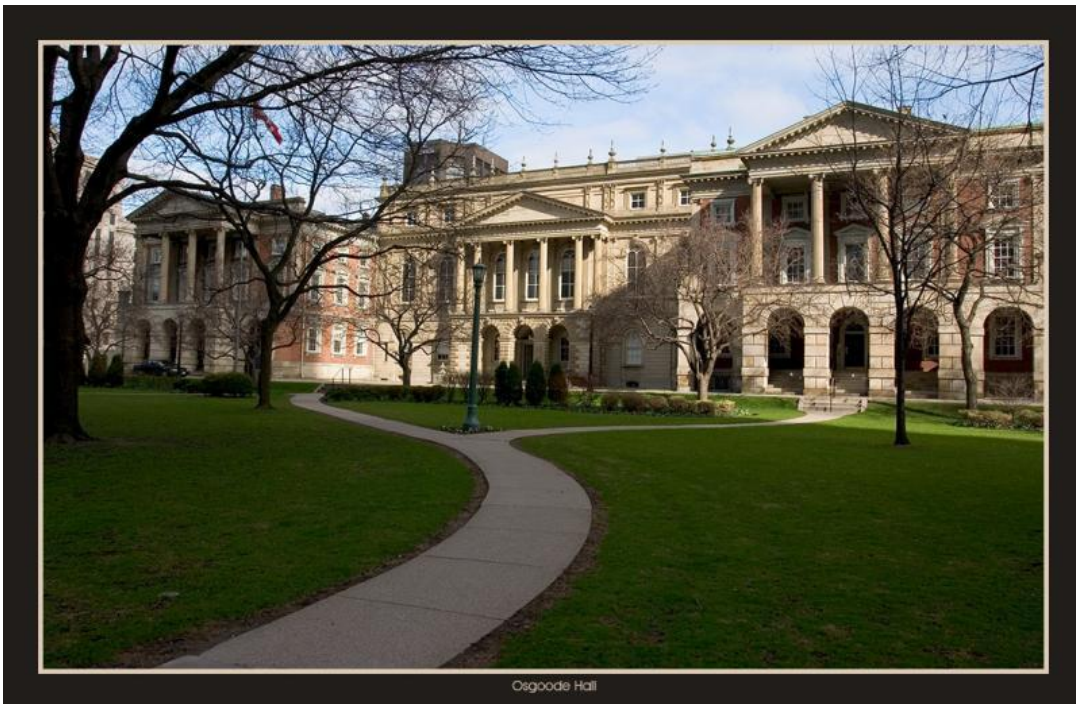




Hauser Global Law School Program

# Osgoode Hall Law School

## Exchange Program Information Package 2010-2011



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by the Osgoode law School, such as their website – <http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca>, handbooks, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an information session. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs.

## **Important Application Dates**

<b>January 21</b>	NYU application deadline
<b>Mid-January to Mid-February</b>	Applicants screened
<b>Mid to late February</b>	Selections made
<b>March 12</b>	Osgoode Application

## **I. Program Description and Information**

### **A. About the Program**

Up to two NYU Law students may study at Osgoode Hall Law School per academic year for one semester. The program is open to second- and third- year student only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law.

### **B. Osgoode Hall Law School**

Osgoode was founded in 1889 by the Law Society of Upper Canada and it is one of the oldest Canadian common law schools. Osgoode became affiliated with York University in 1968. The school's motto is "Per Jus Ad Justitiam" which means "through law to justice" which reflects the Osgoode's commitment to social justice. Today, Osgoode is the largest common law school in Canada with approximately 900 full time students. The student body is large, diverse, talented and drawn from all regions of Canada and beyond.

### **C. The City of Toronto**

With a population of over 4.5 million, Toronto is Canada's largest city and the provincial capital of Ontario. Toronto has a colorful ethnic mix and offers both visitors and residents plenty to do. A continental gateway and a crossroads for the world, Toronto, Canada's business capital ranks alongside economic powerhouses such as New York, Boston and Chicago.

The city's remarkably diverse economy creates unlimited business opportunities. This is a city of innovation and ingenuity a leader in everything from proteomics to debit cards. Toronto is the most diversified economy of any city-region in North America. Toronto ranks in the top 5 for more than 16 sectors compared to other North American cities and comparable to only Chicago and Boston each named 11 times in the top five cities.

### **D. Program Dates\***

Dates for 2010-11 are not yet posted. The dates below are subject to confirmation. The Complete University Academic Calendar can be found at: <http://abstract.osgoode.yorku.ca/osgsyllabus.nsf/SessionalDates>

<u>Fall 2010</u>		<u>Spring 2011</u>	
<b>September 1 – December 4</b>	Fall semester dates	<b>January 4 – April 7</b>	Spring semester dates
<b>October 12</b>	Thanksgiving	<b>March 30-April 6</b>	Passover break
<b>December 7 – 17</b>	Fall exams	<b>April 12 – 27</b>	Spring exams

### **E. Courses**

Course offerings can be found at <http://abstract.osgoode.yorku.ca/osgsyllabus.nsf/CourseTables>

The Osgoode Professional Development LLM also offers a number of graduate courses. Students from the research-stream are permitted to enroll in these courses. Information regarding current course offerings can be found by contacting the Osgoode Professional Development website (<http://www.osgoodepd.ca>). Getting early permission is most helpful to ensure entry into the desired course. (Permission form is available on FGS website at <http://www.yorku.ca/grads/policies/petitions.htm>, "Request to Take Courses in Another Graduate Program at York for Credit")

Students are encouraged to identify and enroll in graduate level courses in other disciplines at York. Getting early permission is most helpful to ensure entry into the desired course. (Permission form is available on the FGS website at <http://www.yorku.ca/grads/policies/petitions.htm>, "Request to Take Courses in Another Graduate Program at York for Credit")

In rare circumstances, and by special petition (<http://www.yorku.ca/grads/policies/petitions.htm>, "Ontario Visiting Graduate Student Application"), students may be permitted to take courses at Universities other than York.

Some examples of courses offered are:

- Graduate Legal Research and Writing GSLAW 6149 0.0
- Graduate Seminar in Legal Research GSLAW 6610 3.0
- Western Legal Histories GSLAW 6601 3.0 (This seminar is the same as GSHIST 6155 3.0)
- Feminist Legal Theory GSLAW 6630 3.0 (This seminar is the same as GSWMST 6702 3.0 LWLAW5180 3.0)
- Democratic Administration GSLAW 6680 3.0 (This seminar is the same as GSPOLS 6155 3.0.)
- Applied Research Methods: Policy and Regulatory Studies GSLAW 6690 3.0
- CT Colloquium GSLAW 6130 3.0 (Integrated with LWLAW 5810 3.0)
- Advanced Securities GSLAW 6143 3.0 (Integrated with LWLAW 5280 3.0)

For more info, visit [http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/graduate\\_studies/study\\_groups.html](http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/graduate_studies/study_groups.html).

## F. Exams and Grades

Law exams are marked anonymously and the grades are placed onto a very rigid B curve, meaning that approximately 60% of a given class will achieve a B grade. As such, Osgoode strives to be diligent in making sure that incoming exchange students are able to cope academically in general and in English in particular. A student shall receive one of the following letter grades for each course, seminar or program:

A+/A:	Excellent
B+/B:	Good
C+/C:	Acceptable
D+/D:	Marginal
F:	Fail

## G. Program Cancellation Policies

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Singapore, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Visitors and Exchange Programs, will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

## II. Osgoode Staff and Facilities

### A. Program Staff

Our point of contact at Osgoode Hall is Ms. Karen Willoughby, International & Academic Programs Coordinator, Student Services at [karenw@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:karenw@osgoode.yorku.ca).

### B. Law Library of Osgoode Hall Law School

The mission of the Osgoode Hall Law School Library is to fully support the intensive research and innovative teaching for which Osgoode Hall Law School is known, by collecting, organizing, preserving and disseminating legal and law-related information in any form; by providing effective service and instruction; and by exploiting electronic information systems to provide access to new information products and services.

Their vision is to be the leader in innovative provision of information and services on Canadian law and law in context. The Law Library of Osgoode Hall Law School has the largest collection of any law library in the British Commonwealth, currently approaching 500,000 volumes, which includes a unique collection of historical Canadian legal texts and primary sources. This outstanding print collection is supplemented by a growing range of online resources to which all members of the Osgoode community have access which include Quicklaw, LexisNexis and WestlaweCarswell. There are many country and topic-specific tools which provide researchers with in-depth access to the laws of Australia, India, the Caribbean, international trade law, international commercial arbitration and the United Nations Treaties.

Access to these print and online resources is made possible by a staff of professional librarians, all highly qualified in law as well as librarianship, and who come from a variety of backgrounds including Africa, Canada, China, Australia and the Caribbean. These librarians are available to assist students and faculty members with reference and research enquiries and with training in the use of online resources.

The Law Library is the heart of the Law School. Its collections are constantly growing as is the range of services it provides. We are also constantly working to upgrade our environment and physical facilities. Most ground floor carrels have recently been provided with power to assist laptop users. A new collection of law-related novels and movies on DVD has been established – the “Barbara C. Scott Collection”. The library courtyard has been renovated to provide a sunny haven for some leisurely reading or a game of chess. The foyer has been renovated to allow for display of new journals and newspapers. For more information, visit [http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/about\\_welcome.html](http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/about_welcome.html)

### III. Preparing for Your Trip

#### A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

##### Tuition

Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

##### Cost of Living per semester

One Canadian Dollar is worth approximately 0.90-1 US Dollar.

Item	Cost (in Canadian Dollars)
Books and Supplies	\$500
Housing*	\$2000
Mandatory Meal Plan for Undergraduate On-Campus Housing*	Prices vary depending on which meal plan students choose
Miscellaneous	\$1000
Recreation Centre*	\$10
Mandatory UHIP*	\$352 (for 8 months)
One of the Following Insurance Plans* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YFS Health Plan – The York Federation of Students Health Plan</li> <li>• Atkinson Students’ Association Benefits Plan</li> <li>• Graduate Students’ Health Plan</li> </ul>	Price depends on which insurance plan students are automatically enrolled in

#### B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

There are several on-campus residences that are reserved for Osgoode exchange students. All housing information will be forwarded to you as you near your date of arrival.

York University has an Off-Campus Housing Service where students are provided with information about how to look for accommodation, what their rights as a tenant are and listings of available accommodation. Their services are FREE and they have computers at their office where students can go and print listings of available accommodation. Students can get an idea of prices for off-campus accommodation, locations, etc... by visiting [www.yorku.ca/och](http://www.yorku.ca/och) and <http://international.yorku.ca/intlstud/new/housing.htm>.

The website also provides links to additional housing resources including websites where students can look at vacancies. Off-Campus Housing Service has information about the Tenant Protection Act, lists of what students should know before they rent, and a checklist of things they should consider when looking at various options. They also have information on short-term accommodation, in case students need a place for a couple of days while they look for accommodation, or if they are in the process of moving between apartments. They are located at N200 Student Services Center and can also be reached by phone at 416-736-5141.

If students plan on looking for a place once they arrive to Canada please note that there are places at York University and also other areas in Toronto that provide short-term housing. For a listing of short-term housing options please visit: <http://international.yorku.ca/intlstud/new/shortterm.htm>

#### C. Visa Information

As an international or exchange student, it is important for you to be aware of immigration regulations governing your stay in Canada. Students usually have two documents issued by Canadian Immigration:

##### Study Permit

- Gives student permission to undertake academic study in Canada. Required for students in programs that are longer than six (6) months in duration.

##### Temporary Resident Visa

- Gives student permission to enter Canada. Not required by all nationalities. A full listing of which countries require entry visas is listed on the [Canada Immigration website](#) (United States is exempt).

You are only required to provide documentation if you are staying for longer than 6 months. Any less, and all you need is a US passport.

#### **D. Health Insurance**

Visiting students coming to Canadian universities are generally required to purchase the mandatory University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). Information about this program is available through <http://international.yorku.ca/intlstud/health.htm>.

#### **E. Resources for Living, Studying, and Traveling in Osgoode**

Below are websites you can get more information about living and traveling in Toronto.

<http://international.yorku.ca/exchange/incoming/toronto.htm>

<http://international.yorku.ca/exchange/incoming/info.htm>

<http://international.yorku.ca/intlstud/new/index.htm>

#### **Student Travel Agencies**

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

*STA Travel.* There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at [www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)

*Travel CUTS.* There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at [www.travelcuts.com](http://www.travelcuts.com).

[www.studentuniverse.com](http://www.studentuniverse.com). Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

#### **Student Discounts**

*International Student Identity Card.* This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit [www.isic.org](http://www.isic.org) to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

#### **F. Provisions for Students with Disabilities**

York International in collaboration with the Office for Persons with Disabilities works to assist exchange students with disabilities settle in both socially as well as academically. If a student requires disability services, they should indicate what kind of assistance they require when they submit their application form. For further details, please visit: <http://www.yorku.ca/opd/default.htm>

### **IV. Semester Follow-Up**

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with NUS.

### **V. How to Apply**

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at Osgoode Hall, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website: <http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

<b>January 21</b>	NYU Application deadline
<b>Mid-January to Mid-February</b>	Applicants screened
<b>Mid-late February</b>	Selections made and applicants notified
<b>March 12</b>	Osgoode application due

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with Osgoode Hall, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your application to Osgoode where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Osgoode, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.