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BACHELOR OF LAW (LLB)

Everything You Need To Know For the Year Ahead

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Welcome / Fáiltiú



Dear Student

I am delighted to welcome you back to the School of Law at NUI Galway.

You are undertaking your legal education at a very challenging time. I would like to acknowledge your decision to continue with your legal education amidst the uncertainties of this unprecedented global health crisis. The global pandemic is significantly transforming the ways that we study, work, live and engage with our communities. Your ability to adapt to these changes will serve you well as you complete your studies and prepare for your career.

Since 1849 the School of Law has been delivering innovative legal education in a dynamic school dedicated to impactful, high quality legal research. We have over 800 undergraduate and postgraduate students, over 40 academic staff, a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and exciting clinical legal education opportunities. We emphasise student-focused, research-led teaching delivered in a supportive and intellectually challenging environment.

The School is passionate about research that meets the highest standards of scholarship, informs your learning and engages with current societal challenges, impacting public debate and informing government policy. Our contribution to public policy has never been more important. Equally the contributions that you will make as you embark upon your professional life have the potential for significant impact.

This will be a very different academic year for both students and staff. Modules will be delivered by way of blended learning. Blended learning involves the integration of face-to-face learning and teaching with complementary online learning activities. The face-to-face element of teaching will relate to core law modules, while optional modules will be delivered online.

These are extraordinary times with significant challenges and opportunities. The graduate attributes you acquire throughout your degree and your flexibility in adapting to the new learning environment ensures that you develop a wide range of knowledge, skills and dispositions that will stand to you as you embark upon your career.

My colleagues and I look forward to working with you over the course of the academic year and wish you well with your studies.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles O'Mahony". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr Charles O'Mahony

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ON-CAMPUS TEACHING

LLB students will be **taught on campus every Monday and Tuesday*** for Semester 1. Specific lecture times for you will be indicated on your timetable which will be available from 25th September 2020. All other week days will consist of online teaching and tutorials.

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**Please note that Business or Language students may be required to be on campus on additional days as required by the School of Business and College of Arts timetables.*

SCHOOL SUPPORT

All queries relating to programmes, modules, examinations, etc. should be raised with the School Administration Office in the first instance by emailing law@nuigalway.ie or by logging onto the School of Law website and clicking on the 'Ask' icon on the bottom right of the page <http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/students/>

The School of Law administration team are available to support you throughout the semester. Please email law@nuigalway.ie to book an online appointment with one of the team.

The School of Law administration offices are located on Floors 2 and 3, Tower Two, Arts/Science Building. However, due to the public health guidelines the school office will not have on-campus office hours.

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<http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/>

Effective use of the library is a crucially important part of legal education. Students should take advantage of every opportunity to familiarise themselves with the library and the services it offers. Nowadays, many excellent services are available through electronic sources (located on the ground floor of the library). Training sessions are available and details may be found at the information desk located in the library.

***CHANGES TO LIBRARY** for this academic year 2020-2021

Users will need to reserve a seat in advance to gain admission as capacity will be significantly reduced under 2-metre social distancing and there will be no access to the book shelves (but borrowing will be facilitated via Click and Collect).

Full details of the Library Guidelines can be found here [Library Guidelines](#)

AVAILABILITY OF PHOTOCOPIED MATERIAL

Some module reading material is available on a pay-as-you-get basis in photocopied form, and can be purchased from the print shop Media Linn located opposite the Student Union's shop on campus.

CAREERS IN LAW

The School of Law will host our annual “Careers in Law Seminar Series” this October 2020 in collaboration with our Careers Development Centre. Events this year will be virtual and will include a distinguished Alumni panel event and various seminars including successful application tips and other career related topics. This year’s Careers Fair will be held on a well-established virtual and interactive careers fair platform and gives law students an opportunity to network with representatives from Ireland’s major law firms and other organisations to explore exciting career opportunities both in and beyond the legal profession.

THE PROFESSIONS AND FURTHER EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL QUALIFICATION

Students who intend to seek entry to the Law Professions must inform themselves of the current requirements of the professional bodies, which are subject to change. At the time of print, the table below outlines the modules in which students are required to sit entrance examinations for the professional legal bodies:

Law Society of Ireland (Solicitor)	The Honorable Society of King’s Inns (Barrister)
Contract Law I & II	Contract Law I & II
Constitutional Law I & II	Constitutional Law I & II
Tort Law I & II	Tort Law I & II
Criminal Law I & II	Criminal Law I & II
EU Law I & II	EU Law I & II
Equity Law I & II	Equity Law I & II
Company Law I & II	Company Law I & II
Land Law I & II	Land Law I & II
	Evidence I & II
	Administrative Law I
	Jurisprudence

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AT NUI GALWAY

The School of Law offers a number of full-time and part-time post graduate programmes as follows:

- International and Comparative Business Law (LLM)
- International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy (LLM)
- International Criminal Law (LLM)
- International Human Rights (LLM)
- International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy (LLM)
- General (LLM)
- Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict (LLM)
- Disability Law & Policy (PhD)
- Human Rights (PhD)
- Law (PhD, LLM)
- Structured PhD (Law)

Full details of programme content and entry requirements can be found online:

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/courses/postgraduatetaughtcourses/>

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/courses/postgradresearchprogrammes/>

LLB EXAM REGULATIONS

Full details of University Marks and Standards can be found on the following links:

Postgraduate:

http://www.nuigalway.ie/academic_records/documents/updated_pgt_marksstandards_04april2016.pdf

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- The full-time Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree is a full Law degree offered over two or three years. The LLB degree can also be studied on a part-time basis over four years. Applicants for admission to the first year of the programme must indicate if they intend to complete it over two, three, or four years. Students in the two year mode cannot take any optional modules; the structure of this mode is set out on page 13.
- All students may apply for entry to either mode. The primary difference between the full-time and part-time mode of study is the number of modules undertaken per year: **60 ECTS per year for full-time, 45 ECTS per year for part-time.**

Mode of Study	ECTS			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Full Time (2Yrs)	60	60	-	-
Full Time (3Yrs)	60	60	60	-
Part Time (4Yrs)	45	45	45	45

- While all students will eventually take the same number of modules (ECTS), the pace at which they take them will vary in accordance with the chosen mode. Otherwise, academic standards, course requirements, contact hours and so forth will remain the same.
- Where a full-time student enrolled in the first year of the LLB does not successfully pass all 60 ECTS in that year, approval can be sought from the School of Law to transfer to the second year of the part-time LLB, thereby completing 180 ECTS over the duration of the four year programme, provided the candidate is not deficient in more than 10 ECTS.

ACADEMIC YEAR & ECTS

- The academic year is divided into two periods, called semesters, which are of approximately 12 weeks each. Programmes are organised into modules and carry a credit unit weighting (ECTS), or value, which reflects the extent and difficulty of the module concerned. Modules are normally examined at the end of the semester in which the module was completed.
- Students must pass core obligatory modules specified in each year of the programme. Typically, year-long modules have a credit weighting of 10 ECTS and semester-long modules have a credit weighting of 5 ECTS.
- Students cannot fulfil their academic requirements by presenting for a module which they have already passed and received credit for in previous years.
- Students who have taken and passed Law modules in some other institution may read the same modules in the LLB only if the modules taken differ substantially in content from the modules offered by the school.
- A student will be given credit for modules passed and will not have to re-present for examination in any module in which a minimum mark of 40% has been returned within the time limit set out in regulations for the successful completion of the particular semester. The normal time limit for carrying forward of marks to subsequent examination sessions is two academic years.
- Exemptions: In the case of students who fail in the examination as a whole, credit units for individual modules will be awarded where the pass standard of 40% has been achieved.
- A two-year time limit shall operate in which the examinations of any LLB year must be passed.
- A student may be approved to take more than the required ECTS in the final year of their LLB, up to a maximum of 10 ECTS. The Programme Director must approve the additional ECTS on a case-by-case basis and such approval will be granted only when the additional modules are required for professional purposes. The credits relating to the additional modules will be discarded in the calculation of the overall degree award.
- Students are required to submit one essay of 5,000 words in the final year of the programme. This essay is a stand-alone component, weighted at 5 ECTS, and must be passed in order for the examination as a whole to be passed. The essay regulations can be found on Blackboard and the School of Law website.

EXAMINATION & COMPENSATION

- Following registration, students of the programme shall be required to pass examinations in each of the academic years of the programme in succession before proceeding to the following year.
- The first year of examination must be passed within two academic years from the date of entering the programme.
- Students must present for the first sitting of their examinations unless they have received permission to defer an examination.
- A student will normally be examined at the end of the semester in which the module has been completed. Some modules extend over two semesters and may be examined at the

end of the second semester only. Some modules may be examined entirely by continuous assessment, the details of which will be communicated by the lecturer. For academic year 2020/2021 first Semester modules will be examined in January 2021, provisional results will be issued but the formal examination results in such modules will be issued only with the results of the Summer Examination Session. Examinations for Semester One will be held online from 11th to 22nd January 2021.

- Marks of 40% and above are carried forward to the next session and the modules in which such marks were gained are not repeatable.
 - Compensation will only be applied in cases where its application enables the student to successfully complete the examinations as a whole. The pass standard for a module is 40%. However, a student with marks of less than 40% in one or more modules will be deemed to have passed the programme provided:
 - the aggregate mark for all modules is at least 40% and
 - the mark in every module is 35% or more and
 - the module(s) with marks in the range 35-39% total;- not more than 5 ECTS in the case of programmes with an ECTS weighting of 30 – 55
- Or**
- not more than 10 ECTS in the case of programmes with an ECTS weighting in the range 60 – 85. The carrying forward of marks does not invalidate this compensation provision.

REPEAT EXAMINATION & CAPPING

- Repeat Examinations in the modules of the first and second semesters will be held in the Autumn Examination Session, typically in August.
- The maximum mark which may be awarded for an Autumn Repeat Examination of a module at postgraduate level, will be 40%. This is known as capping.
- Capping will be applied to the Autumn Examination Session of the postgraduate programmes as follows:
 - Capping will apply to all years of postgraduate programmes.
 - Capping applies to students who are repeating any module of a programme, regardless of when the first attempt at the module was made.
 - Capping will apply in all cases unless a Deferral has been granted.

EXAMINATION DEFERRAL

- Repeat examinations are confined to those who fail at the first attempt or who have permission to defer.
- Deferrals are only permitted at the discretion of the Head of School, on bona fide grounds of ill-health, bereavement of close family members, or serious personal circumstances which can be verified independently.
- Requests for exam deferral must be made on a special Deferral Application. Students can request this form by emailing the School of Law office at law@nuigalway.ie. Students must provide documentary letters, medical certificates or other support material from medical doctors, student counsellors or others along with their application. The School reserves the right to verify the stated grounds for deferral.
- Only the modules listed on the form will be considered for deferral and students should contact law@nuigalway.ie to be informed of the outcome of their application.

DEGREE AWARDS

- Honours are awarded in individual subjects and for the overall programme according to the following table:

H1	70% on the aggregate
H2.1	60% on the aggregate
H2.2	50% on the aggregate
H3	40% on the aggregate

- Honours awarded for the overall LLB is calculated based on the number of years of the LLB programme a student completes, as outlined below:
 - Where students are not eligible for any exemptions, Honours are calculated equally across the three years of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

Mode of Study	% Result				TOTAL
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Full Time (2Yrs)	50.00%	50.00%	-	-	100%
Full Time (3Yrs)	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	-	100%
Part Time (4Yrs)	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	100%

- Where a full-time student has been deemed exempt from year one of the LLB, Honours are calculated equally across the two remaining years of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

Mode of Study	% Result				TOTAL
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Full Time (3Yrs)	-	50%	50%	-	100%

- Where a full-time student has been deemed exempt from years one and two of the LLB, Honours calculated are equally across the final remaining year of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

Mode of Study	% Result				TOTAL
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Full Time (3Yrs)	-	-	100%	-	100%

MODULE SELECTION

1st LLB – 1BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Type
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Core
LW118	Contract	10	Core
LW262	Tort	10	Core
Semester 1			
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Core
LW3120	Understanding the Law	10	Core
Semester 2			
LW3121	Critical Thinking for Lawyers	10	Core
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Core

2nd LLB – 2BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Type
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Optional
LW118	Contract	10	Optional
LW127	Family Law	10	Optional
LW262	Tort	10	Optional
LW323	Public International Law	10	Optional
Semester 1			
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Optional
LW3127	International Protection Of Human Rights I	5	Optional
LW356	Industrial And Intellectual Property Law	5	Optional
LW357	Environmental Law I	5	Optional
LW3130	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Optional
LW212	Labour Law I	5	Optional
LW225	Land Law I	5	Optional
LW229	Company Law I	5	Optional
LW263	Equity I	5	Optional
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Optional
LW513	Evidence I	5	Optional
LW3127	International Protection Of Human Rights I	5	Optional
LW356	Industrial And Intellectual Property Law	5	Optional
LW357	Environmental Law I	5	Optional
LW3130	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Optional
LW513	Evidence I	5	Optional
Semester 2			
LW216	Labour Law II	5	Optional
LW226	Land Law II	5	Optional
LW231	Company Law II	5	Optional

LW265	Equity II	5	Optional
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Optional
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Optional
LW3128	International Protection Of Human Rights II	5	Optional
LW358	Environmental Law II	5	Optional
LW383	Information Technology Law	5	Optional
LW365	Criminology	5	Optional
LW370	Comparative Disability Law	5	Optional
LW374	Banking Law	5	Optional
LW3131	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes II	5	Optional
LW398	English Land Law	5	Optional
LW422	Administrative Law II	5	Optional
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Optional
LW514	Evidence II	5	Optional
LW333	Comparative Competition Law	5	Optional
LW3128	International Protection Of Human Rights II	5	Optional
LW358	Environmental Law II	5	Optional
LW383	Information Technology Law	5	Optional
LW365	Criminology	5	Optional
LW370	Comparative Disability Law	5	Optional
LW374	Banking Law	5	Optional
LW3131	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes II	5	Optional
LW398	English Land Law	5	Optional
LW422	Administrative Law II	5	Optional
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Optional
LW514	Evidence II	5	Optional

Final LLB – 3BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Type
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Optional
LW118	Contract	10	Optional
LW127	Family Law	10	Optional
LW262	Tort	10	Optional
LW3129	Guided Research Essay	5	Core
LW323	Public International Law	10	Optional
Semester 1			
LW212	Labour Law I	5	Optional
LW225	Land Law I	5	Optional
LW229	Company Law I	5	Optional
LW263	Equity I	5	Optional
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Optional
LW333	Comparative Competition Law	5	Optional
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Optional

LW3127	International Protection Of Human Rights I	5	Optional
LW356	Industrial And Intellectual Property Law	5	Optional
LW357	Environmental Law I	5	Optional
LW3130	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Optional
LW513	Evidence I	5	Optional
Semester 2			
LW216	Labour Law II	5	Optional
LW226	Land Law II	5	Optional
LW231	Company Law II	5	Optional
LW265	Equity II	5	Optional
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Optional
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Optional
LW3128	International Protection Of Human Rights II	5	Optional
LW358	Environmental Law II	5	Optional
LW365	Criminology	5	Optional
LW370	Comparative Disability Law	5	Optional
LW374	Banking Law	5	Optional
LW3131	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW398	English Land Law	5	Optional
LW420	Clinical Placement	5	Optional
LW422	Administrative Law II	5	Optional
LW3122	Law and Innovation	5	Optional
LW383	Information Technology Law	5	Optional
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Optional
LW437	Moot Court	5	Optional
LW514	Evidence II	5	Optional

2 Year LLB

Year 1 – 1BOL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Type
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Core
LW118	Contract	10	Core
LW262	Tort	10	Core
Semester 1			
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Core
LW103.I	Irish Legal Systems	5	Core
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Core
LW107.I	Legal Methods and Research	5	Core
Semester 2			
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Core
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Core

Year 2 – 2BOL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Type
Year-long			
LW3129	Guided Research Essay	5	Core
Semester 1			
LW225	Land Law I	5	Core
LW229	Company Law I	5	Core
LW263	Equity I	5	Core
LW513	Evidence I	5	Core
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Core
Semester 2			
LW398	English Land Law	5	Core
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Core
LW226	Land Law II	5	Core
LW231	Company Law II	5	Core
LW265	Equity II	5	Core
LW514	Evidence II	5	Core

*** Students are obliged to complete Core modules as part of their 60 ECTS for the year**

Every effort will be made to offer the modules as listed, each module may not be available every year. Modules are offered subject to availability of staff and sufficient demand.

Please note that your timetable may change during the year. The most up-to-date timetable can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/law/timetables

Registration for Modules via School Office (not available on Blackboard)

If registering for the following modules students must register through the School Administration Office as they are not available on Blackboard.

Please email law@nuigalway.ie

LW420 Clinical Placement

This optional one-semester module requires that students utilise their legal training in suitable work placements for ten weeks. Students should generally expect to work for 8-10 hours each week (i.e., the equivalent of two half days or one full day). It is preferable that students be engaged to the extent possible in substantive work (i.e. legal research, working with case files, observing court proceedings, etc.). The module will open with an introductory seminar in which students will be informed generically as to the nature and scope of their responsibilities, and close with an interactive seminar in which students will share their individual experiences. Assessments will be predicated on a final reflection paper. Also, satisfactory written evaluations from supervisors are a prerequisite to successfully completing the module.

Placements will be allocated on the basis of academic merit. To be eligible to apply to take the module, LLB students coming from the BA (Joint Honours) Law and BCorp Law

programmes must have at least a H2.1 average in their primary degree results. LLB students coming from the BA (Public & Social Policy) and B Comm programmes must have at least a H2.1 average in their results from year two of the LLB. BCL students and LLB students pursuing a three or four year degree must have at least a H2.1 average in their degree results to date. In the event that the number of students desiring to take the module exceeds the number of available placements, a selection process incorporating a number of relevant factors such as overall academic profile and interest level as demonstrated in the application will determine entry.

LW437 Moot Court

This module provides students with an opportunity to develop practical skills in legal drafting, advocacy and litigation. It includes a taught element with a concentration on the drafting of documents and written submissions. The majority of the module is devoted to guided student participation in moot court exercises which may involve domestic, European or International law. Students will be assessed on the basis of written and/or oral submissions and other such assessments.

LW3122 Law and Innovation

The context and content for the application of the law, and particularly for legal practice, are continually changing. Rapid developments in machine learning and so-called 'artificial intelligence' are significant elements in this process. The aim of this module is provide students with the ability to understand the relationship between law and technology from both a theoretical and practical perspective. It will explore how technology and law are inter-related, with legal automation transforming the nature of legal practice, while law regulates the development of technology. The module seeks to provide students with 'hand-on' experience in developing useful tools for those working with the law, while also giving a grounding in critical perspectives on law and technology and enabling them to make informed decisions about when particular technologies are appropriate. Places are limited and students will need to provide a short statement outlining their interest in the module topic before being permitted to register. Technical or programming skills are not required. Further information will be made available during the semester.

LW3129 Guided Research Essay

The capacity to write long-form research essays is a signature ability of university graduates and key skill for working lawyers. The aim of this module is to develop students' capacities as researchers, by enabling them to propose and pursue a research project that they communicate in the form of a 5,000 word essay. Each student will be assigned a supervisor who will support them in their research project, but the emphasis is on developing students' independent learning capacities.