A Tradition of Innovation

Robson Hall
Faculty of Law

University of Manitoba
WELCOME TO ROBSON HALL

Robson Hall, Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, is one of the oldest law schools in Western Canada. As Manitoba’s law school, it offers an exceptional legal education where students experience dynamic and innovative experiential and classroom learning, and receive the highest training in the skills of critical and analytical thinking, advocacy and legal research.

Our students have opportunities to study with accomplished professors whose works are widely published in leading journals, boasting national and international standing, with research clusters focusing on Immigration and Criminal law. Along with endowed research Chairs devoted to Private Enterprise as well as International Business and Trade law, our award-winning professors engage in tri-council-supported research aimed at finding solutions to real problems faced by Canadians today in areas including Indigenous, Family, Health, and Human Rights Law. We also have internationally recognized faculty expertise in Animal law, Insolvency law, and Nuclear law.

Our students have numerous opportunities to engage beyond the classroom both academically and in practice. We are particularly excited about our recent launch of externships where selected students may have one term in legal practice in place of regular courses.

At Robson Hall, we focus our attention on the legal challenges facing society and the modern legal profession, educating leaders who promote social justice and progress through economy, and human rights, with emphasis on training members of the legal profession who will serve the public good. We pride ourselves on our Values as a Law School, emphasizing:

- **Excellence**
- **Understanding**
- **Respect**
- **Openness**
- **Professionalism**
- **Accountability**
A TRADITION OF INNOVATION – OUR HISTORY

IN THE BEGINNING

Prior to 1877, lawyers practising in Manitoba had received their training elsewhere, usually in Toronto, at Ontario’s Osgoode Hall Law School or overseas in Europe. In 1877, the Law Society of Manitoba introduced a system of articling and examination protocols designed to encourage local residents to pursue a career in the legal profession. To practise law in Manitoba, one needed only to apprentice with a certified practising lawyer for three to five years and to complete a series of exams set out by the Law Society.

Legal education in Manitoba then evolved significantly, with a three-year reading course being implemented in 1884, reducing the required articling period by two years. By 1921, students were required to serve only one year in law offices, following three years of full-time law school studies, and in 1922, Manitoba became the first law school in Canada to raise the entrance qualification to Second Year Arts or its equivalent.

From 1914 to 1916, the Manitoba Law School was located in Winnipeg’s Vaughan Street YMCA. After being housed in the ‘new’ law courts building at Broadway and Kennedy from 1916 to 1938, it moved to the more spacious ‘old’ Law Courts building on Broadway and York Avenue, remaining there until 1950.

The University of Manitoba is one of the oldest universities in Western Canada, and while it added a Faculty of Law in 1914, Manitoba lawyers had been training since well before.
YEARS OF GROWTH & TRANSITION (1945 - 1978)

Adoption of a three-year full-time curriculum gave rise to new full-time faculty members being hired, and experienced professors being brought from England as visiting professors to relieve the pressure until the School acquired an adequately large and experienced permanent faculty. Growth in attendance led the Law School to be the first Law Faculty in Canada to adopt the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) as one of the basic selection criteria.

A Master of Laws (LL.M.) program was briefly instituted in 1949 as a part-time two-year program of evening courses and examinations, plus a thesis. It was soon terminated but was revamped in 1968 and has grown significantly since, to attract students from all over the world.

In 1965, the Law Society created a Bar Admission course concurrent with a required year of articling, and in 1967, the Legal Research Institute of the University of Manitoba was created to stimulate legal research within the faculty. The Faculty pioneered an avenue of entry for mature students in 1968, where those aged 26 years old or over, who had proven themselves academically or otherwise could enroll without having completed any pre-law University courses.

In 1969, the growing Law School moved to the Fort Garry Campus of the University of Manitoba where the building was named for the Manitoba Law School co-founder and former Chief Justice Hugh Amos Robson, while the library located on the building’s fourth floor was named for his co-founder Esten Kenneth Williams.

In 1970, a law student raised the idea of introducing a Legal Aid Service to expose law students to real legal situations. At the time there was no provincial Legal Aid program. The University Law Centre today continues to be staffed by student volunteers, and supervised by practitioners.

Through these years of development, the school strove to maintain a balance between academic and practical education, and to this end, developed one of the most comprehensive moot court programs in Western Canada. The Faculty of Law continued its close relationship with law professionals, who would offer their time and expertise in any way they could, while faculty members offered continuing legal education lectures to the Bar.

OUR SCHOOL TODAY (1979 - PRESENT DAY)

A new curriculum adopted in the 1983-84 term ensured all students balanced their programs between doctrinal, perspective and clinical courses in each year of study. In 1998 the Faculty graduated its 4000th student, while the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law was created in honour of Israel Asper. The L. Kerry Vickar Business Law Clinic and the The Marcel A. Desautels Centre for Private Enterprise and the Law, were created in 2006.

Keeping up with cross-Canada trends, the Faculty formally changed the LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) degree to a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree in 2011.

Since celebrating its Centennial year in 2014, the Faculty has continued to change and grow. In 2016, Dr. Jonathan Black-Branch was appointed Dean, bringing with him over two decades of practice and teaching law in the United Kingdom and Europe. With him were hired several new faculty members who have added to the burgeoning amount of research, innovations in teaching, and expansion of areas of law taught at the faculty.

Most recently, the J.D. Curriculum has been updated starting in the Fall of 2018, to reflect the trends across Canadian law schools to allow for less credit hours and more experiential learning opportunities. The addition of many externships will now expand students’ hands-on work during law school to better prepare them for the practice of law, as well as participation in the field of legal research.
OUR PROGRAMS

Juris Doctor (J.D.) | Master of Laws (LL.M.) | Master of Human Rights (MHR)

JURIS DOCTOR (J.D.)

Minimum admission requirements at-a-glance:

- 60 credit hours in an approved bachelor degree program (two full years of university) or if an applicant is over the age of 26 and does not have any post-secondary education, the equivalent of 1 full year (30 credits) is acceptable.
- The Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Proof of English Proficiency. Applicants whose primary language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in English through one of the following options) (TOEFL – iBT), (IELTS), (CanTEST), or (CAEL).

About the J.D. Program

Robson Hall, Faculty of Law, offers a three year J.D. program that starts with basic courses that ensure students get a solid foundation in law. In upper years, students can choose from a variety of courses to move into the area in which they would like to focus their legal careers. Because Manitoba is a bilingual province, we are pleased to offer students the opportunity to take a number of courses in French.

Beginning in the Fall of the 2018 – 2019 term, Robson Hall Faculty of Law started a new Curriculum program, requiring that students have 92 credit hours to graduate.

Research and scholarly writing are part of the J.D. program. Because our faculty members actively conduct research, write and consult with the larger legal community in their respective areas of expertise, our students have opportunities to develop legal research and writing skills. Beyond the classroom, students can get involved in scholarship and research in various ways including:

- Journals & Publications
- Migration Law Research Cluster
- Mooting Program
- Research Assistants
- Robson Crim

Experiential, hands-on legal education is an integral part of what Robson Hall offers. Students develop lawyering skills under faculty guidance, expanding their perspectives and ethical understanding of the role of practising lawyers. Experiential aspects of courses offered include:

- L. Kerry Vickar Business Law Clinic
- Innocence Clinic
- Judge Shadowing
- Legal Aid Clinic
- Pro Bono Students Canada
- Robson Crim

Please visit law.robsonhall.com for more information on these experiential learning opportunities.
MASTERS OF LAWS (LL.M.)

Minimum admission requirements at-a-glance:
• Cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 in the last two previous years of full-time university study (60 credit hours)
• LL.B., J.D., B.C.L. or civil law equivalent
• Proof of English Proficiency. Applicants whose first language is not English

Welcome to the Graduate Program at Robson Hall Faculty of Law. Established in 1914, the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba offers an intellectually stimulating environment to domestic and international students seeking graduate education in law. We are committed to fostering theoretical, doctrinal and inter-disciplinary scholarship of national and international significance.

Our Master of Laws (LL.M.) program, is an advanced, thesis-based, research-intensive program which attracts students from across Canada and around the world. The degree is designed for completion within one year, during which time students work closely with excellent, dedicated professors with a diverse range of research interests. A dynamic intellectual environment is fostered by workshops, seminars, and roundtables that graduate students are encouraged to attend.

We pride ourselves on our ability to offer individualized, careful supervision for each of our graduate students. In addition to offering fellowships to high-achieving students and support for conference travel, we offer graduate students their own private study room, the David T. Sgayias Centre, and full access to the fully-networked E.K. Williams Law Library, both located on the Research and Graduate Studies floor of the Law School.

Our graduate student body is small yet culturally and academically diverse. Students from North America, Central America, Africa, and Asia have graduated from our LL.M. program and have found intellectually stimulating careers in teaching, research, policy, and practice.

Please visit law.robsonhall.com for more information on our Graduate Program.

“My primary legal degree at U of Ibadan focused on taking in knowledge and giving it back the same way for the purpose of success in examinations. Robson Hall challenged me to do more. Class discussions were huge learning opportunities and it was amazing how the professors took the back seat sometimes and just allowed students to discuss. I also loved that I took courses that required me to write papers rather than writing exams. I think both my U of Ibadan and Robson Hall experiences were uniquely different yet beautifully complimentary.”

Wura Dasylva, LL.M. graduate, 2017
OUR PROGRAMS

MASTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS (MHR)

Starting in September of 2020, Robson Hall will be home to Canada’s first interdisciplinary Master of Human Rights Program and the Mauro Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice. The program will be the only degree of its kind in Canada. Unlike similar graduate programs offered throughout the country, human rights will be the main focus of the MHR program as opposed to being only a component of a broader degree.

While the program will be housed at the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Law, it will run as an interdisciplinary and inter-faculty program under the faculties of Graduate Studies, Law, Arts, Education, and Social Work. The program’s director will report to the Dean of Law.

Further, the MHR program will work in collaboration with Robson Hall’s Centre for Human Rights Research, the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul’s College, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

The program will require students to complete 18 credit hours and either a practicum and major research project or a thesis. The MHR program will offer students the opportunity to do a specialist-focused program to develop their expertise, their knowledge-base and their skill sets within a professional context.

The impact for the student will be an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and knowledge that will be directly applicable to the type of work they want to do in human rights. Their dissertation or internship will allow them to develop that expertise or those skill sets even further.

Please visit law.robsonhall.com for more information on our Master of Human Rights Program.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Through our Career Development Office, we offer workshops, seminars and individualized consultations where students can discuss their career goals and obtain guidance on how to achieve them. We provide one-on-one resume and cover letter review, as well as offer mock interviews. In addition, we have held Career Fairs, Practice Interview/Networking events which allows students to network with local firms as well as various government agencies in a casual setting.

The Career Development Office is dedicated to alerting students to upcoming national events, and to providing job postings for articling, summer and clerkship positions. The Office also maintains postings for international and volunteer opportunities.

As an additional service for students interested in pursuing careers outside Manitoba, we host on-campus interviews for out-of-province firms.

STUDENT SERVICES

Led by the Office of the Associate Dean (J.D. Program), Student Services at Robson Hall is the office that helps students with Admissions, Financial Aid and Awards, Academic Support, and a Career Development Office that works with students to find summer jobs and articling placements.

ADMISSION TO THE J.D. PROGRAM

There are three categories of admission to First Year Law:

Canadian Indigenous Applicant Category
Robson Hall believes Indigenous people including those of Métis, First Nations, and Inuit heritage, should have individual acknowledgement in the admissions process. Our process is designed to facilitate access to legal education and the profession for Indigenous people in Canada.

Index Score (regular) Category
The selection of applicants is based upon the applicant’s academic record (50%) and the applicant’s LSAT score (50%). All applicants will have their Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA) calculated based on their entire academic history.

Individual Consideration Category
This category aims to ensure greater diversity of perspective and experience in the student body; to benefit the profession and the community by producing graduates who can make a significant or special contribution; and to assist access for those applicants who have encountered barriers to education including disabilities. Regard may be had to any/all factors including: motivation, personal fortitude in leadership skills, occupational, cultural or educational background, community (union, religious, political, charitable) service, maturity, and integrity, etc..

Eligibility Requirements for All Categories to First Year Law

Academic Requirements
• Minimum of 20 one term or 10 two term, or combination thereof, university degree level courses (60 credit hours) OR
• If an applicant is 26 years of age by September 1 in the year admission is sought, a minimum of 10 one term or 5 two term, or combination thereof, university degree level courses (30 credit hours). If more than 30 credit hours are complete, the AGPA will be calculated using all completed courses.

Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) – please visit www.lsac.org for more information.

Applications for each subsequent year become available each September. The annual deadline to apply for Law School is December 1.
ADMISSION TO UPPER YEARS
Upper Years refers to applicants who want to transfer from another law school, or an applicant who has a law degree from a civil law school in Canada or from a foreign law school, or is/was entitled to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction.

The deadline for Upper Years to apply for September admission is June 30. Please apply online, and view the latest year’s Applicant Information Bulletin.

Upper Years Admission Categories include:

Transfer into Second Year
Persons who have successfully completed First year in the common law program of another law school, within or outside of Canada, may apply to complete their studies at Robson Hall, Faculty of Law.

Advanced Standing
Persons applying for admission already have earned a J.D. degree or its equivalent from another law school, or are entitled to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction and are seeking the J.D. degree from the University of Manitoba. A maximum of up to two (2) years of credit may be granted.

Letter of Permission (visiting student)
Persons applying for admission are registered at another law school and are seeking to earn credits at Robson Hall, Faculty of Law, for a period of no more than 2 semesters, and applied towards their law degree at their home institution.

National Committee on Accreditation (NCA)
Persons applying for admission in this category are not seeking our J.D. degree, but wish to meet the educational requirements towards the practice of law in Canada. One would have a law degree from a civil law school in Canada or from a foreign law school, or is/was entitled to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction.

Detailed requirements for each category may be found at law.robsonhall.ca

ADMISSION TO THE LL.M. PROGRAM
We are pleased to accept your application to our LL.M. program until December 15 in the year prior to admission. All applicants admitted to the program will be considered for fellowships; no separate application is required.

Admission to the program requires at least a B average (3.0 GPA) in the last two previous years of full-time university study (60 credit hours), and possession of a common law or civil law degree (LL.B. or J.D. or equivalent).

Please apply online through the Faculty of Graduate Studies at: umanitoba.ca/graduate_studies/admissions
Each application must be accompanied by a research proposal, a recent curriculum vitae or resume, and three (3) recommendation letters. The letters may be academic and/or professional.
FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

Tuition at Robson Hall remains among the most affordable of Canadian law schools. We have more bursaries available than any other professional faculty at the University of Manitoba. Robson Hall has approximately $450,000 in need-based financial assistance available to undergraduate law students.

We are committed to attracting top students by offering 10 Entrance Awards annually ranging from $3500 - $7000. Students receiving an Early Offer of admission are considered for these Entrance Awards. Performance and merit-based awards are distributed to students in every course, recognizing academic excellence. Dean’s Honour List Students entering second year or third year, receive approximately $5000 scholarship and are named Pitblado Scholars. All LL.M. students receive fellowships. We strive to ensure that all eligible students will be supported according to their needs.

A complete list of active, senate-approved undergraduate and graduate awards administered by the University of Manitoba and dedicated to the Faculty of Law can be found through searching the University of Manitoba Awards Database.

Please visit law.robsonhall.com for more information about Financial Aid and Awards.

Bursaries
Bursaries are a form of student funding for which repayment is not required. Bursaries are typically offered to Full-Time students who have demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form, and the Faculty of Law Supplemental. Bursary criteria typically include a minimum grade point average requirement, although financial need is the first and foremost consideration. The intention of the bursary program is to assist with Winter Term tuition.

With one application, Law students are considered for all Law-specific bursaries. A complete listing of bursaries can be found by searching the Financial Aid & Award Database.

Please visit law.robsonhall.com for information on how to apply for bursaries.

Summer Internship and Service Learning Projects
The intention of Service Learning is to provide an opportunity for students to volunteer their time with an organization that offers a social good for consumption or use by the general public. Generally, conferences are not considered to be Service Learning. Current 1L and 2L students are eligible to apply. Note: registration in the subsequent Fall and Winter Terms, at Robson Hall is required. Annually in February, a call for applications will be made.

For more information about the Summer Internship and Service Learning Projects program, please contact:

Student Services Coordinator (Admissions & Financial Aid)
J.D. & LL.M. Programs
lawadmissions@umanitoba.ca
Through participation in Moot competitions, our law students develop real world advocacy skills and challenge themselves to strive for excellence in adversarial settings. Mooting is an excellent forum for students to develop proficiency in oral arguments, written facta, public speaking, and extemporaneous debate, while making connections with scholars, judges, and legal professionals from schools and cities throughout the country.

Each year, Robson Hall has the option to participate in as many as ten moot competitions hosted across Canada. Students try out for a spot on one of the moot teams through required classes, auditions and internal trials/competitions. The Moot committee then assigns students as appropriate to the different teams. Currently, Robson Hall typically competes in nine external moot competitions. Our students are recognized for their competitive spirit, oral advocacy and outstanding performances.

Moot Competitions in which Robson Hall teams participate:
- Davies Corporate Securities Law Moot
- Harold G. Fox Moot
- Kawaskimhon Moot
- Laskin Moot
- Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Moot (criminal appellate)
- NHL Hockey Moot
- Negotiation series
  - Robson Hall Negotiation Competition (internal qualifying comp)
  - Canadian Negotiation Competition (national)
- Trial Advocacy series
  - Solomon Greenberg Trial Moot (internal qualifying comp)
  - MacIntyre Cup, Manitoba (regional qualifying comp)
  - Sopinka Cup (national finals)

Davies Corporate Securities Law Moot
The Davies Corporate/Securities Law Moot is organized by the Toronto law firm Davies Ward Phillips and Vineberg LLP. Eleven law schools participated in the competition this year, which provides them with the opportunity to debate current legal issues in corporate and securities law. This year’s winning team was from the University of Toronto.

Harold G. Fox Moot
“The Harold G. Fox Moot is intended to promote the furtherance of education in the intellectual property field, and to provide participants with the opportunity to interact with jurists of the Supreme, Ontario, and Federal Courts and experienced practitioners of intellectual property law. It is named in honour of the late Harold G. Fox, one of Canada’s leading intellectual property scholars and advocates.” – The Harold G. Fox Moot website

Kawaskimhon Moot
The Kawaskimhon (which roughly translates from Cree to “speaking with knowledge”) is a consensus-based, non-adversarial moot that incorporates Indigenous legal traditions with federal, provincial and international law. Mooters participate in roundtable negotiations on a particular topic in Indigenous law, representing their assigned parties. Please see the Kawaskimhon 2018 website for more information about the moot.

Laskin Moot
The Laskin is an annual national bilingual moot court competition in Canadian administrative and constitutional law. Each year, approximately 19 of Canada’s 23 law schools participate in the competition. A full report of the team’s latest experience is posted on the UM Today Law News Network.

Please visit umanitoba.ca/law for more details on our Moot Program.
Lenczner Slaght/CLA Gale Cup Criminal Appellate Moot
The Gale Cup is an annual bilingual appeal moot competition. The Manitoba team placed consistently in the Top Ten schools for both Appellant and Respondent teams and for both Factum and Oral categories.

Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada (aka NHL Moot) *A not-for-credit moot
“The Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada gives law students the opportunity to apply and refine their legal skills in the specialized context of a simulated National Hockey League (NHL) salary arbitration. Our hope is that, by connecting young sports law enthusiasts with some of the industry’s leading academics and practitioners, we can promote the field and encourage the possibility of practicing sports law in the future.” – Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada website.

NEGOTIATIONS
Canadian National Negotiation Competition
The competition invites teams of two students from law schools across Canada to showcase their negotiation skills in a simulated legal case, with the aim of getting the best possible result for their client. … The competition is a great opportunity for law students to practice and improve their negotiation skills. The winners will have chance to advance to the International Negotiation Competition. – CNNC website.

TRIAL ADVOCACY SERIES
Solomon Greenberg Trial Moot
The Solomon Greenberg Trial Moot Competition has a more than 50-year history as the annual in-house trial competition held at Robson Hall each fall. Winners go on to represent Robson Hall in the regional MacIntyre (Western) Cup Moot Competition, from which the winners proceed to the National Sopinka Cup. A full write-up about the latest competition is posted on the UM Today Law News Network.

The MacIntyre Cup (Western regional trial advocacy Moot)
The MacIntyre Cup is the annual regional trial advocacy moot competition for law schools in Canada’s western provinces. The cup is named for Dr. Malcolm MacIntyre, a well-loved and respected professor who formerly taught at UBC’s Faculty of Law. A full write-up of this year’s MacIntyre Cup competition is posted on the UM Today Law News Network. Robson Hall was proud to host the MacIntyre Cup in 2018. The Manitoba team of Yassir Alnaji and Ben Johnson won the Cup in 2018 keeping it at Robson Hall for the second year in a row.

The Sopinka Cup (National final trial advocacy moot)
“The Sopinka Cup is an annual trial advocacy competition in Canada organized by The Advocates’ Society and sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers. This two-day event is aimed to encourage law schools to train students in the art of oral advocacy. Elimination occurs in four regional competitions across Canada, leaving eight law schools to represent various geographical areas of Canada and compete in the bilingual National Finals hosted in Ottawa.” - Wikipedia

2018 Gale Moot Team

2017-18 Robson Hall Negotiation Team
Photo Credit: University of Saskatchewan
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

The Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba is committed to working collectively to meaningfully implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #28, with particular attention to its implications for our curriculum and the learning environment at Robson Hall.

Robson Hall is determined to be a welcoming place for Indigenous law students, and a place where all our students can enhance their awareness of the issues facing Indigenous communities. Our students will be able to use their legal education to work with their communities for change.

Actions taken at Robson Hall to implement Call to Action #28 include:

- Canadian Indigenous Applicant Category
- Financial support
- Courses offered in Aboriginal Law and Policy
- Faculty member research accomplishments including: UN Declaration handbook, Gladue hand-book, annual Water Conference
- Active Manitoba Indigenous Law Students Association (MILSA)
- First Year Orientation Week awareness activities

“We call upon law schools in Canada to require all law students to take a course in Aboriginal people and the law, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.”

TRC Call to Action #28
The University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Law is the only Law Faculty in Canada to offer as intensive and comprehensive a program as the Israel and International Law Program, known as “Mishpatim” (“Laws” in Hebrew). For nearly a decade, Canadian law students have been visiting Israel through the program. Many students have described the for-credit three-week program as the best part of their law degree experience and as “life changing.”

Running each May, the program is hosted by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in close association with its elite Faculty of Law. The program was conceived and is organized annually by Dr. Bryan Schwartz, who holds a doctorate in law from Yale and is our endowed Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law.

In the program, students explore the legal, social and political framework for Israel’s emergence as a high-tech hub. They study the challenges of how traditional peoples, such as Ultraorthodox Jews, Arabs from villages in the North, Bedouin and Druze peoples fit into that ultra-modern economy. Students also learn about issues involving newcomers, such as immigrants from Ethiopia, guest workers from South Asia and refugees from Darfur.

Participants learn about all areas of law ranging from constitutional and international law to business law. Besides classroom lectures, the program includes site visits, field trips, and guest lecturers ranging from judges of the High Court of Israel to advocates for human rights groups. Many Mishpatim graduates have maintained an ongoing interest in Israel since taking part in the program, and some have returned to pursue advanced degrees in law.
As one of the oldest Universities in Western Canada, Robson Hall has a long and proud tradition of achievement and innovation in research. We boast a vibrant research community where Faculty members’ research is well-respected and published internationally, nationally, and locally. Different Research Institutes hosted at Robson Hall include the following:

The Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law hosts the annual Asper INTLaw Conference, which focuses on a different theme each year about International Business Law, Internet Law, International Trade Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Guest speakers are invited from all over the world and Robson Hall law students working with the Asper Chair help to organize the conference.

The Marcel A. Desautels Centre for Private Enterprise and the Law integrates the disciplines of law, business and the humanities as they apply to family-controlled and other private enterprises, the principal foundation of all economic activity in Canada. Students trained through the Centre’s academic programs develop the necessary skills, and acquire relevant perspectives to address, in a holistic manner, issues faced by enterprises and their owners at all stages of the private business life cycle.

The Centre for Human Rights Research was established in 2012 to bring together people and organizations – both within and outside the University of Manitoba – to enhance interdisciplinary and collaborative research capacity, create richer training opportunities for students, and facilitate the fusion of research-driven knowledge, public policy and intellectual debate on issues related to human rights and social justice. The centre aims to facilitate research that is both academically rigorous and accessible to the public.

The Legal Research Institute was created to stimulate and facilitate legal research by academics at the Faculty of Law and within the University of Manitoba, to facilitate interdisciplinary contacts and collaboration, provide research funding, develop and refine student research skills and capacities, coordinate the hiring of research assistants for projects, undertake commissioned research for any provincial or national law reform commissions, sponsor conferences, workshops, and seminars on law-related topics, and more.

Our Visiting Scholars Program brings legal researchers from around the world to contribute to our rich research environment. While at Robson Hall, visitors may be invited to collaborate on research projects, to present their own research works, to participate in our Distinguished Visitors Research seminars, and to generally share their ideas with our research and teaching community. Sessional teaching opportunities may also be available.
Additionally, Robson Hall publishes a number of highly-regarded academic legal research journals including:

- The Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law
- The Canadian Journal of Human Rights
- The Manitoba Law Journal
- Underneath the Golden Boy

More information about what Robson Hall has to offer in research may be found at:

law.robsonhall.com/research/

MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MLSA)

Every student enrolled in the Faculty of Law is automatically a member of the MLSA. Organized by an executive student council, the MLSA consists of a number of committees and student groups that are actively engaged in different social and legal issues. Please visit the MLSA website: robsonmlsa.com for a full list of committees and groups that all law students can join.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA CAMPUS LIFE

Campus life at the University of Manitoba is vibrant and friendly. Many services for students are housed at the University of Manitoba Students’ Union Building (known as “UMSU”) where students can find an extensive food court, book store, post office and drug store, bank, and other services. Please visit umanitoba.ca for more general information about campus life.

CITY OF WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Manitoba’s capital city, is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Canada. Our city boasts vibrant First Nations, Métis, francophone and multicultural communities, with nearly 100 languages represented. In addition to wonderful arts, culture, and music scenes, Winnipeg is home to sports teams and many other entertainment activities that take place in all four of its contrasting seasons. Reasonably priced housing, on and off campus, makes Robson Hall Law School one of the most affordable law schools in Canada at which to study. Please visit www.tourismwinnipeg.com for more information.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I GET INTO LAW SCHOOL?
To apply for the J.D. Program, you must have completed at least two full years (60 credit hours) of university degree-level courses and you must have a Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) score.

DO MY HIGH SCHOOL COURSES COUNT?
No. We do not consider high school grades in the admission process, only your university-level adjusted grade point average (AGPA) and your LSAT score.

WHAT IS THE LSAT?
The Law School Admission Test is designed to measure your ability to read, understand and reason. Scores range from 120 to 180.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LAW DEGREE?
Beyond practicing in a law firm, graduates can use their legal educations for business, politics, government, human rights and social justice service and more. Some graduates complete graduate degrees in law to become researchers and university professors. You can use a law degree in any way you can imagine.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A LAWYER?
If you have ever imagined arguing a case in court, writing contracts for up-and-coming businesses or helping someone who has been wronged and seeks justice, a law degree will give you the skills to advocate for whichever cause you wish to support. Robson Hall graduates are strong contributors to their communities worldwide.

WHAT DEGREE DO I NEED TO PRACTICE LAW?
To be eligible to practice law, you need a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree. You also need to go through a process known as articling, and successfully complete the Bar Admissions course offered by the Law Society of the province in which you plan to practice law.

I’VE GOT MY J.D. DEGREE – WHAT NEXT?
After you graduate, you can either pursue a Master of Laws (LL.M.) or, if you wish to practice law, you must article and complete the Bar Admissions course. Articling is spending one full year doing hands-on work experience under the supervision and guidance of an experienced legal professional. Once you meet articling and Bar Admissions course requirements, your “Call to the Bar” entitles you to practice law in Canada.

WHAT IS THE LL.M. DEGREE?
After completing a J.D. degree, you can apply to complete a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. Our LL.M. is a one-year research-intensive thesis program that requires students to take three courses in addition to producing a 90 to 120-page thesis on a particular topic.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE AN LL.M.?
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