



Program Planning Enclosure

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Calendar Year: **2012/2013**

Faculty: **Arts & Science (U of L)**

Students with an academic objective of Law are generally admitted to a B.A. program at the University of Lethbridge with a major of the student's choice.

The University of Lethbridge offers courses at the undergraduate level that will qualify students for application to the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta. The Faculty of Law does not identify any particular discipline as a required area of study in preparation for law school, and advises students to take courses and/or programs that interest them.

The University of Lethbridge recommends that a student should possess knowledge from such disciplines as Economics, History, Philosophy, and Political Science. While a pre-Law background in the pure sciences should not be seen as a disadvantage, the oral, literary, and analytical skills developed in the humanities and social sciences provide an excellent foundation for the study of law.

Applicants to the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, are generally expected to have completed an undergraduate degree before admission. Students presenting the first three years (90.0 credit hours) of a program leading to an undergraduate degree will be considered. Applicants who have completed only two years (60.0 credit hours) may be considered in special circumstances. See the Faculty of Law website for details (www.law.ualberta.ca).

For information about the B.A. or B.Sc. from the UofL after transfer to a professional faculty (Law), see the **2012/2013 University of Lethbridge Calendar, Part 7, Section 15, p. 112**, and consult with Arts and Science Student Program Services (SU060; tel. 403-329-5106).

Application Information for the Faculty of Law:

Admission is based on the following criteria:

1. Evidence of above-average academic ability while enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. This will be calculated on courses within the semesters containing the last 60.0 credit hours (two years) of academic study. Typically, a University of Lethbridge student will have achieved approximately a 3.70 cumulative GPA, although students with lower GPAs have been admitted.
2. Evidence of above-average performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
3. Successful completion of subjects in a rigorous program of studies in the pre-professional years.

There are two categories of applications in addition to the regular category:

1. **Mature Students:** Must be 35 years of age prior to September 1 in the session for which admission is sought. Mature students must have completed at least two years of successful undergraduate study and should have, in the opinion of the Admissions Committee, an above-average chance of success in Law School.
2. **Aboriginal Applicants:** A person of Native ancestry who is one of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of that term in the Constitution Act.

Application Procedure:

Application to the Faculty of Law must be made on or before November 1 of the year prior to admission. Since the number of candidates who meet the minimum requirements for admission far exceeds the quota, it should be understood that eligibility does not guarantee admission.

Two official transcripts must be sent directly to the Faculty of Law from the issuing university.

A Law Supplemental form, available on the Faculty of Law website, must be completed and returned to the Faculty of Law.

All documents must be submitted by February 1.

Courses completed in the Spring or Summer terms of the year admission is sought are not used in the assessment of applicants (e.g., A student applying by November 1, 2012, for admission in September, 2013, submits all documents by February 1, 2013). The last term of courses eligible for consideration will be Fall 2012.

The December writing of the LSAT is the last date this examination can be written for applicants seeking admission to the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law, for the following September. If the applicant has written the LSAT more than once, the Faculty of Law will use the average score.

Applicants are notified of their status by the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, by means of a letter. Letters are issued between February and August for September admission.

Note: Students are advised that 'D' grades are considered failed attempts. Courses for which Cr/NC or P/F appear on the transcript generally do not transfer.

Contact Information:

Students who are considering Law at the University of Alberta are urged to consult with Student Program Services (SU060;tel. 403-329-5106; email: artsci.advising@uleth.ca) for further information. Direct consultation with the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta is also recommended:

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