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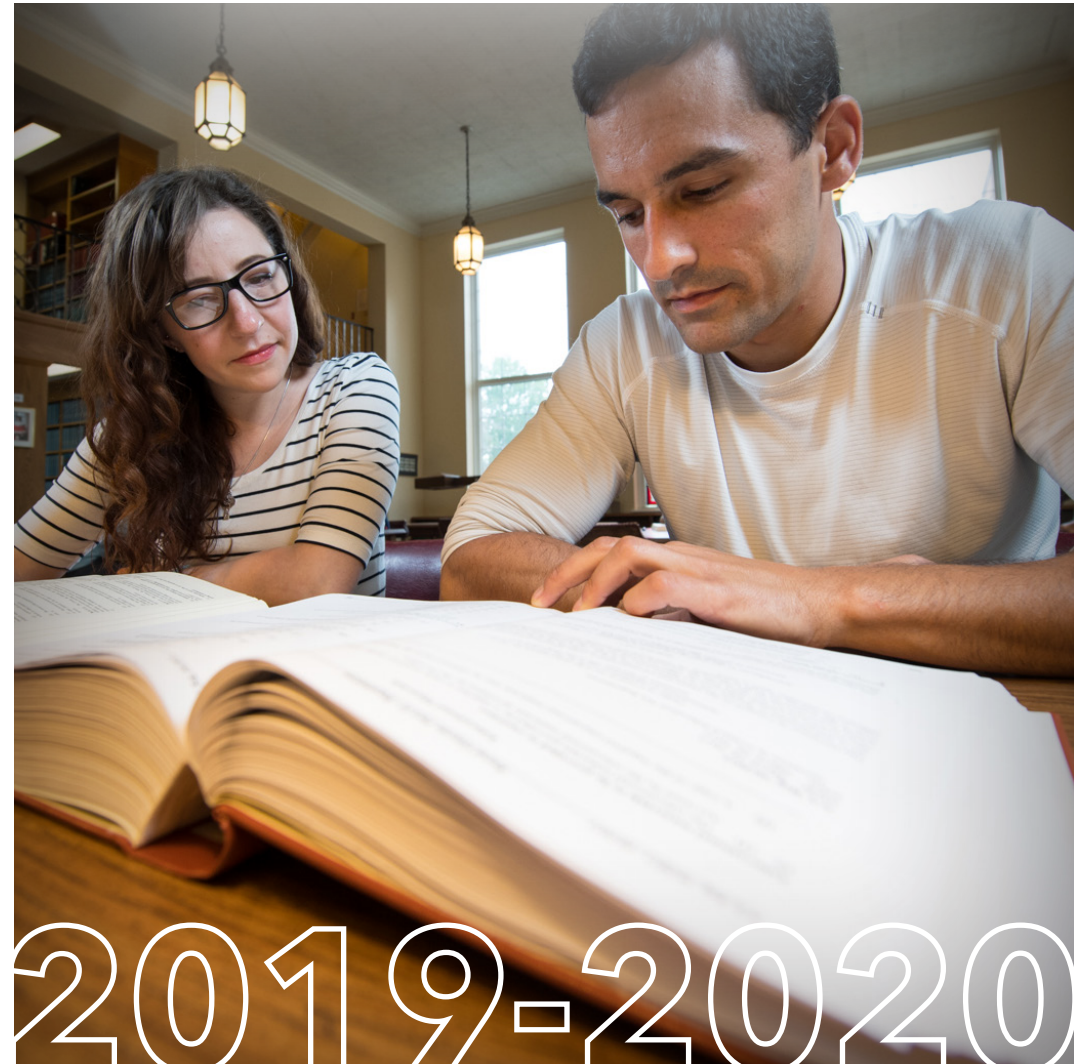
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LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

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ADMISSIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Programs:	JD (3 years) MBA/JD (4 years)
Students admitted:	92
Average LSAT:	158*
Average GPA:	3.7* (on a 4.3 scale)
Admissions index:	GPA 60% / LSAT 40%
Application deadline:	March 1
Scholarships deadline:	January 31
Last LSAT - admissions:	January
LSAT score used:	Highest score
Waitlist:	Mid-July
Tuition (2018-19):	\$10,809*
Compulsory student fees:	\$910

*Based on Regular Category

OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in UNB Law. Our size allows us to get to know each and every student.

Our admission application deadline is March 1, 2019. Applications will not be accepted after this date. Applicants are urged to apply early. Early applications are considered for first offers of admission and scholarships. We consider applicants for admission only after their files are complete. Several places in the first year class are kept open until all applications received by the final deadline have been processed.

Enrolment in first year is limited to 92 students. Each year the number of applications greatly exceeds the 92 seats. **The selection process is highly competitive in all admission categories** and many qualified applicants are not selected for admission. Admissions policies assist in ensuring consistency and fairness but admission decisions are wholly within the discretion of the Faculty of Law through the Admissions Committee.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for admission, applicants must have one of the following qualifications:

A. Regular category:

- (a) degree from a recognized Canadian university;
- (b) a degree from a non-Canadian university acceptable to UNB Law; or in exceptional circumstances
- (c) in their final year of a four year degree (120 credits) of full-time academic study or; in exceptional circumstances, at least three years (or 90 credit hours) of full-time academic study at a recognized Canadian university; or

B. Discretionary and Aboriginal categories:

- (a) regular criteria; or
- (b) demonstrated experience, maturity and outstanding qualities that indicate an ability to undertake the study of law successfully.

The LSAT (Law Services Admissions Test) is required for all admission categories. Although no minimum LSAT score is required, students with LSAT scores below 150 are unlikely to be admitted.

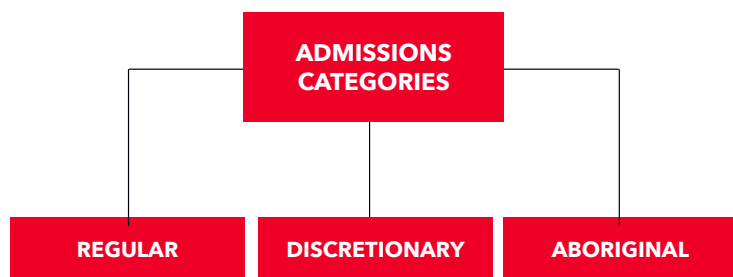
An applicant who has completed three or more years of university study should have a minimum grade point average in university-level academic courses of 2.7 or better on a 4.3 scale, as calculated in accordance with admissions policies.

Applicants not eligible for admission: persons in failing academic status in the most recent year of study in another law program; persons ineligible to continue in their own program due to academic misconduct; and persons who provide false or misleading statements on their applications to UNB Law.

ADMISSIONS CATEGORIES

There are three categories for admission to the first year of the law program: (i) regular; (ii) discretionary; and (iii) Aboriginal.

All eligible applicants are assessed in the regular category. Applicants may also request assessment in the discretionary (diversity, significant achievement, or disability) or Aboriginal categories. Applicants not selected in the discretionary or aboriginal categories are assessed in the regular category provided they satisfy the minimum requirements.



REGULAR CATEGORY

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission in the regular category, an applicant must meet the academic minimum requirements and provide (i) a personal statement (ii) a resumé and (iii) official transcripts. Letters of reference, while not required, are useful when conducting supplementary review and determining eligibility for general scholarships.

DISCRETIONARY CATEGORY

Eligibility

In establishing this category, UNB Law seeks to increase access to legal education and the legal profession by persons who have limited academic credentials but distinctive and sustained life achievement, to enhance the opportunity for disadvantaged groups to acquire legal assistance from members of their own group and to increase social and cultural diversity of the student body and the legal profession. However, discretion is exercised only where there is clear probability that the applicant will be successful at the study of law. Applicants must apply in one or more of the following subcategories:

- a. Diversity:** membership in a disadvantaged racial, cultural, linguistic or socio-economic group;
- b. Significant achievement:** sustained and distinctive non-academic achievement in the paid workforce, at home (in any field of endeavour) or in the community; or
- c. Disability:** coping with a physical or sensory impairment or learning disability.

An applicant applying under one of the discretionary subcategories must provide: (i) a resumé; (ii) a statement relating the applicant's personal circumstances to the selection criteria in the discretionary category; and (iii) at least two letters of reference. We may request further documentation or additional materials.

Selection policies

All applicants in the discretionary category must write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Although there is no minimum LSAT score required for admission, students with an LSAT score below 150 are unlikely to be admitted. An applicant in the discretionary category who does not meet the ordinary requirements for post-secondary education must have the experience, maturity and outstanding qualities that indicate an ability to undertake the study of law successfully. Normally this will be shown by evidence of sustained and distinctive non-academic achievement.



ABORIGINAL CATEGORY

Eligibility

UNB Law seeks to further justice by improving access to legal education and the legal profession for Indian (status or non-status), Métis and Inuit persons; enhancing legal services to Indian, Métis and Inuit communities; and increasing the social and cultural diversity of the student body and the legal profession. The category is open to Métis, Inuit, and status and non status Indians. Preference is given to residents of Canada. An applicant in the Aboriginal category must provide: (i) a resumé; (ii) a statement relating personal circumstances to the selection criteria in the Aboriginal category including connection to an Aboriginal community; and (iii) at least two letters of reference. We may also request additional material.

Selection policies

All applicants in the Aboriginal category must write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Although no minimum LSAT score is required for admission, students with an LSAT score below 150 are unlikely to be admitted. Applicants are assessed on the likelihood of successfully completing the Law program and the ways in which the applicant is likely to further the objectives of the Aboriginal category. An applicant in the Aboriginal category does not need to have post-secondary academic education. Applicants who do not have three years or equivalent of post-secondary education must demonstrate experience, maturity and outstanding qualities that indicate an ability to undertake the study of law successfully.

Attendance at the University of Saskatchewan's Native Law Centre may be required for admission in the Aboriginal category. Applicants lacking substantial university experience should apply to the University of Saskatchewan at the same time as applying to UNB (usask.ca/nativelaw).

Special circumstances

If there are any special circumstances which you believe placed you at a disadvantage with respect to your academic performance and/or your LSAT score, please provide a statement of reasons for your special circumstances. This statement, along with any supporting documentation, including medical documentation relevant to a physical or mental impairment, should be emailed to the Law Admissions Office (lawadmit@unb.ca).

ADMISSIONS INDEX

The admissions index is determined using the applicant's recalculated grade point average (GPA) (see below) and highest LSAT score. The GPA is weighted at 60% and the LSAT score at 40%. In recent years, the average recalculated GPA of an admitted student has been approximately 3.7 (on a 4.3 scale) and the average LSAT score has been approximately 158. The range is typically 3.2 - 4.3 for the GPA and 152 - 170 for the LSAT.

Recalculating the GPA

The GPA is based on the applicant's entire university academic record, including post-first degree work. The applicant's grades are converted to their equivalent on the grade point scale used at the University of New Brunswick as follows:

LETTER GRADE	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
GRADE POINT	4.3	4	3.7	3.3	3	2.7	2.3	2	1.5	1	0

If the applicant has completed three years (or equivalent), the lowest 15% of the grades are excluded from the calculation of the applicant's GPA; if the applicant has completed four or more years (or equivalent), the lowest 25% are excluded; if an applicant is currently in their final year of a four year degree program, the lowest 25% will be excluded.

Law Admissions Test (LSAT)

All applicants seeking admission to first year must write the (LSAT) Law School Admissions Test (based on the 120-180 scale). Applicants must take the LSAT no later than Jan. 26, 2019. The March 2019 and June 2019 LSAT scores will not be accepted for admission into the 2019-2020 academic year. For scholarships that require an application, the November 2018 LSAT score is the last one accepted for scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 academic year; the January 2019 LSAT score is not accepted. Information on the LSAT and specific test dates, test centres and registration can be found at www.lsac.org. We will request test scores directly from LSAC.



JOINT MBA/JD PROGRAM

The University of New Brunswick offers a joint MBA/JD program (Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor), which allows students to receive both degrees in four years. The joint degree program is an option for students who want to add a business component to their law studies. Applicants must apply and be accepted to each program separately. The eligibility requirements and selection procedures for an applicant intending to complete the joint degree program are the same as for any applicant applying to the MBA or JD programs. Normally an undergraduate degree is required for entry into the MBA program; however, completion of the first year of the JD program combined with three years of post-secondary study may be deemed equivalent to an undergraduate degree. For further information on MBA requirements please visit unb.ca/mbafr or email mbacontact@unb.ca.

FINANCES, FEES & COSTS

Estimate of Expenses

Tuition for Canadian citizens and permanent residents for the 2018-2019 academic year is \$10,809 for first year students. Tuition for 2019-2020 will be determined in the spring of 2019.

For a full breakdown of tuition costs and compulsory fees please visit: unb.ca/financialservices/students/undergraduate_tuition_and_fees

All student loan forms must be sent to UNB Financial Services. unb.ca/financialservices/students/paymentoptions/loans.html

LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

Entrance Scholarships

UNB Law is committed to ensuring that our program is financially accessible to our students. We have an excellent financial aid program that is growing every year with the addition of new scholarships. Our Scholarship Committee is committed to offering our top ten entering students scholarships in amounts up to full tuition. Students are encouraged to apply for the "special scholarships" noted as part of the online application. These scholarships require specific supporting documentation. For many scholarships students are automatically considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Three Lord Beaverbrook Scholarships in Law are awarded to students entering the JD program. Students at the top of their undergraduate programs with solid LSAT scores are encouraged to apply. Beaverbrook Scholars are chosen on the basis of qualities suggesting attainment of distinction in the legal profession. Candidates are interviewed by a committee, chaired by the Chief Justice of New Brunswick, as well as prominent members of the legal and academic communities. A current scholarship is valued at \$54,000 (\$18,000/year) based on renewal criteria.

Upper Year Scholarships

Students must be full-time law students who, at the relevant time, are registered in the law program and paying UNB tuition fees to be eligible for law scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply for all scholarships in which they are eligible. We are committed to rewarding those students ranking among the top ten in their second year guaranteeing scholarships in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to full tuition. Scholarships are awarded each year during the October Awards Night ceremony.

Bursaries

Law bursaries are awarded to full-time law students registered in the JD program and paying UNB law tuition. Applications are requested in late October with funds distributed in late January. Students are also eligible to apply for the UNB general bursaries.