

The Faculty of Law
at the Université de Montréal

Bridging Worlds



Faculté de droit

Université 
de Montréal



The Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, Founded in 1878

Since its inception in 1878, the Faculty of Law at the Université de Montréal has enjoyed a reputation for excellence. The Faculty stands apart from other great law faculties for its unique combination of intellectual pluralism and for the ground-breaking scientific research conducted by professors and students in all major fields of law. All of this takes place in a truly diverse cultural environment that is expected to contribute to the intellectual development of students.

The Faculty is committed to providing students with a rigorous and innovative education that ensures the pegging of traditional methods of grasping social phenomena and the development of research capabilities with an interdisciplinary approach. To what end? To help students become accomplished and engaged future world citizens. This undertaking, which dates back to the very inception of the Faculty some 135 years ago, is more relevant today than ever before, given that we are preparing new generations of jurists to confront constantly evolving legal and social contexts.

Photo: Université Laval à Montréal, 1900

135 +

More than 135 years
of existence
and experience

55 +

More than 55 professors
from diverse legal and
cultural backgrounds

128 +

More than 128
Doctors of Law
since inception



The Faculty and its Mission

The Faculty's mission is to contribute to the furtherance of legal knowledge and to encourage all who frequent it to excel. It is accordingly this institution's primary objective to present students with a high-level education and to undertake research that is both rigorous and innovative. The Faculty trains not only jurists, but also researchers and other professionals involved within the ranks of society. The Faculty sets itself apart by its strong desire to be and to remain a focal point for researchers from all legal backgrounds, one that is fuelled by an interdisciplinary, pluralist and global approach.



1 mission



Several pathways

Photo: Louise Arbour, C.C., G.O.Q., LL. L. (with honours), 1970



The Faculty and its Students

The Faculty is committed to prepare students to anticipate change, get off the beaten track, and keep a critical but open mind. In an environment that combines civil and common law, the Faculty of Law contributes to furthering the knowledge of law and to training jurists and other professionals for whom legal training serves to inform and to guide. With a curriculum that is equally rooted in the Roman law and the common law traditions, the Faculty stimulates intellectual agility in students, rendering them fully capable of operating in diverse legal systems.

It is by offering them a truly North American experience, whilst at the same time cultivating its roots in Europe and extending its networks into multiple developing countries, that the Faculty bridges worlds for its students.

10,000 +

More than 10,000 graduates

400 +/-

Around 400 new undergraduate students each year, including 250 women

1,000 +/-

Around 1,000 students enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program



The Faculty and Graduate Studies

Selecting the Faculty of Law at the Université de Montréal means choosing a tradition of excellence that has been rooted for more than 135 years in francophone North American territory. Training that is at once rigorous and marked by humanism enables graduates to pursue their career, equipped with the requisite knowledge and creativity to play a key role in legal and social contexts worldwide that are in a constant state of evolution.

The Bachelor of Laws program offers general studies in law, as well as preparatory courses for further graduate or specialized studies or for a range of professional practices. The Bachelor of Laws program provides comprehensive and diversified legal training, enabling students to embark either on a professional legal career or a career in which knowledge of the law constitutes a major asset.

Aside from training jurists—the majority of whom will join a professional order such as the Barreau du Québec or the Chambre des notaires du Québec—the Faculty has a longstanding tradition of training graduate students through an extensive offering of Master’s programs, or by means of Doctoral studies.



Several microprograms



More than 8
Master’s programs



One Doctoral program



A new vision of
Doctoral studies: the Law,
Innovation, Science and
Technology Doctoral option



The Faculty and Research

Whereas the Faculty is considered as one of the top francophone law faculties in the world, it is *inter alia* because it had the foresight to offer to its students an intellectual climate that united intellectual pluralism and cutting-edge research in multiple spheres of law. Hence artificial intelligence, privacy in the digital age, health law, and private justice are juxtaposed with the law of obligations, penal law, and constitutional law, to name but a few. The Faculty's vision of research moreover reflects a flagship value that is core to the way in which the Faculty defines itself: diversity, in the intellectual, cultural and legal sense of the word. The Faculty is proud to possess a longstanding tradition of excellence in research and to count among its ranks researchers of world renown.

Research at the Faculty is primarily structured around our two research centers: the *Centre de recherche en droit public* (CRDP) and the *Centre de droit des affaires et du commerce international* (CDACI).

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2 world-class
research centers

8

8 research chairs

9

9 research groups

+

Several research teams

8

Studies and findings
published in more
than 8 languages



The Faculty Within its City: Innovation

The Université de Montréal is one of four comprehensive universities in Montreal. A cosmopolitan city that nurtures both its North American presence and its deep European roots, Montreal is a preferred university location. The Université de Montréal ranks systematically among the best universities in Canada and continuously maintains a prominent position in the prestigious QS World University Rankings. The bilingual, multicultural, and bijural realities that characterize the province of Quebec and its great metropolis of Montreal make it a destination of choice for the study of law.

This unique setting has produced a number of initiatives that showcase the innovating facets of the Faculty.



The first Master's program for foreign students



The Cyberjustice Laboratory: the first and only of its kind in the world



The first Doctoral option in Law, Innovation, Science and Technology



The World Within the Faculty

Living and studying in Montreal means experiencing a cosmopolitan North American city with a pronounced European identity. Much appreciated for its distinctive hybrid culture, Montreal offers a socially stimulating environment where students are exposed to cultural experiences that are expected to contribute to their intellectual development.

The Faculty Within the World

The Université de Montréal and the Faculty of Law have signed a vast network of university agreements that enable students the opportunity to pursue training at one of more than 600 institutions in around 50 countries. Whether this takes the form of an exchange program of the Faculty of Law with another institution, of a foreign institution with which the Université de Montréal has entered into an agreement, or of a multilateral program agreement, a broad panoply of opportunities are on offer to our students.

Top row: San Jose, Costa Rica / Beijing, China / Adelaide, Australia

Middle row: Guadalajara, Mexico / Madrid, Spain / Lima, Peru

Bottom row: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Paris, France

40+

More than 40
sectoral agreements

8+

More than 8 summer
schools on campus and
abroad, with students
from here and afar
gathered in a joint pursuit



Graduates
working abroad



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