demands of the new legal economy and to further equity, diversity and inclusion.”

– Donna E. Young

Founding Dean, Lincoln Alexander School of Law  
at Toronto Metropolitan University



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