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INFORMATION GUIDE



LAW YSP

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VIRTUAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS





Dear Law YSP Prospective Participants,

We are pleased that you are considering attending the University of Toronto Faculty of Law's Youth Summer Program (Law YSP). This is an exciting opportunity for you to gain knowledge and experience in the fascinating world of Canadian and international law, legal thinking and advocacy. The Law YSP offers unrivaled academic programming combined with access to leading professors and trips to world class firms.

As you know, given the uncertainty of the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic, the University is only currently offering virtual programs for the Summer of 2021. We are committed to providing the best possible learning experience for our participants – rigorous, engaging and supportive.

You probably have some questions about what you should expect while attending the virtual LAWS YSP. This Information Guide is designed to help you learn more about our virtual offerings. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office by email at ysp.law@utoronto.ca

We look forward to your arrival on campus, and your keen participation in this year's exciting program!

Eleonora Dimitrova
Program Director
Law Youth Summer Program

Virtual Program Information



Fees

Virtual Program 2021: \$800 per module plus \$98 registration fee per student.

Dates

YSP Module 1 – *Criminal Law: Prosecute and Defend Murder!*

Monday June 28, 2021 – Friday July 2, 2021

YSP Module 2 – *Corporate Law: Negotiate Big Business Deals!*

Monday July 5, 2021 – Friday July 9, 2021

YSP Module 3 – *Law and Politics: Debate Policy and Create Law!*

Monday July 12, 2021 – Friday July 16, 2021

YSP Module 4 – *International Law: Protect Human Rights and Examine International Norms!*

Monday July 19, 2021 – Friday July 23, 2021

YSP Module 5 – *Trial Advocacy: Represent Your Client in Court and Win Your Case!* Monday July 26, 2021 – Friday July 30, 2021

YSP Module 6 – *Criminal Law: Prosecute and Defend Murder!* (Repeat of Module 1) Monday August 2, 2021 – Friday August 6, 2021

YSP Module 7 – *Corporate Law: Negotiate Big Business Deals!* (Repeat of Module 2) Monday August 9, 2021 – Friday August 13, 2021

Program Structure



2021 Program Fees Include:

- Academic Content
 - Lectures
 - Lecture and activity materials
- Virtual Field Trips
- Opportunities to learn about university life and admissions processes
- Career talks with professionals in their respective fields
- University of Toronto Faculty of Law Youth Summer Program Certificate mailed to you
- Memories, skills and foundational knowledge to last a lifetime!

Requirements and Prerequisites

- Students must be currently enrolled in grades 10 through 12 or their equivalent
- Access to a computer, laptop, tablet or other device with access to the Internet. All learning is conducted online; please visit our technical page for minimum computer requirements.

Format

This course will be conducted online. The format is designed to maximize the interactions between participants, educators, guest lecturers, and professors. Each module will be composed of daily learning and engagement with our educators, who will be with you virtually from 9:30am to 5pm. They will be responsible for guiding you through lectures, activities, field trips, group time and independent work. Participants will be able to take an hour for lunch as well as breaks throughout the day to avoid 'screen fatigue'.

Modules



Criminal Law

In contrast to the popular portrayal of criminal law presented in bestselling novels and Hollywood movies, this module engages students in the realities of criminal legal practice by immersing them in the proceedings of a murder trial. In preparation for their culminating mock trials, students work with leading criminal litigators to develop complex legal strategies, weigh evidence, consider possible defenses, prepare and examine witnesses, and deliver persuasive arguments in a courtroom setting.

Lectures: Fundamentals of Canadian Criminal Law, Elements of Offences and Defences, Trial Advocacy, Criminal Procedure

Activities: Icebreaker, Crime Scene, Guest Speakers, Bail Hearing, Group Work, Virtual Field Trip, Mock Trials

Corporate Law

What is a corporation? What are its legal responsibilities and obligations? Relationships between corporations and the law are complex, often surrounded by significant degrees of controversy. During this module, students engage with leading corporate lawyers and experts, and visit top Canadian corporate law firms and in-house legal departments. They immerse themselves in complex legal simulations, exploring corporate mergers and acquisitions, contracts, negotiation and corporate social responsibility.

Lectures: Corporations and the Law, Corporate Scandals and Corporate Social Responsibility, Industrial Relations and Labour Law, Contract Law, Intellectual Property, Litigation, Mergers and Acquisitions

Activities: Icebreaker, Hostile Takeover Activity, Stock Simulation, Make Your Own Corporation, Guest Speakers, Group Work, Virtual Field Trip, Negotiations

Law and Politics

Whose role is it to create law in a democratic society? Who gets to vote or to run for office? How and why does the law change over time? In this module, students examine our political framework through a legal lens, develop oral advocacy skills, weigh society's complex needs and interests, and gain a deep understanding of the importance of respectful debate in a democratic society. Engaging with legal experts and exploring leading Canadian political institutions, this module immerses students in a challenging and rewarding political simulation that culminates in a Parliamentary debate.

Lectures: What is Law and Politics, Voting Systems and Political Parties, The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Media and Politics, Parliamentary Debates

Activities: Icebreaker, Mock Election, Guest Speakers, Charter Challenge, Group Work, Virtual Field Trip, Parliamentary Debates



International Law

When is the international community responsible for interfering in cross-border matters? Should global institutions prosecute individuals or censure rogue states? Is there ‘one law that binds us all’? Through dynamic workshops, debates, lectures, field trips and interactive activities, students learn to frame issues in the language of international law, explore the world of global human rights, and examine institutions such as the United Nations and the International Criminal Court.

Lectures: Introduction to International Law, The United Nations, Model United Nations Rules and Procedures, Security Council Legal Powers, Writing UN Resolutions, International Criminal Court

Activities: Icebreaker, Mock Trial, Guest Speakers, Group Work, Virtual Field Trip, Model United Nations

Trial Advocacy

What makes lawyers successful in court? How do they persuade judges and juries to rule in their favour? How do they ensure they represent their clients to the best of their abilities? During this module, students develop their individual advocacy styles, acquiring a strong understanding of trial processes and courtroom etiquette. Working with leading litigators and justice sector professionals, students develop trial strategies and put their theories of the case to the test in a final mock trial.

Lectures: What is Trial Advocacy, Introduction to Civil Law and Torts, Defences to Negligence, Standard of Proof, Family Law, Indigenous Advocacy, Evidence

Activities: Icebreaker, Public Speaking, Guest Speakers, Client Counseling, Group Work, Virtual Field Trip, Mock Trials

Frequently Asked Questions



I am only interested in in-person programs. What do I do?

At this time we are not in a position to offer any in-person programs. The safety of our participants is our top priority and we are following all public health guidelines.

Is there a dress code for the virtual program?

Casual clothing is recommended for most days. Business casual clothing is recommended for virtual firm visits and final culminating activities.

Does the YSP offer either high school or university credit?

No, the YSP are non-credit courses, though they will look great on your resumes and in your university applications!

Will the YSP guarantee me admission to the Faculty of Law?

No. Although participation in the YSP program will look very good on a resume, it is an enrichment program and cannot be exchanged for any academic credit. Additionally, studies in law require at least three years of undergraduate studies before you can apply to the Faculty of Law.

What platform will be used to deliver the program?

We will be using Zoom, which is used by most University of Toronto Faculty of Law professors to establish a successful teaching and learning environment. This is the platform U of T law students have been using as well.

How will I connect with my classmates and educators during the program?

We are committed to ensuring that each program participant has a great time during the YSP, whether in person or virtually. We will use teaching strategies such as icebreakers, engaging activities, small group discussions, breakout rooms and group work to ensure participants are successfully able to connect with each other during this time of physical distancing.

Who will I have a chance to meet as part of my experience?

In addition to meeting other keen and engaged students from Canada and around the world, you will have an opportunity to learn from law students, law professors, lawyers and other justice sector professionals. Each week is designed to provide you with insight into the world of law, legal studies and justice sector careers. Past speakers have included Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci and Minister of Public Services and Procurement Anita Anand.

What is your cancellation policy?

The registration fee of \$98.00 CAD is non-refundable. Any participant cancelling their registration **BEFORE May 16, 2021** will receive a full refund (less the \$98.00 CAD non-refundable registration fee).



Questions? Concerns?
We are here to help you!

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