

A new kind  
of law school  
has arrived

Ryerson  
University



Faculty  
of Law

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**.



# This is how Ryerson reimagines law school



## Diversity & Inclusion

It's imperative that we make the legal profession more diverse as it pertains to backgrounds and perspectives, including Indigenous law. Ryerson Law graduates 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. Ryerson's JD program is designated as an Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), which means graduates will not be required to article to be licensed as lawyers.

## Technology at the Core

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

## Career Ready

From social to technological innovation, our approach to legal education reflects Ryerson's longstanding commitment to encourage students to challenge convention in search of new possibilities. 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 and secure placement opportunities to fulfill the Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC) requirement.

## Access to Justice

Our law school is built to help increase legal representation and expand access to justice. From underrepresented communities to small business owners, we strive to ensure that high-calibre legal services are available to all.





# Curriculum

## YEAR

# 1

### 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

- Ryerson Law School Intensive
- Legal Research and Writing
- Contract Law
- Torts Law
- Property Law
- Ethics and Professionalism

#### Second semester

- Technology Innovation Intensive
- Foundations of Law and Legal Methods
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Indigenous Law in Canada

## YEAR

# 2

### Key Innovations:

Intensive two-week modules with lectures in the morning and hands-on mentorship in small student 'firms' in the afternoon.

#### Third semester

- Financial Intensive
- The Business of Lawyering
- Business Law
- Family Law
- Civil Procedure
- Social Innovation and the Law

#### Fourth semester

- Coding Intensive
- Advocacy and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Wills and Estates
- Legal Innovation
- Intellectual Property and Privacy
- Access to Justice Solutions

## YEAR

# 3

### 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 semester

- Emotional and Cultural Quotient Intensive
- Five electives including the following: Global Civil Society and the Law, Real Estate Law, Labour and Employment Law, Advanced Corporate/Commercial Law, Interdisciplinary Lawyering, Environmental Law, Children and the Law, Immigration Law, Criminal Procedure, Law and Practice, Evidence, Law and Injustice, Advanced Legal Solutions, Private International Law, Public International Law
- AND one semester of professional placement

# Why Ryerson Law



“Ryerson’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  
Dean, Ryerson Faculty of Law

“It is crucial that all law students are exposed to the ways in which Indigenous perspectives and laws are changing the Canadian legal landscape. It is also encouraging to know the lawyers of tomorrow will include more Indigenous voices.”

– Roberta Jamieson  
President & CEO, Indspire

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changing and **so too must**  
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