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LETTERS OF PERMISSION

Attending Other Canadian Law Schools

Students who wish to attend another Canadian law school for one academic term or year as a visiting student require a letter of permission from the Associate Dean. They must also apply to the other law school for admission as a visiting student. The standards for admission and application deadlines vary from school to school. (Note that some schools may not allow single term visits, i.e. they may require a visitor to enroll for a full academic year.)

If admitted, a visiting student is subject to the academic rules and regulations of the host university for the duration of the visit, and pays the tuition and fees set by the host school. Courses successfully completed during an approved visiting term or year will be credited to the student's J.D. degree at the University of Victoria. The credit will appear as a notation on the student's transcript (individuals courses and grades are not listed).

Visiting students must normally engage in a full-time program of courses during their visit. That is, unless they are part-time students, they must enroll in courses during the visiting term that are worth, in total, the equivalent of at least 7.0 credit units at UVic for a one-term visit or 14.5 credit units for a full year (two-term) visit. The specific course program selected by the student must be approved by the Associate Dean as a pre-condition of credit being granted.

Typically, students would not visit away under a letter of permission until their third year of studies. Normally, it is also expected that students will complete all upper year mandatory courses at UVic prior to the visiting term.

Students who commenced the JD program between September 2012 and September 2018 later must successfully complete the following compulsory upper-level courses as a means of satisfying the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's requirements:

- LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process
- LAW 315 Business Associations

- LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- LAW 390 Major Paper or LAW 388 Advanced Legal Research and Writing

Students who commenced the JD program in September 2019 or later must successfully complete the compulsory upper-level courses:

- LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process
- LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism

Students who are interested in the possibility of a visiting term or year should discuss the matter with the Associate Dean as soon as possible and also inquire at the other law school about the relevant application procedures and deadlines.

Attending Foreign Law Schools

The most appropriate vehicle for attending a foreign law school is under one of the existing exchange agreements. Visits to other foreign law schools are difficult to arrange and are extremely rare. A letter of permission from the Associate Dean is required as well as the approval of the Exchange Term Committee. Students who wish to explore this possibility should contact the Associate Dean.