The House Post of 'qiyaplenax’ (Capilano), carved by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr., represents the historic and ongoing relationship between the Peter A. Allard School of Law and the Musqueam people in the pursuit of Indigenous justice and education.

The Peter A. Allard School of Law is located on the UBC Point Grey (Vancouver) campus, which sits on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the x�∼məθk̓ʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nation. The land we are situated on has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.
The challenge of reconciliation is for all Canadians, all law schools and all lawyers. At the Allard School of Law, we are committed to meeting this challenge and to providing the educational foundation for young lawyers to contribute to reconciliation throughout their careers.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action number 28 specifically addresses Canadian law schools, ensuring that all law students take a course in Aboriginal people and the law. Allard Law’s Indigenous Settler Legal Relations course builds on Call to Action 28, but the relationship of legal education to the Commission’s Calls to Action neither begins nor ends here.

Law mediates the relationship between Indigenous peoples and their governments and Canadian governments on local, provincial and national levels, and we are committed to training lawyers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, who will respond to the Calls to Action and to the challenge of reconciliation. Reconciliation demands that we integrate Indigenous perspectives into all our courses, and we continue to work to meet this objective.

The Reconciliation Pole, carved by 7idansuu (Edenshaw), James Hart, Haida Hereditary Chief and Master Carver, encourages everyone who comes across it to learn more about the history of Indian residential schools and to understand their role in reconciliation.

Photo: Hover Collective / UBC Brand & Marketing
Between classes, the Martha Piper Plaza Fountain — located in the center of campus — turns on to tell you how much time you have to get to class.
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YOUR JOURNEY

YEAR 1

Build a solid foundation in legal principles through a thorough curriculum taught by passionate faculty experts.

First-year core courses include Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Indigenous Settler Legal Relations, Introduction to Public Law and the Charter, Legal Research & Writing, Property Law, Torts and Transnational Law.

Learn in small cohorts to build life-long friendships and connections that fuel success.

Find the career you want with the support of a dedicated team of Career Services professionals who will work with you throughout your law school journey.

YEAR 2 AND 3

Expand your interests through an expansive offering of mandatory and elective upper-year courses.

Build your practical experience and apply your classroom learning to real-life situations through an array of clinical programs, moots and experiential courses.

Hone your skills and deepen your knowledge by completing an optional concentration or specialization.
GRADUATION AND BEYOND

With the support of our Career Services Office, over 96% of graduates from the class of 2021 who were seeking articling positions were able to secure an articling position within nine months of graduation.

Join a community of more than 350,000 UBC alumni and over 11,000 Allard Law alumni working in all areas of the legal profession around the globe.

Notable alumni include Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Canada, a former Prime Minister of Canada, Attorney Generals of Canada, ambassadors and diplomats, government leaders, executive directors of non-profits, CEOs of multinational corporations, and globally recognized authors.

CONCENTRATIONS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

Specialization in Aboriginal Law
Business Law Concentration
Specialization in Law & Social Justice
Specialization in Environmental and Natural Resource Law

LEARN MORE AT ALLARD.UBC.CA/CONCENTRATION

JOINT-DEGREES WITH PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

University of Hong Kong (LLB/JD)
Melbourne Law School (JD/LLM)

Go on exchange at one of our numerous partner universities around the world, including the University of Copenhagen in Denmark or Keio University in Japan.

Go on exchange to leading law schools around the world through our Go Global Program.
INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES

Indigenous Legal Studies students in front of Allard Hall.

JD Admissions 2022 | 2023
With one of the highest enrollments of Indigenous law students in Canada, and professors who teach and research in a wide range of areas of importance to Indigenous peoples, including Indigenous laws, the Allard School of Law is a leader in Indigenous legal education in North America.

Allard Law offers a wide breadth of courses and experiential learning opportunities focused on Indigenous peoples and issues.

Student success is our top priority. Indigenous Legal Studies students receive timely support through one-on-one advising, approachable faculty and experienced staff.

The law school offers a number of scholarships, awards and bursaries that are specifically for Indigenous students. Please visit allard.ubc.ca/ILS to learn more.

GET INVOLVED

The ILS Academic Leadership Certificate offers first-year Indigenous JD students weekly academic support, leadership workshops and a dedicated Indigenous Legal Studies Coach for tutoring and support.

The Indigenous Cultural Competency Certificate Program aims to instill an understanding of issues such as Euro-centric teachings and the law and what decolonization means for the legal landscape. The program, open to all students, faculty and staff, provides opportunities for participants to analyze issues according to their own perspectives through workshops, Talking Circles and reflection exercises.

The Indigenous Community Legal Clinic is an innovative experiential clinical program that provides free legal services to Indigenous individuals all over British Columbia. Students make a meaningful contribution to a historically underserved and marginalized community, while gaining hands-on experience managing client files and making court appearances.

The Kawaskimhon (“Speaking with Knowledge”) Aboriginal Rights Moot is a non-adversarial, consensus-based moot, focused on Indigenous legal issues. Student teams play the role of lawyers working towards consensus on topics such as band membership rights, shared jurisdiction, Métis rights, and jurisdictional issues.

“Indigenous Legal Studies programming and community support ensured I had the proper academic tools and cultural support needed to thrive in my legal education.”

Cassandra Sawers, ILS Student, Class of 2022
HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Step outside the lecture hall and develop your skills with hands-on, real-life opportunities. Our diverse programs will help you find your passions and gain the confidence and experience employers are seeking.

COMPLETE YOUR MANDATORY EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT BY CHOOSING A WIDE VARIETY OF CLINICS, EXTERNSHIPS OR MOOTS DURING YOUR 2ND OR 3RD YEAR.
CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

By working in one of our legal clinics, you will gain practical skills such as legal drafting and evidence analysis and learn how to advocate for clients before the courts and tribunals. You will also make a significant contribution to providing access to justice by serving community members who would otherwise be unable to afford legal services. When participating in our externship programs, you will gain valuable experience in a specific practice area while working alongside lawyers and judges.

BUSINESS LAW CLINIC
Students provide supervised, business-oriented legal advice to small businesses, entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations.

CORPORATE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIP
Students are placed in the legal department of a business where they learn directly from experienced corporate counsel in a supportive educational environment and apply concepts learned in the classroom to practical legal and business matters.

CRIMINAL CLINIC
Students work as counsel on a number of criminal files, as either defense counsel or Crown counsel. Students’ work focuses on trial preparation, plea negotiations and conducting trials and sentencing hearings.

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP
Students work for a group of provincial court judges and engage in legal research and memoranda drafting and editing.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC
The Clinic serves the Indigenous community. Students focus on representing persons in numerous areas of law, including Indigenous legal issues, criminal charges, civil claims, family law, residential tenancy, wills and access to social assistance.

UBC INNOCENCE PROJECT
Students focus on investigating whether a wrongful conviction of serious crimes may have occurred, evaluating new evidence, and assisting in making innocence applications to the Department of Justice.

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC
Students work on pressing human rights and global justice concerns through hands-on work on international cases and projects.

RISE WOMEN’S LEGAL CLINIC
Students help provide legal advice to clients of low to moderate income who identify as women, with a focus on family law matters and practice in related areas of law.

LAW STUDENTS’ LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM
Students help provide legal research, representation and advocacy services to low-income residents of the Greater Vancouver region on a range of civil and criminal matters.

FIND THE EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU. LEARN MORE AT allard.ubc.ca/EXPERIENTIAL
MOOTING

Gain valuable courtroom experience by participating in a simulated court hearing (moot) in your first year. You’ll also have the chance to participate in a moot in second or third year as part of Allard Law’s experiential learning program.

Coached by professors and practicing lawyers, you’ll gain experience analyzing complex issues and making written and oral arguments — skills that will put you on the path to becoming a great lawyer.
In 2022/23, upper-year students could choose to apply to participate in one of more than 10 different moots, including:

**THE JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COMPETITION** is the largest moot court competition, with over 700 law school teams competing annually. Student teams take sides in fictional disputes between countries, focused on timely issues of public international law.

**THE JULIUS ALEXANDER ISAAC MOOT** is a competitive moot typically held at the Ontario Court of Appeal, administered by the Black Law Students’ Association of Canada. The moot focuses on issues of equity and diversity, often incorporating elements of critical race theory into the problem.

**THE GALE MOOT COMPETITION** is a national moot that attracts teams from across Canada. Student teams focus on a criminal law topic, often involving the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Final rounds are argued before at least one Supreme Court of Canada Justice.

**THE CANADIAN CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LAW COMPETITION** provides an opportunity to meet — formally and informally — with judges, corporate and securities regulators, academics and practitioners to debate legal issues of importance to the Canadian business community.

“Many students, including those who are not experienced public speakers, surprisingly find their first-year moot to be an exhilarating experience which leads them to consider a future as a litigator. Students then have the opportunity to further develop their advocacy and research skills by participating in upper-year moots, where they argue cases against teams from other law schools across Canada and internationally.”

Professor Nikos Harris, Director of Experiential Learning
Righting wrongs and training the next generation of lawyers

For 15 years, the UBC Innocence Project (the Project) has been investigating claims of wrongful conviction in British Columbia. The Project brings together Allard Law students and supervising lawyers to review case files from investigation through to appeal — a process that can take more than 10 years. There have been a few recent wins, and many of the Project’s current and former students say it’s changed how they see their role as lawyers.
BUILDING THE PROJECT FROM THE GROUND UP

Tamara Levy, QC, co-founder and director of the UBC Innocence Project, says the idea to start an Innocence Project at UBC came to her while teaching a course on advanced evidence, which reviewed topics commonly identified as causes of wrongful convictions — eyewitness identification, confessions and jailhouse informant testimony. Working together with her friend and colleague Professor Nikos Harris, (then lawyer and now judge) the Honourable Jeffrey Campbell, and several law students, the group launched the Project in 2007 with just three cases.

Their client base has since grown, but Levy says they’ve never been inundated with applications. “On average, it takes 8 to 12 years to review and work a case through a system of exoneration. If someone is only sentenced to 3 or 5 years, it’s sometimes not worth their effort to pursue a claim of wrongful conviction,” she explains. That means, in practice, the Project tends to accept only homicide files, which come with much longer sentences.

“It’s a long process,” says Levy, but they’ve had some recent successes. In November 2020, the UBC Innocence Project helped clear the name of Tomas Yebes, who had been wrongfully convicted of murdering his two sons in 1983. In April 2022, Federal Justice Minister concluded that Gerald Klassen’s conviction had likely been a miscarriage of justice and ordered a new trial. Klassen had spent more than 25 years in prison for first-degree murder, but always maintained his innocence. “I hope that with these and potentially a few more exonerations, we’re able to shine a light on why these wrongful convictions occur,” says Levy.

“GETTING HOOKED”

Many of Levy’s students say they find the work not just rewarding, but fascinating. “I tell the students, you’ll never again get exposed to 18 really interesting homicide files at once in your career. They get hooked on the whodunit,” she explains. Whether or not her students practice criminal law, Levy says the lessons they learn will stay with them: “One thing I tell them in orientation is that I want them to come out of this program with an inquisitive mind. To never accept the evidence at face value, to always ask questions about it, to make sure it’s reliable.” But while many students go on to practice law in other areas, she says, some stay hooked.

Alexandra Ballantyne is one such former student. She’s been involved with the Project as a student, a contract staff lawyer, a supervising lawyer and a volunteer. “It sounds cliché, but I knew I wanted to be part of the Project for as long as they would have me,” she says.

As a staff lawyer on the Project, Ballantyne developed a framework for evaluating possible wrongful convictions in shaken baby syndrome cases — where it’s believed infants or toddlers were injured or died as a result of forceful
shaking. She says new research shows the syndrome has been “dramatically overdiagnosed,” and symptoms considered to be proof of the syndrome can have other causes. “Prior to this shift in the scientific landscape, many people, most often parents and caregivers, were convicted of shaking a baby to death based on faulty forensic science,” she adds.

Allard Law student Rhys Rhodes first got involved with the UBC Innocence Project as a student caseworker. She now works part-time as the Project’s head legal clinician. “From the moment I learned about the Innocence Project, I knew I wanted to help exonerate Canada’s wrongfully convicted,” Rhodes explains. She says the Project has shaped her into a more empathetic, independent and patient person — and that Levy and the Project’s supervising counsel have led by example, showing how to balance caring for clients with maintaining a professional relationship.

Tony Paisana, now a partner at Peck and Company, worked with the project as a student and has since returned as a supervising lawyer. He says there’s a desperate need for lawyers to take on post-conviction review work because “there is simply no one else that can effectively do the job of overturning these troubling cases.”

“From the moment I learned about the Innocence Project, I knew I wanted to help exonerate Canada’s wrongfully convicted.”

Rhys Rhodes, 3rd year Allard Law student

Each year the UBC Innocence Project engages the talents and enthusiasm of a select group of Allard Law students to review claims of wrongful conviction in BC. Students can apply to join the Project during their second or third year of law school.

[HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING]
The UBC Vancouver campus looking north towards Howe Sound and the Tantalus Range.
THE SUPPORT AND NETWORKS TO
ACHIEVE YOUR
CAREER GOALS

LEARN ABOUT ALL
THE SERVICES OFFERED
BY THE CAREER
SERVICES OFFICE AT
ALLARD.UBC.CA/CSO.
CAREER SERVICES

Throughout your law school journey, the Allard Law Career Services Office will work with you to help you achieve your career goals. A dedicated team of advisors will provide you with coaching, training, resources and a connection with the legal community.

Meet potential employers at annual career fair events and on-campus interviews.

Put your best foot forward with resume, cover letter, and interview prep support.

Find your passions and get help exploring law-related careers.

Graduating students have a high level of employment. Continuing a strong track record over the last decade, in 2021, over 96% of graduating students seeking articles secured positions.

Support doesn’t stop at graduation. Students can access career coaching up to 20 months after graduation.

“\nI gave this advice to a friend who was just starting law school: the most important thing is to understand what you hope to gain from the experience. You don’t have to have a firm plan about your future career, but understand how law school builds upon your understanding of the world. Understand which tools you’re trying to develop and ask the questions that feel relevant to you.”

Aaron Pete, Class of 2022
CAREER ADVICE FOR ASPIRING LAW STUDENTS

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR LAW DEGREE?

Career Services Office Assistant Dean Stephanie Mui explains how you can successfully navigate the twists and turns of your legal career.

“What advice would you give to new law students who aren’t sure about their career path?”

The first thing I will say is that that’s totally normal. One of the best things about law school is that you’ll be introduced to so many new ideas and a whole new way of thinking.

You might come to law school thinking you really want to do employment law, but then you take a certain course or meet somebody at a firm who does criminal law, for example, and then suddenly start thinking about what life might be like as a defense attorney. Law school will wind up shaping what your career looks like, in ways you might not expect.

My advice is to come with an open mind and embrace the many, many opportunities that are going to be presented to you.

“Besides becoming a lawyer, what other career options are open to law grads?”

So many! I think our grads can do almost anything they want with their degree. Our students who decide not to practice law go into so many different areas, for example in government, finance, management consulting and journalism. We’ve also seen our grads really succeed as entrepreneurs who have started their own businesses.
Law students gain so many transferable skills, in part because our curriculum teaches you how to think critically, see both sides of an argument, and clearly advocate for your position. As soon as students realize how many great skills they’ve gained, that makes it much easier for them to pursue what they want to do.

**WHAT MAKES ALLARD LAW A GOOD CHOICE FOR STUDENTS LOOKING TO LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS?**

Legal professionals around the world know Allard Law as one of the top law schools in Canada.

Perhaps not so coincidentally, our students do extremely well in terms of finding articling positions. In previous years, between 91-97% of our students who wanted an articling position were able to get one.

That’s one of the highest rates in the country! I think that speaks not only to Allard Law’s reputation, but also to the quality of students we tend to attract and the resources that are available to help students put their best foot forward.

**WHAT SUPPORT DOES THE CSO PROVIDE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO HELP STUDENTS FIND THEIR FIRST LAW JOB?**

The support we provide is really multifaceted. Students can book one-on-one advising appointments where they can ask any questions related to their careers — that could be questions about their cover letter, interview prep, what it’s like working in different areas of legal practice or any sort of career advice.

We’ll also review resumes and cover letters and go through a student’s application line by line to help them clean it up.

During the academic year, we host three large career fairs where students get to meet employers from different law firms. Those are a big draw, especially for incoming students who may not have had the opportunity to network with legal employers before. We also host firm tours and career-related events every week to help students with their career search.

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That’s one of the highest rates in the country!”
At the Allard School of Law, your professors are innovative teachers and scholars who have gained national and international recognition for their contributions in areas ranging from human rights to environmental sustainability to business law. They're also dedicated to helping you build a strong foundation for your legal career, exploring your interests and discovering new ones.

“It is an enormous privilege to research and teach in a leading law school, housed in one of the world’s great public universities. I am constantly inspired by this collegial community and beautiful learning environment, and by our diverse and exceptionally talented student body.”

Hoi Kong
The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, P.C., UBC Professor in Constitutional Law
Joined Allard School of Law in 2018
Area of Research Interest:
Administrative Law, Comparative Law, Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, Legal Theory, Regulatory Design and Governance
MEET OUR PROFESSORS

PROFESSOR KRISTEN THOMASEN is one of Canada’s leading experts in robotics law and policy, specializing in drone regulation and the privacy impacts of robotic technologies and AI. She serves on the Canadian Drone Advisory Committee and on the International Committee for Robot Arms Control. At Allard Law, she teaches Tort Law, as well as Law, Robotics & Society, which explores the legal and policy implications of robotic and AI systems.

PROFESSOR CAROL LIAO is Director of the Centre for Business Law, Distinguished Scholar at the Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, and co-leads the Canada Climate Law Initiative. Her research focuses on corporate law and sustainability. She is the recipient of the 2021 Influential Women in Business Award, the 2022 BCBusiness Women of the Year Award, and was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network.

PROFESSOR JOEL BAKAN is an internationally renowned legal scholar whose work examines the social, economic and political dimensions of law. He is the author of the award-winning and critically acclaimed books and documentary films The Corporation (2004) and The New Corporation (2020). Professor Bakan has worked on landmark legal cases and government policy and frequently serves as a media commentator.

PROFESSOR JOCelyn STACEY is an expert in environmental crises and how law creates, regulates and prevents these events. She works closely with BC First Nations on Indigenous jurisdiction in times of crisis, serves as President of the Pacific Centre for Environmental Law and Litigation, a non-profit society dedicated to training law students and young lawyers, and is a member of the Research Council of the Public Order Emergency Commission.

BROWSE ALL OUR FACULTY MEMBER PROFILES AT ALLARD.UBC.CA/FACULTY
As an Indigenous scholar and teacher, I work to interrupt the conventional stories we tell ourselves about ourselves and our relations to law by centering Indigenous ethics,” says Professor Johnny Mack.

In recognition of his exceptional teaching, Professor Mack received the 2022 George Curtis Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence and was a recipient of UBC’s Killam Teaching Prize. “Being recognized and singled out faculty-wide for excellence in teaching is immensely heartening and meaningful,” he says.

Professor Mack is from the Toquaht Nation (Nuu-cihah-nulth) and is an assistant professor at the Allard School of Law. His teaching, which focuses on Indigenous legal orders and Canadian Aboriginal and treaty rights, employs a critical decolonial ethic, emphasizing the social and historical context surrounding the relationship between Indigenous law and Canadian law.

In a word, Professor Mack describes his teaching as intersubjective. “A nerdy word, I realize, but what I mean is that I try to invite the students into a shared intellectual and critical space where we can identify key concepts or tensions in the law and process them together,” he explains. “I do not really know how to preside over students and lecture — I do much better coming beside them as a guide and interlocutor.”

Despite growing up as a deeply analytical thinker who was captivated by new ideas, Professor Mack says he didn’t consider higher education as a serious option for most of his life. “I was a teenage runaway and high
school dropout and found myself in a fair bit of trouble,” he explains. “At the outset, returning to school was a means of getting out of trouble and I quickly found myself taking refuge in ideas about history, power, law and colonization. These ideas changed the world for me.” It was this same passion for new ideas that put Professor Mack on the path to becoming a law professor.

For Professor Mack, one of the most rewarding parts of teaching is helping facilitate those lightbulb moments of clarity for his students, where he can see complex ideas about the law and its relationship to the social world click into place. “The discussion that follows just takes off to a higher level of analysis,” he says.

Professor Mack’s student nominators credit his unique approach to pedagogy for encouraging a high level of critical and analytical thinking in the classroom — and for creating a space where Indigenous students feel safe sharing Indigenous-specific experiences and legal knowledge. They describe him as deeply committed to student learning and inclusivity, and note that his scholarship on Indigenous legal traditions, which he brings into his teaching, is pushing the boundaries of law and equally deserving of recognition.

Allard Law student Chelsea Gladstone is one of Professor Mack’s nominators. She put his name forward for his ongoing dedication to decolonial legal innovation and for the important role he plays as an Indigenous mentor in law.

“Professor Mack approaches his teaching using an anti-hierarchical method and this makes the classroom feel safe and inviting for student participation and reciprocal learning,” Chelsea explains. “For Indigenous students, this is especially important because law school can feel foreign to our ways of knowing and being, but Professor Mack makes a conscious effort to push beyond the boundaries of colonial pedagogy and he reinvents new ways for students to learn and engage with legal theory.”

Chelsea, who is a member of the Haida Nation, says she’s particularly grateful to Professor Mack for inviting Indigenous students to draw on their ancestral Indigenous legal knowledge, and plans to bring the legal tools that she learned in law school back to her community. “Professor Mack made me feel like I have a place in law as a Haida student and transformed my experience at Allard in a positive way,” she adds.

Recent Allard Law graduate Laura Beaudry, who is Cree and Métis, says she nominated Professor Mack in part because he was the first professor she had who critiqued the law and allowed students to feel comfortable doing the same. “If we don’t push back against the status quo, then the problems we see in the law will never change. Professor Mack gave us the space to do that without judgement.”

Laura Beaudry, Class of 2022
It’s easy to see why Vancouver ranks among the most livable cities in the world. A multicultural city set on the doorstep of a beautiful landscape, Vancouver provides endless possibilities. Awarded “greenest city” in the world, Vancouver boasts numerous large parks, city beaches and highly walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly neighbourhoods. A diverse and rich food culture, thriving city life and access to mountains, forests and the ocean provide year-round adventures.

**A MILD CLIMATE WITH ADVENTURES IN EVERY SEASON**

Vancouver’s four seasons and mild winters provide ample opportunities to explore the outdoors and enjoy everything the city has to offer. Year-round temperatures average around 2°C to 25°C. Summers are pleasantly warm and winters rarely dip below freezing for long.
1. **Vancouver Seawall**
Bike or walk the world’s longest uninterrupted waterfront path. The 28km “Seawall” seaside greenway extends around downtown, through the world-renowned Stanley Park (bigger than New York’s Central Park!), and continues to Kits beach. Follow designated bike paths to continue through to Jericho Beach, Spanish Banks Beach, and on to the UBC campus.

2. **CITY BEACHES**
A beach is just a short walk or bus ride away. The clothing-optional Wreck Beach is just 490 steps down from the UBC campus. A local favourite, Kits Beach (pictured) is just a 20-minute bus ride from campus, providing ample sun, sand, volleyball, people watching and a large saltwater outdoor pool.

3. **SUSHI**
Vancouver is well known for its variety and quality of Asian food and sushi is a local favourite. Whether it be cheap and cheerful combos or treating yourself to one of Vancouver’s world-class sushi restaurants, you will soon find your favourite spot.

4. **Garibaldi Lake**
The turquoise-coloured water and glacier backdrop makes Garibaldi Lake a popular hike. The numerous trails in and around Vancouver provide opportunity for all level of hikers and makes it easy to enjoy the forests and mountains.

5. **Grouse Mountain**
Less than an hour’s drive from the city, carve up Vancouver’s local skiing and snowboarding mountains. Grouse Mountain, one of Vancouver’s three local ski hills, is accessible by bus and accommodates all snow seekers. In the summer, enjoy hiking, ziplining and a wildlife refuge.
DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

How about a sun vacation? From Vancouver, a 6-hour direct flight to Hawaii or 5 hours to sunny destinations in Mexico.

USA BORDER (WASHINGTON STATE)
Catch a Seattle Mariners baseball game, a 3-hour road trip south of the border.

YVR AIRPORT

STANLEY PARK

LOOKING FOR A SHORT GETAWAY?

OKANAGAN VALLEY
Explore the Okanagan Valley’s wineries, orchards, beaches and warm summers — a scenic 4-hour drive east.
Carve up the slopes at North America’s largest ski resort, Whistler-Blackcomb — just 2 hours north of Vancouver. Or choose from 13 other major ski resorts around BC. In the summer explore the many hiking trails, lakes and expansive network of mountain biking trails.

WHISTLER BLACKCOMB SKI RESORT

Take a scenic 90-minute ferry ride to beautiful Vancouver Island and explore the wilderness parks, marvel at the orcas, black bears and other wildlife, or enjoy the charming, slower-paced city of Victoria.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Less than 1 hour away from UBC, enjoy skiing & snowboarding all winter or hike the grueling 2,830 steps up the “Grouse Grind” in the summer.

GROUSE MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT
FIND YOUR PASSIONS

WITH OVER 350 CLUBS AT UBC AND OVER 30 AT THE LAW SCHOOL, IT’S EASY TO FIND YOUR NICHE AND MEET LIKEMINDED FRIENDS.
EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Explore new topics and expand your interests by attending lunch-and-learns, expert panels, student-organized events and wellness workshops held throughout the year at Allard Hall.

Among other programming, students interested in legal research and advocacy work can attend the many events offered through our Centres, which host local and international law experts. Engage with a passionate community of students and professors on pressing issues through each of our Centres:

**THE CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES** is the largest group of academics teaching and researching Asian legal issues in Canada, focusing on the law and legal culture of East and Southeast Asia.

**THE CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW** is a vibrant intellectual hub for the scholarship and practice of business law and financial policy within Canada and internationally.

**THE CENTRE FOR FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES** is dedicated to fostering inclusive feminist engagement through research, teaching and community building.

**THE CENTRE FOR LAW AND THE ENVIRONMENT** is a hub for creating and spreading knowledge, ideas and practices about the role of law in securing a healthy environment and a sustainable society.

“One of my favourite things about law school was all of the free events! Most days I could drop by a classroom next door during lunchtime, grab some food, and sit down for discussions on topics like border policy or domestic violence prevention. Allard Law provided an open opportunity to engage and learn with flexibility. It was the best knowing that I could just open a door nearby, and a whole world would be there.”

Allison Hu, Class of 2022

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Allard Law students can contribute to *The UBC Law Review* and *The Canadian Journal of Family Law*. 
THE LAW STUDENTS’ LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM
This student-run organization provides free legal advice to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. It is one of the largest providers of free legal services in BC and advises 5,000 clients each year at clinics located throughout the Lower Mainland.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
The UBC Law Student Society and the Indigenous Law Students Association are two student organizations with a governance role to get involved in.
STUDENT SUCCESS AND SUPPORT

We’re here to support you throughout your studies at the Allard School of Law. Whether it’s support from our in-house counsellor, academic advising or advice for finding a summer job, we’re here to help.
ACADEMIC SUCCESS & PEER TUTOR PROGRAM
Attend academic workshops to build your skills and get matched with upper-year student volunteers who provide guidance on study skills, learning strategies and exam writing tips.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
With dedicated staff to assist you, the CSO offers one-on-one advising, professional development workshops, recruitment and networking events, a resource library and online career portal. Our Public Interest Coordinator is available to support students who are interested in a public interest law career or in working for a non-profit organization. Learn more at allard.ubc.ca/cso.

INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES
Indigenous Legal Studies provides student advising to Indigenous students and those interested in participating in Indigenous Legal Studies offerings, including courses, the Specialization in Aboriginal Law, the Kawaskimhon Moot, and the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic. Indigenous JD students may participate in the ILS Academic Leadership Certificate, comprised of weekly small group academic and leadership sessions throughout the year. Learn more about the services offered by Indigenous Legal Studies on page 6 and at allard.ubc.ca/ils.

LAW LIBRARY AT ALLARD HALL
The Law Library has been the ‘heart’ of the Allard School of Law since it first opened in 1945. Located on three floors of Allard Hall, the Law Library houses a comprehensive research collection. As part of the UBC Library system, students can access materials across campus or through our connection with other Canadian academic law libraries. Learn more at law.library.ubc.ca.

ON-CAMPUS SERVICES
As a student at the Allard School of Law, you have access to the many support services at UBC. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Counselling Services
- Financial Advising through UBC’s Enrolment Services Advisors
- Health Services
- UBC First Nations House of Learning
More than four square kilometers in size, the stunning UBC Vancouver campus is surrounded by forest on three sides and ocean on the fourth, and is just a 30-minute bus ride to Vancouver’s downtown core. The campus has been located on this site for most of its 100-year history, on the traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people.

Built in 2011, Allard Hall is an environmentally sustainable building that offers light-filled, state-of-the-art classrooms and an abundance of space for studying and socializing, surrounded by a backdrop of mountains and ocean.

Book a tour with one of our student ambassadors at allard.ubc.ca/tours or view our virtual building tour at allard.ubc.ca/vrtour.
BY THE NUMBERS
MOST RECENT ENTERING CLASS (2021)

186
STUDENTS

YOUNGEST
21 years old

OLDEST
46 years old

25% of students’ parents did not complete a bachelor’s degree

46% of incoming students speak a second language

More than 26 different languages spoken

105 students identify as a woman

75 students identify as a man

5 students identify as Non-binary, Transgender, Two-spirited, and/or Questioning

Racialized (not including Indigenous Peoples):

75 students

Indigenous Peoples:

19 students

51 students self-identified as members of the LGBTQ+ community

31 students self-identify as having an accessibility need

The data on this page represents information from the self-reported incoming students survey and application data. Visit allard.ubc.ca/demographics for more detailed information.
In 2021, we distributed over **$1.6 million in bursaries** to students who demonstrate financial need. We also award numerous scholarships based on academic merit and other accomplishments, such as leadership and community service. Visit allard.ubc.ca/finance to learn more.

### Tuition

**Tuition at the Allard School of Law for 2022/23:**

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All accepted applicants are automatically considered for entrance scholarships based on academic merit.

### Questions?

If you have questions about tuition or funding your studies, we have a designated team of Enrolment Service Advisors available to assist you with any financial-related questions. Contact them at es.lawsupport@ubc.ca.

### Scholarships & Bursaries

**How much will I get in bursaries?**

Use our online calculator to estimate what you could receive from our bursary program at allard.ubc.ca/bursarycalc.

**New Allard Law Awards and Scholarships to Support Students Who Identify as Indigenous, Black or as a Person of Colour**

We’re committed to building a law school community that celebrates diversity, equity and inclusiveness. This includes providing support to help overcome the financial barriers to attending law school to members of groups that have historically been excluded from higher education. Learn more on our blog at allard.ubc.ca/ediawards.

### Fees & Books

**Student Fees**

- Approximately $1,300 per year

**JD Textbooks**

- Approximately $1,600 in first year and $1,400 annually in your second and third years

**Learn More at**

allard.ubc.ca/finances
ADMISSIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at allard.ubc.ca/apply and submit the following materials:

1. Personal Statement
2. Official Transcripts
3. LSAT File Number
4. Supporting Documents (+ any other documents that may apply to your specific situation)

Applications open September 15.

The deadline to apply for first-year students is December 1.

If you’re applying to upper year, the deadline to apply is April 30.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-year applicants are given the option to apply under one of three different categories. While most people will fall under the General category, we encourage prospective applicants to review all three categories in order to decide which fits them best.

GENERAL APPLICANTS

Your academic performance, LSAT score and personal statement are given equal priority in this category.

General applicants must have the following to be eligible for selection:

- undergraduate degree from a university, or
- completed three years (minimum 90 credits) from a university, 30 credits of which must be at the upper level

You will need to submit undergraduate transcripts, an LSAT score and a personal statement with your application.

JANUARY IS THE LAST LSAT SCORE WE ACCEPT. ALLARD CONSIDERS YOUR BEST LSAT SCORE.

DISCRETIONARY APPLICANTS

Because of special factors in life, you may not satisfy one or more of the requirements for general applicants, but may have other relevant achievements and experience. The Admissions Committee has the discretion to take into account factors such as

- a disability or special needs
- membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- financial or personal challenges
- relevant personal achievements
- relevant work experience, including volunteer work
- contributions to your community
- other relevant factors

To be eligible, you must have completed at least two years of a program leading toward a university degree. Applicants with at least three years completed will also be considered for admission under the General category.

Discretionary applicants must submit the same documents as General applicants, plus two letters of reference, an expanded personal statement and documents that support any special circumstances.
INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS
If you are of First Nations, Inuit or Métis ancestry, you are invited to apply through the Indigenous category. Your application will also be automatically considered under the General category.

Applicants under the Indigenous category must have the following to be eligible for selection:
- undergraduate degree from a university, or
- three years (minimum 90 credits) from a university, 30 credits of which must be comprised of upper-level courses

We will prioritize applicants who:
- are involved with or committed to Indigenous communities and organizations, and
- intend to use their legal training to advance Indigenous concerns and interests.

Indigenous applicants must submit undergraduate transcripts, an LSAT score, a personal statement, two academic letters of reference and evidence of their Indigenous identity; this can be a photocopy of an enrolment card, an ancestry document, or any other document from the federal, provincial, territorial or Indigenous government that supports your self-identification.

Applicants who are considering applying under the Indigenous category are encouraged to email Indigenous Legal Studies at ils@allard.ubc.ca for further information.

JD/MBA PROGRAM
Applicants interested in this four-year joint program are required to apply to both the Allard School of Law and the Sauder School of Business. You may indicate your desire to be considered for this joint program on your application form. Scores from both the LSAT and GMAT are required. Learn more at: allard.ubc.ca/jdmba.

TRANSFER
Applicants who started their JD at another Canadian law school may apply to transfer to Allard Law after completing their first year. If the first-year curriculum differs from that offered at UBC, an applicant may be required to complete one or more first-year classes in conjunction with their upper-level classes.

VISITING (LETTER OF PERMISSION)
Students enrolled in a law program at an approved law school may request permission from their current school to attend one year or one term of either the second- or third-year program at Allard Law.
WHAT UNDERGRADUATE COURSES SHOULD I TAKE TO ENSURE I GET INTO THE ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW?

There is no specific educational background that will guarantee admission into the Allard School of Law. Instead, we suggest that you study in a field that you are interested in, and one in which you will excel. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds and fields of study to apply. We have accepted past applicants from a variety of programs including Architecture, Criminology, Forestry, Commerce, Science, International Relations, and Engineering.

DO YOU OFFER PART-TIME OPTIONS?

Yes. To be eligible for the part-time program, students must demonstrate special needs resulting from such factors as family responsibilities or financial or health problems. Applicants must include an additional letter outlining their request and demonstrating their need to study part time. A maximum of ten students per year will be admitted on this basis.

WHEN ARE OFFERS SENT OUT? DOES APPLYING EARLY INCREASE MY CHANCE OF RECEIVING AN OFFER?

Offers are given on a “rolling admission” basis. If we receive a file that is complete and is highly competitive, an offer may be made as early as November. However, we honour the December deadline as well as the January writing of the LSAT, and do not fill all our spaces early. A majority of General Category admission offers are made between December and June. Offers to students who have submitted Discretionary and Indigenous Category applications, which undergo a holistic review of additional documentation, are made between February and June.

VIEW ALL OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT ALLARD.UBC.CA/FAQ.
One of our greatest strengths is the remarkable diversity of experiences and achievements that our students, faculty and staff bring to the law school. Being part of the Allard Law community provides you an ideal entry point into the legal profession. The connections you make here will inspire you and help you succeed — and many will turn into lifelong friendships.

Our core curriculum will provide you with an exceptional legal education. Our unique experiential learning opportunities offer you unmatched real-world experiences where you will develop in-demand skills and discover your passions. And, as a leader in Indigenous legal education in North America, we are committed to decolonizing law school and to ensuring Indigenous legal orders, knowledges, and perspectives are integrated across our courses. You will join a community committed to reconciliation as a critical and foundational aspect of learning and practicing law in our times.

You will learn from leading scholars who are dedicated to teaching and mentorship. Our professors are internationally recognized in areas such as criminal law, environmental law, international law, business law, Indigenous legal studies, and social justice. First-year classes are taught in small groups of 50 students, ensuring you get to know your classmates and your professors. The staff at Allard Law take pride in delivering an exceptional level of service and support to our students, including academic, career and professional development support.

As someone who recently moved to Vancouver, I’m continually inspired and energized by the natural West Coast beauty of Vancouver. From the sprawling trees and sandy ocean beaches on the UBC campus to the local North Shore mountains, there is no shortage of opportunities to connect with nature and the land. Studying law in one of the world’s most multicultural, vibrant cities — and one of Canada’s major legal employment markets — provides an incredible opportunity to nurture your passions and launch your legal career.

I encourage you to reach out to our admissions team and ambassadors to see if Allard Law is the right choice for you and to learn more about the opportunities that await you. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Ngai Pindell
Dean and Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law
QUESTIONS?
WE’RE HERE TO HELP.

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