

January 10 – 21	Classroom preparation at Osgoode Hall Law School
January 24 – March 11	Seven week field placement – daily journal & weekly email
March 14 – 18	Study Week - preparation of papers
March 21 – April 1	Seminars at Osgoode Hall Law School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – First paper and seminar presentation – Daily journal due
April 11	Final research paper due

Attendance at classes in Toronto is compulsory for the two weeks starting January 10, and the two weeks starting March 21. The remainder of the time can be at the home institution. The seven week placement can be anywhere, subject to the availability of a suitable placement, and availability of funding. This means that a student from Manitoba, for example, could come to Toronto for the classroom components of the program, but return to a location near the student's home for the seven week placement. (Dates may be adjusted if necessary)

8. Who arranges the placements?

The director of the program works with each student to make every effort to facilitate placement in a setting matching the interests and skills of the student. For an idea of the placements, go to the website and see “2008 Placement Summaries”.

The director carries out the detailed arrangement of the placement itself, but students often make their own contacts. Some students come into the program with very definite ideas about what they would like to be exposed to in their placement, while others only have very general notions about what might be educational and worthwhile. The availability of the placements may be constrained by the funding available. The director makes final decisions on placements. Where an appropriate placement cannot be found, a student may not be able to continue in the program.

9. How are my marks decided? What goes on my transcripts?

Two assignments - the two hour seminar and the final research paper - are worth three credits each, and are graded. The remaining nine credits will be awarded on a pass/fail basis. A written assessment of your work and accomplishments within the program will be permanently attached to your transcript.

10. Does anyone fail the program? What about non-academic problems with the placement?

Occasionally students have run into academic problems in the program, but these problems have been by and large the result of inappropriate attitudes on the part of the student. For example, a student who does not attend classes, makes racist remarks or has not completed assignments may not be permitted to continue. On rare occasions, there may be non-academic problems in the field. The placements are meant to provide an educational experience for the student, but in a work setting. Students are expected to be energetic, willing to assist in projects in concert with their supervisors, and hard-working. On those rare occasions in which there is a major problem with the placement itself this must be brought to the attention of the director immediately, and every effort will be made to resolve the difficulty.

Costs:

11. What fees will I have to pay to Osgoode Hall Law School?

Students pay the one term fee at the Osgoode Hall Law School rate. The one term fee is paid in lieu of fees, which would normally be paid to the student's primary law school for that term. Students are not 'double-billed'. Please contact the law school for updated fees.

12. What about additional costs?

The program makes every attempt to ensure that participation in the program incurs no major costs beyond what would be expected if the student were to remain for their final term at their

primary law school. Transportation to and from Toronto, and to and from the placement (if required) is provided. Accommodation is considered while in Toronto and on the placement. Most students from outside of Toronto have been able to stay with friends or relatives. We will try to assist in arranging for billeted accommodation for those not able to find a place. The program requests that students do all they can to keep costs low, assisting if at all possible in arranging reasonable transportation and accommodations. In some years, depending on funding and placement locations, students may be asked to contribute to placement costs outside of Toronto.

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