

PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AT CMU

Preparing for a Career in LAW

Two years of study (60 credit hours) at Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) could prepare you to meet the entrance requirements for a baccalaureate program in law. **This page explains what you must complete if you wish to continue studies at the University of Manitoba for the Juris Doctor (JD) program.** If you intend to pursue studies at some other university, similar possibilities exist. However, it is important that you inquire about admission and program requirements at the university you are considering. Strategize with the Coordinator of Student Advising at CMU to construct a program of studies at CMU that will achieve your objectives.

If you intend to earn the JD at the University of Manitoba, you can begin your studies at CMU and complete the degree program at the University of Manitoba *without adding to the time it would take if you were to go directly to the University of Manitoba.*

NOTE: Most students who apply to Law School have completed a bachelor's degree.

To become eligible for admission to the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba, you must earn a *minimum* of sixty credit hours of university studies in any degree program. Applicants must also write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

At CMU you could meet these requirements in a wide variety of ways and gain a unique preparation for a career in the legal profession. Be aware that admission to law school is on a competitive basis and applicants need a strong grade point average (i.e., close to 4.0) as well as strong LSAT scores.

The following chart represents a sample first-year registration for students preparing for admission to law school. **There are many other possibilities for a first year registration.**

<u>First Semester – Year One</u>	<u>Second Semester – Year One</u>
BTS-1110 Introduction to Biblical Literature & Themes	BTS-2000 Introduction to Christianity or BTS-2550 History of Christianity
COMM-1000 Introduction to Communications & Media	COMM-2020 Oral Communication
PHIL-1000 The Task of Philosophy I – The Question of Reality	PHIL-1010 The Task of Philosophy II – The Question of Knowledge
PCTS-1110 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies	PCTS-2221 Restorative Justice
A science or mathematics course	A science or mathematics course

<u>First Semester – Year Two</u>	<u>Second Semester – Year Two</u>
BTS Elective	BTS Elective
ENGL-1010 English Literature – Prose Fiction OR ENGL-1020 English Literature – Poetry and Drama	ENGL Elective
PCTS Elective	PCTS Elective
PSYC-1010 Introduction to Psychology I	PSYCH-1020 Introduction to Psychology II
Elective	Elective

NOTE: The sample registration above lists quite a few courses that require substantial research and writing, in keeping with advice offered in the "First-Year Planning Guide" published by the University of Manitoba.