

The objective of the MSW/JD program is to promote the integration of law and social work through an interdisciplinary commitment to social justice.

Students who are interested in social justice will learn the skills, theories and practice tools to equip them to be competent leaders and agents of change within and between the diverse fields of law and social work



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# **A UNIQUE APPROACH**

At Windsor Law, you will get a challenging, well-rounded legal education focused on both professional and personal development. We expect our students to not only master the intricacies of the law, but to use their knowledge to actively advocate for social and legal justice in Canada and around the world. Our two themes – Access to Justice and Transnational Legal Issues – permeate all that we do. They are evident in our admissions policy, our curriculum, our commitment to experiential learning and our research.

The mission of the School of Social Work is to promote social justice through quality professional education, advocacy, community partnerships, and the development and dissemination of knowledge. The School's understanding of social justice and its mandate in social work education finds its roots in the profession's historical commitment to serve the interests of oppressed and vulnerable populations and a set of fundamental values stated in the profession's Code of Ethics. This mandate is realized in the preparation of students with knowledge, research and practice intervention skills to assume professional roles to eradicate systemic barriers that oppress citizens and disenfranchised populations. Principles of justice find their meaning here in a fundamental belief in the dignity of all persons, the importance of access of citizens to participate, and striving for

a more equitable distribution of our society's resources in the interest of promoting quality of life for all citizens.

## **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

Our clinics, mooting program and other experiential learning opportunities help students develop important skills such as interviewing, counselling, mooting, drafting, negotiating, advocacy, research and problem solving.

## **CAREER TRACKS**

- Private practice
- Public sector
- Clinics
- NGO's

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must be admitted to both the School of Social Work and the Faculty of Law. The objective of the Law admissions policy is to select those students who will excel in the study of law and who have the potential to contribute creatively and meaningfully to the law school and the community. The majority of applicants are considered by the Admission Committee in the framework of the following criteria: University Program, Work Experience, Community Involvement, Personal Accomplishments, Career Objectives, Personal Considerations and Law School Admission Test Scores. For more information, visit uwindsor.ca/law

The objective of the School of Social Work admissions policy is to select those students who excel in leadership, critical thinking, as well as social work knowledge, values, and skills. Applicants must demonstrate academic potential, have strong reference letters, an excellent personal statement, and relevant work experience. For further information on how to apply to the School of Social Work, visit uwindsor.ca/socialwork/454/ mswjdapplication-process

### STUDENT SUPPORT

The Faculty of Law and the School of Social Work provide students with support to enhance their school experience and ensure their success in our programs.

Law's Student Services Office offers personal and academic counselling, programming and referrals to assist you with academic planning, course selection, financing and making the most of your time at Windsor Law. Our Peer Mentorship Program will match you with an upper-year student for academic and personal support. The Academic Success Program assists you in making the transition to law studies from other academic disciplines. Our Career Services Office provides comprehensive career development assistance in identifying career paths, resumé and cover letter writing, interview techniques and transitioning from student to professional. Finally, our Job Shadowing Program matches you with Windsor Law alumni for mentorship and advice.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

We understand the financial challenges students face when pursuing a legal and social work education. Each year, Windsor Law awards approximately \$2 million in financial aid to its students. Windsor Law is very proud of our generous scholarship and bursary program, offering assistance to students with financial need. In addition to awards based on financial need, we offer many awards that recognize students who demonstrate good citizenship and academic excellence. For more information on the scholarships, awards and bursaries we offer, please visit uwindsor.ca/law/Scholarships-Awards-**Bursaries** 





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