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**INTERNATIONALLY
TRAINED LAWYER
PATHWAY**

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LEADING WITH PURPOSE

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law, part of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, is Western Canada's oldest and most prestigious law school and one of Canada's leading institutions of legal education and research. For more than 100 years, the Faculty has been at the forefront of legal scholarship in Canada, fostering generations of thought leaders.

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INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED LAWYER PATHWAY

The Internationally Trained Lawyer Pathway is designed for foreign-trained lawyers who wish to practise law in Canada, and who desire a structured, efficient program in lieu of self-study or course-by-course open-studies.

The program provides an avenue for completing the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's National Committee on Accreditation process in a supportive classroom environment, and prepares internationally educated lawyers to enter the Canadian legal profession.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law is located in Amiskwaciwâskahikan on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway / Saulteaux / Anishinaabe, Inuit and many others who shape our community.

Laurent Garneau was the Métis son of a French fur trader who, as a youth, sided with Louis Riel and the provisional government of 1870 in the Red River area. He came to Edmonton in 1874 with his wife Eleanor, settling on River Lot 7 on the river's south side. The University of Alberta developed on the adjacent River Lot 5 in 1910 and in the 1960s expanded to part of River Lot 7, on which the Law Centre now stands.

Students who successfully complete their NCA requirements at the University of Alberta are not required to write the NCA examinations.

The NCA assesses the legal credentials of foreign-trained lawyers to determine which additional requirements are necessary to be qualified to practise law in Canada. Students who successfully complete their NCA requirements through U of A Faculty of Law will receive a Certificate of Qualification and can then apply to begin the licensing process of any provincial common law jurisdiction law society in Canada.

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WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF LAW



LAWYERS WHO TRAINED INTERNATIONALLY BUT WANT ACCREDITATION TO PRACTISE LAW IN CANADA RECEIVE EXCEPTIONAL RESOURCES AND RICH, MEANINGFUL INTERACTION AT THE U OF A FACULTY OF LAW.

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law is excited to welcome you to the next chapter of your legal career! Whether you're a newcomer to Canada or a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who obtained their legal education outside Canada, the Faculty's Internationally Trained Lawyer Pathway (ITLP), which celebrates its tenth year in 2026, provides a custom-built academic program that will prepare you for legal practice in Canada.

Taught by leading academics and legal practitioners, the ITLP embeds you within one of Canada's leading law schools, where you will enjoy all of the benefits of being a U of A law student. You will have access to careers events, student clubs, mentoring sessions, and numerous mentoring opportunities. The faculty also provides a Careers Services team member who works exclusively with ITLP students to prepare you for the articling process.

Instead of writing National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) examinations, you will be able to complete the NCA requirements through classwork. For some of the mandatory NCA classes, you will have your own small group cohort, enjoying the benefits of one to one attention. For other courses, you will learn alongside students in the JD program, allowing you to connect with peers who will become your colleagues in Canada. As an ITLP graduate, you will become part of the Faculty's extensive alumni community and will be welcomed back to the faculty for many years to come.

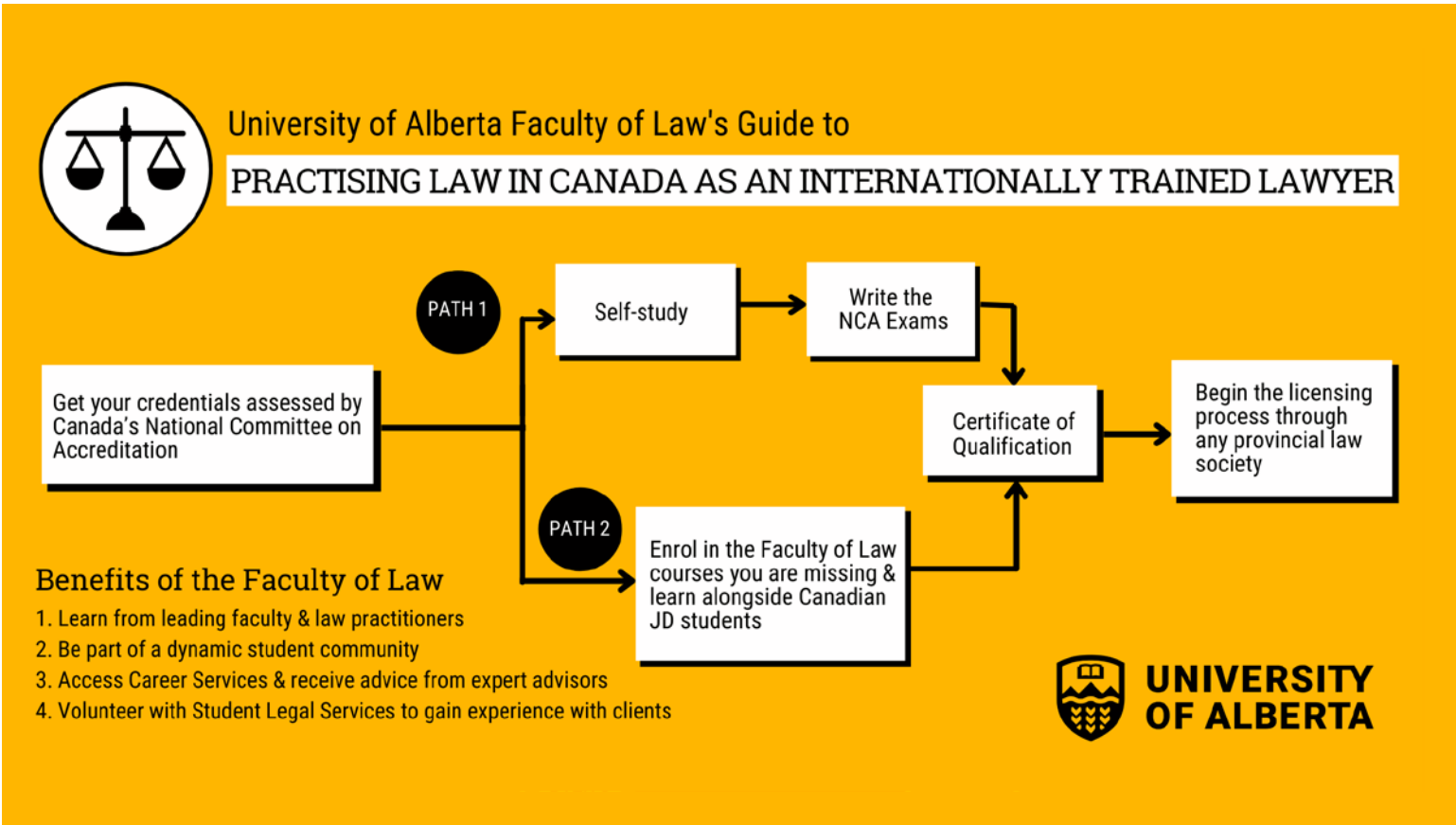
At the University of Alberta we have welcomed ITLP students from all corners of the globe, including the United Kingdom, Brazil, Ghana, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, and Turkey. We sincerely hope that you will be one of them!

FIONA KELLY

Dean of Law
Wilbur Fee Bowker Professor of Law



THE PATHWAYS TO YOUR **LEGAL EDUCATION**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND TUITION COSTS, PLEASE GO TO **UAB.CA/ITLP**

Our strengths cover all elements of the law.

1 AN IMPRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF ALUMNI
Our alumni are respected throughout Canada as leading legal practitioners, as entrepreneurs and as distinguished judges at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.

2 FACULTY INSTRUCTORS WITH STATURE IN THEIR PROFESSION
Our professors include esteemed experts in various areas including health law, criminal law, constitutional law, human rights law, business and commercial law, and Indigenous law. Many have written or edited leading reference works in Canadian law.

3 A SOLID CORE CURRICULUM THAT OPENS DOORS
We teach the foundations of law thoroughly while encouraging innovative approaches that respond to the latest demands of this dynamic profession.

4 A VIBRANT CITY FOR LAW STUDENTS
Our Faculty is located in Edmonton, the site of Alberta's government. Its backdrop is Canada's energy sector and its major agricultural producers, from cattle to cannabis. Entrepreneurs are growing the medical, petrochemical and manufacturing industries while culture thrives in live theatre, music, sports and a large culinary scene.

OUR COMMITMENT TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

We are committed to the Principles of Reconciliation, understanding that for Canada to flourish, we must seek reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Our work and collaboration together thus far includes more fully integrating Indigenous law and legal theory and traditions into our curriculum, academic and cultural support with our Indigenous student manager; an Indigenous law speaker series; and our Wahkohtowin Project, which provides on-the-land, and in-class education based on the Cree concept of "wahkohtowin," which translates to inter-relatedness and interdependence.

WE VALUE AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY. OUR STUDENTS VARY IN RACE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION AND PLACE OF ORIGIN.

COMMUNITY

U of A Faculty of Law alumni include many of Canada's finest legal minds.

Connections to leaders in the legal profession are a vital component of success for a law school's students and graduates. Our esteemed alumni connections that have previously been or are currently leaders of the judiciary include the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, the former Chief Justice of Canada; the Hon. Sheilah H. Martin, and the Hon. Mary Moreau, current Supreme Court Justices; the Hon. Catherine Fraser, the former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Alberta; the Hon. Kent Davidson, current Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of Alberta, and the Hon. James A. Hunter, current Chief Justice of the Alberta Court of Justice.

Other alumni serve in government positions, as senior counsel to major businesses; as entrepreneurs; and as partners and lawyers at scores of leading law firms. Alumni of the ITLP program have gone on to be award winning lawyers, such as Ilse Torres Quezada (ITLP 2021-2022) who received the Rising Star Award at the Impact Awards held during the inaugural Internationally Trained Lawyer Conference (2025). A conference organized, executed, and celebrated by NCA alumni across Canada.



EMPLOYMENT



U of A Faculty of Law students receive wise, year-round guidance about how to get hired both during school and after completing the Internationally Trained Lawyer Pathway.

Our Career Services team offers practical support for all aspects of your career development, from career seminars and fairs to individual career counselling.

- Organized firm visits (including Vancouver & Toronto firms)
- Mentoring
- Seminars to assist you in your job search
- Student-focused, individually tailored career counselling sessions
- Job application and interview skills workshops
- Exclusive access to job postings

Students who have completed the Internationally Trained Lawyer Pathway have gone on to work in places ranging from Vancouver to Halifax.

Our expert advisors in the Career Services office provide excellent mentorship for students while in the program and liaise with firms across Canada to bring you the best opportunities.

CURRICULUM

Students in the Internationally Trained Lawyer Pathway follow curriculum drawn from first-year studies at U of A Faculty of Law. It is based on the material the National Committee on Accreditation has assessed that they need in order to qualify to practise law in Canada.

COURSES

Among the courses they may be directed to complete are:

- LAW 401 Foundations to Law
- LAW 410 Contracts
- LAW 420 Criminal Law
- LAW 430 Torts
- LAW 435 Constitutional Law
- LAW 440 Property Law
- LAW 450: Administrative Law
- LAW 456: Professionalism & Ethics
- LAW 599: NCA Legal Research and Writing

Most students are assessed subjects that they can complete within a year of study in the program.

When they pass all of their coursework, they will receive their Certificate of Qualification from the NCA. At that point, they can apply to begin the licensing process of any provincial common law jurisdiction law society in Canada.

Special workshops available to ITLP students while they study:

- Exam preparation workshops with faculty members
- Career-search events that cater to a wide array of professional interests
- Programming developed after careful consultation with the NCA to meet accreditation needs

The benefits of studying alongside regularly enrolled first-year students include classroom interaction with students and instructors, peer support, group workshops and networking opportunities.



“The University of Alberta is such a fantastic school because of all the wonderful people here. I have found from day one that there is an amazing community of students, instructors, faculty, and staff who are ready to support you in your learning. You will always see a friendly face, no matter where you go in the Law Center. Law School is challenging, but everyone is in it together. You will be well supported on your journey by the close community we have at our Faculty of Law.”

PATRICK BATTIGELLI, President, Law Students’ Association, 2025-26

CAMPUS LIFE



U of A Faculty of Law is known nationally for its collegial atmosphere and immersive student experience. More than 30 clubs and associations help deepen knowledge and build lifelong bonds. Here are a select few of our student groups:

- Women’s Law Forum
- OUTLaw
- Law & Business Association
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers
- Muslim Law Students Association
- And more

LAW STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

The LSA is the longest running student group in the Faculty of Law. They provide support for all students through social engagement, academic support, and funding opportunities. All students are encouraged to get involved.

To increase involvement and integration with the Juris Doctor (JD) students, the LSA added a new role on their roster! An ITLP representative is elected to sit with the LSA admin to share feedback on events, campus life, and other areas where input is needed.



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