

Why study immigration and citizenship law?

Immigration is at the heart of Canadian culture and industry. Over seven million foreign-born individuals call this country home, and over the next three years, we will welcome many more. Developed by leading immigration practitioners and academics from across the country, the Graduate Diploma in Immigration and Citizenship Law sets a new standard for immigration consultants.

The Graduate Diploma will equip you with the knowledge, practical skills and sound judgment necessary to become an immigration consultant, and to write the mandatory national exam to be a regulated practitioner.

Why Queen's?

The Graduate Diploma is offered by the Faculty of Law at Queen's University, one of Canada's leading law schools.

Queen's Law is a dynamic, academically acclaimed research and teaching institution with world-class researchers in immigration law and migration theory.



Courses

- ICL 810 Foundations of Canadian Immigration Law
- ICL 820 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- ICL 830 Temporary Entry
- ICL 840 Economic Immigration
- ICL 850 Family Class Immigration
- ICL 860 Refugee Protection & Trauma-Informed Client Service
- ICL 870 Enforcement – Inadmissibility, Detention and Removal
- ICL 880 Citizenship
- ICL 890 Immigration Practice Management

Program Structure

Students can pursue the program full-time, completing the Graduate Diploma in just two terms of full-time study.

Part-time studies allow students to take the program over two years (in four terms), following a flexible format that allows them to choose their course order following the completion of ICL 810.

"There are many things I love about being an immigration consultant... variety in the type of work, the sense of meaning, connections to my community, personal growth and the feeling I'm contributing to my community and the entire nation."

*Peter Veress,
Regulated Canadian
Immigration Consultant*

Program Details

Who is it for?

This program merges theory and practice to prepare students for work in any number of areas:

- Prospective immigration consultants
- Paralegals
- Lawyers seeking specialized training in immigration law
- Advisors at universities and colleges
- Human resources professionals
- Leaders in Immigration settlement organizations
- Federal and provincial officials

Time to complete

- Two terms of full-time study (approx. 45 hours a week)
- Four terms of part-time study if you want to study while fulfilling other commitments
- Students must complete all nine courses with a minimum grade of B- to graduate.

Cost & Financing

Tuition

Total tuition for the program is currently \$14,167. Payments can be prorated throughout terms of study.

Financing

Queen's Law has partnered with RBC to offer a student line of credit tailored to your needs. Visit our website for more details about financing and flexible payment options.

Study, interact and collaborate anytime, anywhere.

The Graduate Diploma in Immigration and Citizenship Law is offered online. You'll be able to work directly with faculty, and your fellow students in online forums, discussions and team activities such as case studies, simulations, and more. ICL 810 will also be available with in-class options, subject to demand, as soon as September 2021.

Key features of our online program include regular tutorials with Canada's leading practitioners, real-time opportunities to practice both oral and written advocacy, as well as dedicated, intensive research and writing mini-courses.

Queen's Law is not only one of Canada's leading law schools. Its Certificate in Law program provides undergraduate-level legal education to Canadians from coast to coast, while the Graduate Diploma in Legal Services Management delivers executive business training to legal professionals.

Academic Requirements

See website for details

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university. Transcripts are required (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). Queen's University graduates do not need to submit a transcript.
- A minimum of a B average.
- Language Test Scores: Proficiency in English is a prerequisite for admission. Those applicants whose native languages do not include English will be required to obtain satisfactory standing in an English Language Proficiency Test as part of the application process.

Application Guide

1. Gather required documents:
 - Transcript from a recognized university
 - Language scores, if needed (see website for details)
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - A 200-250 word statement of your career objectives (send to immigrationdiploma@queensu.ca)
2. Confirm you meet all requirements at <https://immigrationdiploma.queenslaw.ca/apply>
3. Apply for full- or part-time studies at the School of Graduate Studies: <https://www.queensu.ca/sgs/prospective-students/how-apply>

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