

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. Admission is very competitive: Take courses that are of personal interest to you that you will be motivated to study and perform well in. 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.

Example of a qualifying year 1 & 2 for admission to law school taken at CMU. There are many other possibilities for a first year registration.

<u>First Semester – Year One</u>	<u>Second Semester – Year One</u>
One of the following: BTS-1110 Biblical Literature & Themes OR BTS-1120 Encountering the Bible OR BTS-1130 Introducing Jesus: An Overview of the Christian Bible	One of the following: BTS-2000 Intro to Christianity OR BTS-2420 Exploring Christian Spirituality OR BTS-2550 History of Christianity OR BTS-2720 Theologies of the Global South OR BTS-2750 Intro to Christian Ethics
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
MATH-1040 Discrete Mathematics (prerequisite for MATH-3060)	MATH-3060 Introductory Logic

<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.

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