

Set a new precedent



Ryerson University's approach to legal education harnesses technology, enhances diversity and expands the reach of justice. The lawyer of the future starts here.

**Ryerson
University**

**Faculty
of Law**



This is how Ryerson reimagines law school

DESIGNED FOR THE LAWYER OF THE FUTURE

Real-world experience is required for real-world challenges, which is why our Juris Doctor (JD) degree program includes a four-month professional placement in year three, as well as immersive and relevant bootcamps designed to teach students everything from coding to business skills.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS AT THE CORE

Our JD program strives to train career-ready graduates. From access to innovative ventures like Canada's first legal incubator to professional work placements to practical experience outside of conventional legal contexts, our graduates will be diverse, creative and business-minded.

DIVERSE AS THE CITY WE CALL HOME

We want to make the legal profession more diverse as it pertains to backgrounds, work experience, perspectives and integration with other disciplines. Ryerson lawyers will have the multifaceted skills required to serve Toronto's vibrant population.

TECHNOLOGY IS HARDWIRED INTO OUR DNA

As the legal system is transformed by new technologies, our JD program will equip students with practical knowledge that harnesses the power of big data, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and machine learning. We think tech-first, and our graduates will too.

BUILT TO EXPAND THE REACH OF JUSTICE

Our JD program is designed with special emphasis on improving access to the halls of justice. From underrepresented communities to small business owners, our focus is on ensuring that an excellent legal education and legal services are available to all Ontarians.



Ryerson's Faculty of Law reimagines legal education to create a new kind of lawyer, one who is technologically savvy, equipped with diverse work experience and driven to expand the reach of justice. The legal profession is changing and so too must law school.

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

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

Second semester

- Technology Innovation Bootcamp
- Foundations of Law and Legal Methods
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Administration and Regulation Law
- Indigenous Law in Canada

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

Fourth semester

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

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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 semester

- Emotional and Cultural Quotient Bootcamp
- Five electives including the following: Global Civil Society and the Law, Real Estate Law, Labour and Employment Law, Advanced Corporate 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

By the numbers

100%

placement rate of Ryerson Law Practice Program candidates

4

months of mandatory professional placement included in JD program

10

innovation zones on campus for hands-on business creation and social entrepreneurship

24

startups incubated at Ryerson's Legal Innovation Zone since 2015



5

intensive bootcamps encompassing technology, coding, finances and emotional and cultural quotients

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