

Practical and Financial Aspects



Master of Laws (LL.M.) Business Law in a Global Context

Tuitions Fees

The tuition for the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Business Law in a Global Context program is CAN \$24,500. The tuition includes the following:

- all the course materials for the program;
- use of the libraries (including the computerized resources), the CEPsum sports complex and other UdeM student services;
- use of an email address and the UdeM computer workstations.

All students admitted to the program for the 2008-2009 Academic Year will be required to confirm the availability of support sufficient to meet academic fees and expenses.

Medical Insurance

All foreign students who attend the program are automatically signed up for group medical insurance. The cost of this mandatory insurance is added to the tuition. Students cannot withdraw from the plan by taking out medical insurance coverage abroad, unless they belong to one of the categories described in the "Exemptions from contributions". The plan covers medical and hospital fees and prescription drugs. It does not cover dental care or glasses. The plan also includes a repatriation clause in the event of death or incapacity. In addition, only students enrolled in the program are covered: dependents must take out private insurance. The International Students Office (BEI) will send the students concerned the details of this process upon their arrival.

Cost of Living

Although the cost of living in Montreal is relatively low compared to other large North American cities, foreign students should expect to spend large sums of money to get settled and buy winter clothing.

The goods and services tax (6%) and the Quebec sales tax (7.5%) are collected on most consumer goods and services. Ticketed prices generally do not include taxes. Below is an estimate of the cost of a year of studies at the Université de Montréal:

- Rent and utilities: \$450/month
- Food: \$275/month
- Transportation: \$45/month
- Telephone: \$30/month
- Miscellaneous: \$150/month

Housing

Off-Campus Housing

Most of the students enrolled at Université de Montréal live outside of university housing. General information about accommodation in the community will be given to the students accepted in the program.

On-Campus Housing

A limited number of student's rooms on the campus of the Université de Montréal will be available for graduate students registered in the program. Rent for a single room is around \$300 a month and you will have to sign a lease. General information about accommodation on the campus will be given to students accepted in the program.

Transportation

Graduate students registered in the program are expected to make their own arrangements for transportation to Montreal.

Financial Aid

Since most financial aid is intended for Canadian students and is provided by the provincial governments of Canada, only a limited number of scholarships for graduate students attending the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Business Law in a Global Context program will be offered. Applicants are expected to have sufficient funds to cover their travel, living and educational expenses. As the program demands intensive study, there are no opportunities for employment for LL.M. candidates during the year of study.

Formalities for Entry and Stay

Canada is a federation of ten provinces and three territories. The federal government (called the Canadian government hereafter) holds certain exclusive powers and shares others with the provincial and territorial governments. Immigration is one of the areas of jurisdiction shared between the two levels of government. That is why foreign students who wish to study in Quebec must meet certain requirements of the Quebec government, and complete the procedures imposed by the Canadian government.

Thus, foreign students must first obtain a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) as well as a student visa and, in some cases, an entry visa from the Canadian government. To do this, students must contact the Quebec authorities and the Canadian diplomatic mission covering the territory in which they reside after they receive the official letter of admission from the UdeM. Students must prove that they are admitted to the UdeM full-time and have sufficient financial resources.

It is absolutely necessary to obtain the entry and student visas before arriving in Canada. Please contact the Canadian diplomatic mission in your area to find out more.

Qualifications for Admission

Qualifications for candidacy to the LL.M. Business Law in a Global Context program

To be eligible to apply to this program, applicants must:

- Possess a law degree or an equivalent degree with high academic standing from an accredited university;
- Have a thorough knowledge of the English language;
- Take part to a personal interview if it is judged necessary;
- Meet the other admission requirements specified in the academic regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The Application Process

Deadline and Fees

The Admissions Committee will review applications as soon as they arrive. We encourage students to apply by February 28th, but we will accept and review applications thereafter, until April 30th. Early application submission allows time for an exchange of correspondence should the Admissions Committee require clarification or additional information.

Each application must be accompanied by the nonrefundable evaluation fee of CAN \$100, made payable to “Université de Montréal Faculty of Law”. Payment must be issued by an international money order.

Statements of Purpose and Special Qualifications

The LL.M. program is highly selective. Since we admit only a limited number of qualified applicants, the program’s Admissions Committee gives careful consideration to each applicant’s statement of purpose and special qualifications. This statement should include the reasons the applicant has for seeking this graduate degree and a description of how the applicant intends to use his or her graduate training.

Academic Record

The Faculty of Law requires one official set of academic records issued in the original language and a certified English or French translation. Photocopies are not acceptable.

References

The applicant must provide two letters of recommendation. If a recommendation letter is written in a language other than English or French, an official English or French translation must accompany the original letter or recommendation. Preferably these letters will come from the applicant’s law professors.

English Requirements

While we do not expect foreign students to be perfectly fluent in English, it is clear that students with serious language limitations will often have great difficulty coping with a new cultural, social and academic environment, especially when they are enrolled in a discipline like law, which involves considerable proficiency in reading and writing in English.

The law school requires official score reports of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) before admitting applicants from a country whose official language is not English, unless they completed an undergraduate degree at a recognized institution where English is the language of instruction.

The minimum scores required by the law school are the following:

- TOEFL: 570 (or 230 for the computer-based examination);
- IELTS: 6.5

Candidates can be admitted conditionally, if their score is below the minimum requires in one of these tests. So, applicants should register for the test at the earliest convenient date to ensure that they can take English courses, if needed, and pass the test later. Testing information can be found at:

- TOEFL: <http://www.toefl.org>
- IELTS: <http://www.ielts.org>

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