Bachelor of Civil Law Program

Call for applications from Indigenous candidates

The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) is committed to encouraging greater access to university studies. The university's Law Department, dedicated to training jurists with a strong social justice focus, is pleased to announce that its Bachelor of Civil Law Program has reserved four spots for Inuit and First Nations students. Applicants must be aged 21 years or over and have the equivalent of two years of experience with groups promoting social justice and organizations working with Inuit and First Nations.

For more information, visit:
https://etudier.uqam.ca/programme?code=7308#bloc_conditions

UQAM'S Bachelor of Civil Law Program

Our program's socio-economic objective is the training of legal professionals who are concerned about social justice, and can act in different ways (advocacy, action research, training and teaching, litigation, etc.) to defend and promote the rights of individuals and groups (social justice and community organizations, non-profit organizations, unions, citizens' associations, or other similar groups whose objectives are socio-economic, cultural and community-oriented) wherever law and justice are at issue, especially with respect to people's living and working conditions.

The program takes into consideration students' family and professional responsibilities. For instance, it is possible to study part-time over a maximum period of 6 years. Compulsory courses are also offered in the evening, as well as in the daytime, as are many elective courses.

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Frequently Asked Questions

**Question 1.** I’m about to prepare my application, but I have some general questions about being a student at UQAM. Whom should I contact?

Contact Alexandra Lorange, UQAM’s Welcome and Integration Counselor for Indigenous Students
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514-987-3000 # 5158

**Question 2.** I’m about to prepare my application, but I have some questions about the Bachelor in Civil Law Program. Whom should I contact?

Write to the Director of Undergraduate Programs in Law at: bac.droit@uqam.ca
Please indicate « Projet pilote – Admission étudiant.e.s autochtones » in the subject matter of your email.

**Question 3.** Where should I send my application ?

À l’attention de Madame Arlette Gagnon
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Département des sciences juridiques
Université du Québec à Montréal
Pavillon Thérèse-Casgrain, local W-2030
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Montréal, Québec
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**Question 4.** What are the admission conditions for the four spots reserved for Indigenous students to the Bachelor of Civil Law Program ?

Possess appropriate knowledge, be at least 21 years old, and have occupied for the equivalent of 2 years a paid or unpaid position or function in one of the following areas :

- defence and promotion of the rights of individuals or groups targeted by the objectives of the program,
- work peripheral to the practice of law or the administration of justice, as a paralegal, for example,
- administration or enforcement of laws, or legal reform for a public or para public organization,
- as an elected member of a legislative assembly, a municipal council or as the administrator of a public organization,
• experience with a band council or with an organization working with one or several Inuit or First Nations communities.

**Question 5.** Do I have to send my dossier to UQAM’s registrar as well?

No. You only have to send it to the program (see above).

**Question 6.** Do I have to pass an exam or a test in addition to sending in my application?

No. Applications for the four reserved spots do not require that Indigenous students pass the « Scolaptitudes Test » or the « General Culture Test » required of other students who are applying on the basis of their experience.

**Question 7.** What is the application process?

Admission is based on your experience. There is an interview with a selection committee composed of an Indigenous representative, a Law professor and a Law student. This interview represents 50% of the evaluation of the application. The documents presented with the application (see Question 10) represent the other 50%.

**Question 8.** For fall 2019 admissions, when will the interviews take place?

The interviews will take place at UQAM the week of March 18, 2019. Candidates will be contacted by email. If necessary, interviews with candidates who live outside the Greater Montreal region can be held via internet.

**Question 9.** When would I start if my application is successful?

Admissions are for the 2019 fall semester only.

**Question 10.** What documents do I have to include in my application?

You have to provide the following documents:

- Proof that you have successfully completed high school (e.g. diploma).
- A text written by you (maximum 3 pages, single spaced, 12-point font) presenting: 1) your relationship and your involvement with your Inuit or First Nations community, 2) your professional or volunteer experience, and 3) the reasons why you want to study Law.
- Letters attesting the equivalent of 2 years of professional or volunteer experience. These letters must contain the following information: the name of the organization, the association or the employer; the nature of its activities; a detailed description of the
work you performed (or are still performing), or the functions you have occupied, including a description of your main responsibilities; the length of your experience with each organization, association or employer and the title of the functions or positions occupied; and, the number of hours worked per week. If possible, these letters should be on the organization’s, association’s or employer’s letterhead, and must be signed by a person in charge of the organization, association or the employer, depending on the situation.

- A résumé (curriculum vitae). (The résumé is not the same thing as the letters attesting your experience).
- Two reference letters from people who can confirm your experience and motivation to pursue studies in Law. These letters can be written by people other than those who provided the letters confirming that you have the equivalent of two years of relevant experience.

**Question 11.** What is the deadline for submitting my application for the 2019 fall semester?

March 1, 2019.

**Question 12.** What model should I use for my résumé (CV)?

Your résumé should be presented according to the models available on UQAM’s student services site:
https://vie-etudiante.uqam.ca/emploi-orientation/recherche-emploi/cv.html

Your résumé should include your home address, email address and telephone number.

**Question 13.** The deadline is approaching and I am still missing some of the letters attesting my experience. Can I still send in my application?

Yes. All of the documents must be available at the time of the interview.

**Question 14.** The deadline is approaching and I am still missing one of my reference letters. Can I still send in my application?

Yes. All of the documents must be available at the time of the interview.

**Question 15.** Can I study part-time?

Yes. You can study part-time, as long as you finish your degree within six years. All compulsory courses and many elective courses are offered in the evening, as well as in the daytime.
**Question 16.** What is the language of instruction at UQAM?

The language of instruction is French.

**Question 17.** Are there resources at UQAM for Indigenous students?

For all questions concerning the resources available, contact Alexandra Lorange, UQAM’s Welcome and Integration Counselor for Indigenous Students at lorange.alexandra@uqam.ca or by phone at 514-987-3000 ext. 5158.