

SFU-EXETER ACCELERATED LAW PROGRAM



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TWO DEGREES ONE PROGRAM

The first program of its kind in BC, this accelerated dual degree law program allows you to earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Canada and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom.

The dual degree program is an exciting new legal education opportunity that combines the best of SFU's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the University of Exeter in the UK. Fast-track your education while immersing yourself in a program that blends academic excellence, practical skills, and global exposure.

Traditional law school routes typically take at least seven years to complete, but often more than that. The SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program allows you to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree in only six years—all without having to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or apply for competitive law school admissions.



WHAT SETS THIS PROGRAM APART?

World-Class Education: Graduate with two degrees from two internationally renowned universities—opening doors to global opportunities and gaining a deeper understanding of both Canadian and UK legal frameworks.

No LSAT or Competitive Law School Applications: You do not need to complete the LSAT—your admission to Exeter’s law program is guaranteed as long as you fulfill the minimum requirements at the end of your first five terms at SFU.

Exclusive Benefits: You will have access to perks unique to this program, including law-related workshops, cohort social events, and a dedicated student space on campus.

Strong Support System: No matter where you are—in Canada or the UK—you will receive dedicated guidance and support throughout your academic journey, from academic advising to visa applications to professional development, and more.



Cohort Experience: Right from your first day at SFU, you will be part of a cohort group forming close-knit relationships with each other, taking part in exclusive events, and navigating the program together.

Experiential Learning: Take part in internships and gain practical work experience to complement your academic journey.

Discounted Tuition and Guaranteed First Year Housing in the UK: As part of our agreement with Exeter, students receive a 20% tuition discount, and you do not have to pay any fees to SFU while studying in the UK. You will also receive a guaranteed spot in university-run housing during your first year at Exeter.

A Faster Path to Becoming a Lawyer: With a streamlined structure, this program enables you to complete your law degree in less time than the traditional route, so you can enter the legal profession sooner and maximize your career earning potential.

Career Opportunities: This program opens up doors for you in Canada and the UK, which significantly enhances your job prospects on both sides of the Atlantic.



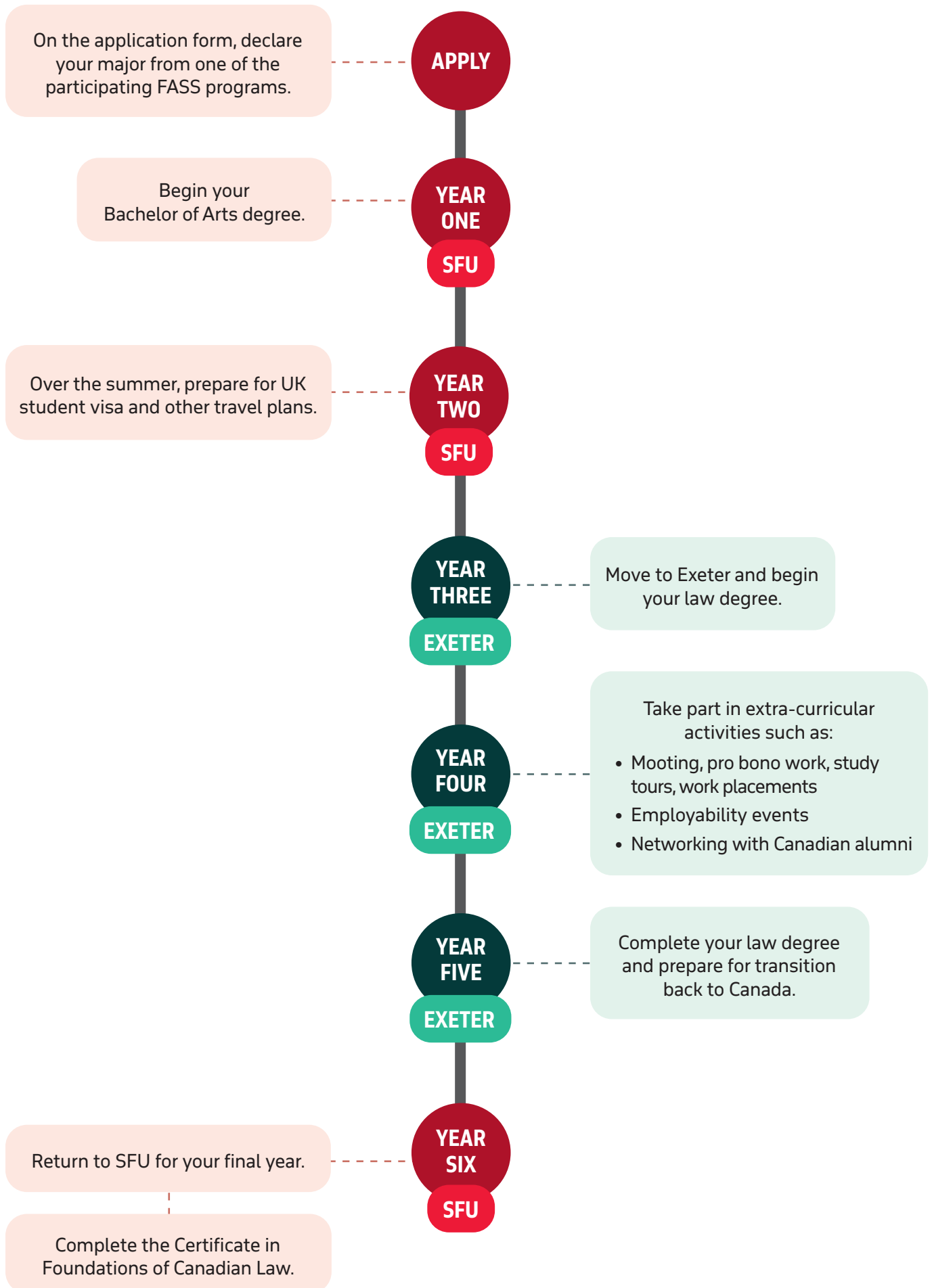
PROGRAM TIMELINE

The SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program is designed to ensure a smooth and supportive transition between the two universities, so you'll feel confident and prepared at each stage of your education. Whether you're in Canada or the UK, you'll have access to a comprehensive support network, ensuring that your academic and professional development stays on track.

You will spend the first two years at SFU followed by three years in England at the University of Exeter, before returning to Canada for your final year.

As long as you complete 60 units and remain in good standing (CGPA 3.0 or higher) over your first five terms at SFU, you will have automatic admission to Exeter Law School.







When you apply

Declare your major in a participating FASS BA degree program (16 to choose from):

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Anthropology
- Cognitive Science
- Criminology
- Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- International Studies
- Labour Studies
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

HUMANITIES

- English
- French
- Global Humanities
- Philosophy
- World Languages & Literatures

SFU – Year 1

- Enrol in 36 units over three terms, including the summer term.
- You will enrol in courses required by your degree program, but also have room to explore your interests.

SFU – Year 2

- Take 24 units over two terms.
- Automatic admission to Exeter Law School if by the end of your first five terms at SFU, you:
 - » Complete 60 units by the end of the spring term.
 - » Are in good academic standing.
- In the summer before you leave, with support from Exeter representatives, you will secure your visa, arrange campus housing, and make other final preparations for your experience abroad.

Exeter – Years 3, 4, 5

- Complete your Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree at Exeter.
- Take part in extra-curricular activities; Exeter's employability events provide opportunities for students to meet with their Canadian alumni and to learn about different career paths.
- Canada's National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) requires that students earning an LLB and wishing to practice law in Canada must meet the following requirements:
 - » All 360 units taken at Exeter must be law courses.
 - » Complete the LLB program with a degree classification of 2.2 or above.

SFU – Year 6

- Return to SFU to finish your BA by completing 30 units of course work, including the Certificate in Foundations of Canadian Law.
- Pass the NCA exams to receive accreditation.





The University of Exeter is a part of the Russell Group, a collection of 24 leading research universities in the UK. Russell Group universities generally rank high in national and international rankings, and offer enhanced prestige and opportunities.

STUDYING AT EXETER

A registered Botanical Garden, Exeter's Streatham campus is one of the most beautiful campuses in the country and offers a unique environment in which to study, with parkland, woodland, and gardens, as well as modern and historical buildings. At the heart of the campus is the Forum, a student hub building featuring student services, food and retail offerings, the library, and technology-rich study spaces.

With such a large campus and student community, there is something for everyone. The Exeter Students' Guild has over 200 societies ranging from sport to faith, worldview to music, as well as an active Canadian Law Society. You are sure to meet like-minded people and make friends for life.

You will have the opportunity to attend many career-related events on campus throughout the academic year, which allow students to network with potential employers and arrange for summer internships and placements. Career advisors and academic tutors will also be available to provide advice and support in securing these opportunities.





EXPLORE AROUND CAMPUS

The city centre of Exeter is only a 15-minute walk from campus and it is a culturally rich and welcoming city with an array of shops, cafes, bars, and restaurants alongside award-winning museums, independent theatres, and cinemas. You can spend your free time visiting historical sites, relax with friends on the beautiful quayside, or maybe even take a boat trip.

Beyond the city, you will be spoiled for choice for places to visit and things to do. Exeter is approximately two hours from London by rail. You can go fossil hunting on the Jurassic Coast, walking or cycling in Dartmoor or Exmoor National Parks, or visit renowned beaches on The English Riviera.





I picked Exeter as I wanted a university that had a great reputation internationally, embodied a sense of community, and would make my time away from my friends and family back home easier—because everyone knows time flies when you're having fun!

SHALIZA

**Canadian student studying LLB Law
at University of Exeter**



THE SFU FASS ADVANTAGE

By starting your academic journey with SFU's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), you are setting yourself up for long-term success. Our supportive community and welcoming environment ensure that you have a smooth adjustment into university life, and that you develop a solid educational foundation before transitioning to the University of Exeter for your law degree.



International Studies allowed my interest in comparative politics to truly flourish and it broadened my perspective on critical issues that aligned with my strengths. The degree provided a foundation applicable to various fields, such as law, policy analysis, and social work. The possibilities are truly endless.

MARIAH IZABELLE

**FASS student, International Studies, major
Political Science, minor**

ARTS CENTRAL

Located at the heart of SFU's Burnaby campus, Arts Central is the go-to place for FASS student resources and a friendly space to hang out or study with friends.



MENTORSHIP

Apply to be paired with a FASS mentor and get help adjusting to university life. Mentors act as your personal guide and give you the inside scoop on quiet study spaces, fun clubs and activities, favourite professors, and the best food on campus. Mentorship is a peer-to-peer experience which can lead to long lasting friendships.



EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS

Whether you're drawn to history, literature, and languages; politics, crime, and social justice; the mind and human behaviour; or religion and culture, FASS offers a wide range of courses that let you explore and combine these exciting areas of study.



STUDENT UNIONS

By joining a student union, you will meet fellow students with similar academic interests and career goals. As a FASS student, you automatically belong to the Society for Arts and Social Sciences (SASS), as well as departmental student unions for any courses that you take.





SUPPORTS

We are here to give you the guidance and connections you need to thrive throughout your university experience.

Some of the supports you will receive include:

- ★ An SFU program coordinator solely dedicated to the SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program who will monitor student degree progress, offer advising, and coordinate cohort programming and events.
- ★ Priority registration in required SFU courses, which will facilitate timely degree completion.
- ★ Devoted space at the SFU Burnaby campus for you to study and connect with your cohort.
- ★ Exclusive events such as law-related lectures, cohort socials, networking events, and workshops.
- ★ Access to mentorship programs at each institution.
- ★ Guidance in navigating the UK visa application process and preparation for the transition to Exeter.

FINANCES

The SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program carries different tuition fees depending on which university you are attending for the term.

When you are taking classes at the SFU campus, you can expect to pay regular tuition for the BA degree you have enrolled in. As the dual degree program is unique from other BA programs at SFU, there will be an additional administration fee per term. This fee goes towards providing you with exclusive experiences and opportunities solely for the dual degree cohort.

An exclusive perk to this program is a 20% discount on your tuition at Exeter. While you do not pay any fees to SFU while studying in the UK, you are responsible for your program fees, airfare, passport and visa fees, accommodation and living expenses, and overseas student health coverage.

Learn more



As a university town, which uniquely caters to students, I have found plenty of opportunities to become immersed in my community at Exeter. Apart from my Law courses, I've found ways to enjoy my time here, which have included participating in student-led societies. I have been a member of the Asian Society, African Caribbean Society, and Muay Thai, as well as become a part of the committee of both BAME Law (now BIPOC Society) and the Law Society.

NICOLE

Canadian student studying LLB Law
at University of Exeter



ADMISSIONS

The SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program is designed for students to complete their studies in six years, provided they start the program during their first year. Admission is competitive and minimum admission requirements may vary from year to year depending upon the number of applications.

Step 1

CHECK YOUR REQUIREMENTS

Review SFU's admission requirements and deadlines to prepare your application. Supplementary materials (e.g., references, recommendation letters, SAT/LSAT scores) are not required for admission to this program and will bear no impact on your application.

Step 2

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

High school applicants must apply to begin in the fall term (September start). When applying to join SFU, you may apply for direct admission to this program and select one of the available FASS majors. Make sure to apply before the application deadline.

Got questions? Connect with us at
fass_partnerships@sfu.ca



View SFU's admission website for everything you need.

F.A.Q.

What types of law can I study at the University of Exeter?

There are many areas of law including: Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Immigration Law, Property Law, plus many more.

What is the difference between a JD and a LLB?

A JD is a postgraduate degree while an LLB is an undergraduate Bachelor of Laws degree. The LLB designation is common in Commonwealth countries such as the UK, and is officially recognized in Canada upon the student's successful completion of the National Committee on Accreditation (NCA) assessment process.

Does admission to this program guarantee admission to the University of Exeter?

Yes. You are guaranteed an offer of admission to the University of Exeter Law School provided you are legally admissible to the UK and meet the eligibility requirements at the end of your 5th term at SFU. These requirements include the completion of 60 units and you must be in good academic standing (CGPA 3.0 or higher).

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for admission to Exeter, you can transition into your department's standard BA program and complete your SFU degree.

Do I need to complete the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) to study at the University of Exeter?

No. One of the advantages of the SFU-Exeter program is that you do not need to spend time or money taking the LSAT exam.

Can I practice law in Canada after completing the program?

Yes. Graduates of the SFU-Exeter Accelerated Law Program will be qualified to practice law in Canada upon successful completion of the NCA assessment process, articling, and the bar admission process of the province of which you'd like to practice law.

The courses you will take during your final year of the program at SFU fulfill the Certificate in Foundations of Canadian Law, which is designed to help you pass the five NCA exams to receive accreditation.

Can I return to the UK to practice law there?

It is possible to practice law in the UK, provided you fulfill the immigration and licensing requirements to work in the UK.

Where will I live while attending Exeter?

As part of the SFU-Exeter program, you are guaranteed a spot in university-run housing for your first year at Exeter, as long as you submit your application and pay the deposit by the deadline. You may choose to live off-campus or reapply to live in university housing for your subsequent years.

Can I complete a BA from SFU if law school is not for me?

Yes. If you change your mind about going to law school, you may continue in your department's regular BA program at SFU.





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