



Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

A strong foundation in Law is valuable in many ways. For some it provides an enabling path to professional qualification as a Solicitor or Barrister. For others, it augments established careers by providing an additional qualification of value in areas like regulation and compliance. People choose the LLB for many reasons but its primary attractiveness is its added value – professionally and intellectually.

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Duration: 3 years, full-time, which may be extended over 4 years, part-time

Entry Requirements: Approved university second class honours degree. In certain circumstances an approved professional qualification may be accepted in lieu of a degree. Those holding a Law Degree or who have studied Law at third-level may be granted appropriate exemptions such that the programme duration could be reduced.

Places available: 20 in Year 1

Fees: Current fees per year are
€6,200 (full-time, EU)
€14,250 (full-time, non-EU)
€6,200 (part-time, EU)

Applying: You can apply online for a postgraduate course, using the Postgraduate Applications Centre (PAC). PAC manages postgraduate applications for NUI Galway but the University makes all decisions on admissions to its programmes.

PAC code: GYL13 (3 Years) / GYL14 (4 Years)

Closing date: Mid August. Late applications may also be considered.

Why study the LLB?

The LLB contains all the subjects needed for entrance examinations to the legal professions (Solicitors & Barristers) in Ireland, subject to prevailing entry rules. By choosing certain subjects, students can become eligible for exemptions in relation to entry to the legal profession in England and Wales.

The LLB is also excellent preparation for work in a legal advisory capacity in the private and public sector. Applications are particularly welcomed from graduates/professionals of several years standing and recent graduates of all faculties seeking to broaden their qualifications.

What our students say



Natalie Dillon
LLB graduate

"Following my Arts degree I was unsure of what career path to choose. As I have always had an interest in Law and how it works I chose the LLB. The programme is very flexible and well structured, especially for people who work full or part time. The quality of teaching is outstanding. The genuine interest lecturers have in the subjects they teach translates into very engaging and informative lecturers which encourage students to think critically about issues, an invaluable tool in any area of life. Completing the NUI Galway LLB programme was fundamental to my choice of pursuing a career in law."

Employment and career opportunities

LLB graduates have secured positions with the top law firms in Ireland, government agencies and private companies. Others are in practice as leading barristers, in Ireland and elsewhere. Other graduates have gone on to advanced law programmes in some of the most prestigious universities in the world.

Lecture times

A timetable of lectures will be available in August. However, the total contact time (lectures and tutorials) is approximately three hours per subject per week. Lectures are held in daytime hours and normally consist of two-hour sessions.

Examinations

End of term written exams and continuous assessment.

Programme Outline

The LLB programme may be taken over 3 or 4 years. The only significant difference between the two modes is the number of subjects taken in each year. While all students will eventually take the same number of subjects, the pace at which they take them will vary in accordance with the chosen mode. Academic standards, course requirements, aggregate contact hours and so forth are the same for both modes.

The course layout is as follows:

	First Year ECTS	Second Year ECTS	Third Year ECTS	Fourth Year ECTS
3-Year Mode:	60	60	60	-
4-Year Mode:	45	45	45	45

In Year 1, Students take the following foundational subjects

Constitutional Law	Legal Procedure (three-year mode only)
Contract	Sociology of Law
Criminal Law I & II	Tort (three-year mode only)
Irish Legal Systems	
Legal Methods and Research I	

On completion of Year 1, Students then choose from a broad list of subjects for the remainder of the LLB programme:

Administrative Law	Housing Law & Policy
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Independent Research
Applied Legal Theory	Industrial & Intellectual Property Law
Banking Law	Information Technology Law
Company Law	Intl. Protection of Human Rights
Comparative Competition Law	International Trade Law
Comparative Disability Law	Jurisprudence
Consumer Law and Policy	Labour Law
Criminal Justice	Land Law
Criminology	Law of the Sea
English Land Law	Media Law
Environmental Law	Moot Court
Equity	Public International Law
European Union Law	
European Human Rights	
Evidence	
Family Law	
Health Law & Policy	

NOTE: This programme schedule may change from year to year.

<http://nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/llb.html>

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