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EXPERIENCED STAFF

Our academic staff are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields and many are also industry experienced. Their invaluable knowledge and experience gives students a unique learning experience, ensuring that they develop the skills necessary to put theory into practice.

The School of Law is also a centre of excellence in research with our internationally recognised research centres. Our students have access to academics who lead research projects and the ability to construct complex legal arguments. NUI Galway law students become highly skilled, employable graduates confident to progress to professional qualification and to pursue a range of other careers locally, nationally and globally.

Development of skills is advanced every year of the degree: Foundational Teaching (legal research, critical thinking) - Year 1; Communication & Advocacy through Mooting - Year 2; Work Placement or Study Abroad - Year 3; Specialisation & Guided Research Essay - Year 4; and an extensive range of extracurricular activities with over 100 student societies, including a vibrant student Law Society.

SKILLS

Skills-based modules are an essential part of our degrees, equipping students with both the academic and practical skills required for successful careers and for life. Our academics work with students to develop competencies including logical and critical thinking, communication and advocacy skills, project management skills and the ability to construct complex legal arguments. NUI Galway law students become highly skilled, employable graduates confident to progress to professional qualification and to pursue a range of other careers locally, nationally and globally.

CAREER FOCUS

Our careers and employment team provide quality career guidance to help students gain clarity, connect with employers and compete for the best jobs.

CLARITY in your career journey through:

> ONE-TO-ONE CAREER GUIDANCE
> CAREER SEMINARS AND EVENTS
> PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING
> DROP-IN SESSIONS

CONNECT with prospective employers through:

> JOBS FAIRS AND EMPLOYER EVENTS
> JOBS VACANCY SYSTEM

COMPETE in the jobs market through:

> CV & INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOPS
> JOB APPLICATION REVIEW

GUEST LECTURES FROM EXPERTS

Our close links to the legal profession and industry mean we regularly host guest lecturers with leading expertise in law, the legal profession, human rights, disability, business and beyond. Guest lecturers give students insight into current trends in law and society, and inform their future career choices.

A ROUNDED STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Beyond the lecture hall, there is a wide variety of extracurricular activities with over 100 student societies, including a vibrant student Law Society, excellent sports facilities and clubs, volunteering through the ALIVE programme, and the community knowledge initiative. The University also offers a range of supports for students and scholarships such as the Excellence Scholarships and Sports Scholarships.

TERENCE O’MALLEY DLA PIPER SCHOLARSHIP

We are delighted to partner with global law firm DLA Piper for the Terence O’Malley DLA Piper Scholarship. The scholarship supports Scholars throughout their four-year degree to the value of €2,500 annually (total value of €10,000 per Scholar). Each year the scholarship is awarded to two first year students who are enrolled in one of our five law degrees (GY250, GY251, GY252, GY253 and GY254) and is awarded based on financial need and academic merit. The Scholars will preferably have a home address in Mayo but consideration is given to applicants with a home address in the West of Ireland (all counties in Connacht plus counties Donegal and Clare).

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Our Law programmes aim to position students with the skills and graduate attributes needed for employment post-graduation. We partner with leading global, national and local firms, as well as other organisations, to support student development and work placement.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our modules have an embedded international emphasis so our students have an understanding of the globalisation of legal practice. Students will also have the opportunity to study abroad with prestigious partner institutions, transforming their university degree into a truly global experience.

WORK PLACEMENT

Our Law programmes aim to position students with the skills and graduate attributes needed for employment post-graduation. We partner with leading global, national and local firms, as well as other organisations, to support student development and work placement.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Our students are in a unique position to apply for a limited number of high profile national and international internships. Our school has established links with a number of prestigious organisations that offer summer internship opportunities.
INNOVATIVE APPROACH

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Our programmes are designed to maximise student potential by providing a balance of foundational law modules, critical legal skills and a specialism in different subject areas. Students also have the opportunity to either study abroad or to avail of professional work placement. Throughout the degree, students will develop a comparative understanding of the law and an appreciation of law in practice. Students will become highly skilled, employable graduates able to progress to professional work placement. Students will have a range of CV and interview preparation supports available with nationally and internationally recognised law firms and organisations.

FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING

NUI Galway is driving innovation in the teaching of law through the concentration of skills at every stage of our degree programmes. The key to this approach is strong foundational teaching. Our module, Understanding the Law, allows students to explore the foundation structures and operations of the Irish legal system while introducing students to the basic skills of case analysis, statutory interpretation, legal citation and writing, and developing capacities for independent research and writing. We teach this module intensively in the opening weeks of the first semester: doing so will (i) support students to transition to the expectations of a university degree, and (ii) build a platform of essential skills which will be necessary as students advance through their legal education. The complementary module, Legal Skills, in the following semester enables students to further develop their research, critical thinking, problem-solving, writing and communication skills.

MOOTING

Mooting is a simulated courtroom experience. Using a hypothetical set of case facts, students learn how to identify legal issues, construct a legal argument, draft legal submissions, and effectively deliver oral arguments. All students will participate in mooting exercises. Past students described participating in mooting as ‘transformativc’. The module is delivered through a taught component made up of lectures and an active component where students will participate in practical seminars and a mock trial. Students will be required to work with fellow students in small groups to research and prepare arguments for presentation, and to develop written legal submissions and oral arguments. The final moot court competitions take place in the Galway Courthouse and are presided over by a sitting member of the Irish judiciary.

NEW State-Of-The-Art On-Campus Moot Courtroom

PROFESSIONAL WORK PLACEMENT

Our students will have the opportunity to gain a professional focus and real world experience through work placement. Students gain invaluable experience by putting theory into practice and developing new skills which can support and influence career direction. We are committed to providing high quality work placements together with nationally and internationally recognised law firms and organisations.

Students will have a range of CV and interview preparation supports available in advance of their work placement.

STUDY ABROAD

We offer exciting study-abroad opportunities through ERASMUS and International Exchange. Students that choose a language stream are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to elevate their linguistic skills by studying in a partnering university that teaches through that language. Students can study through the countries native language in our partner universities in Germany, France and Spain. We have also partnered with a number of leading universities who teach through English in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Poland, Spain, The Netherlands and the United States of America. Studying abroad gives students the prospect to further broaden their studies in an equivalent world class university. It also provides the opportunity for improved language skills, an appreciation of other cultures and the development of different perspectives on law.

GUIDED RESEARCH ESSAY

The capacity to write long-form research essays is a signature ability of graduates, and is a key skill for practicing lawyers. As part of our degrees, students will complete a Guided Research Essay supported by an academic mentor. Students will greatly benefit from the guidance and supervision of an assigned academic mentor who will meet with them to discuss their research essay and provide feedback on their work.

SELECT A SPECIALISM

On return from professional work placement or study abroad, students will be ready to focus on the final year of their degree. This year is structured into specialised streams which align our wide variety of modules into related groupings or specialisms. This allows students to shape their degree and focus on an area of study that interests them and develop special expertise in their chosen field.
Why choose the Law (BCL) programme?

- Students can tailor their studies on the law to maximise their understanding of the legal process.
- Students can tailor this degree to particular areas of law that interest them.
- Students who wish to qualify professionally as a solicitor or a barrister will have completed the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland and the Honourable Society of King’s Inns.
- Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on acquiring the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Work Placement

- Students will have the opportunity to apply for a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate organisation, a public sector organisation or other suitable legal placement.
- Students on placement will see the law being applied in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.

In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.

Some of our work placement partners include Berwick Solicitors, Cian O’Carroll Solicitors, MacDermott & Allen Solicitors, Fadima Bane Solicitors, Damien Tansey Solicitors, Dillon-Leetch & Company Solicitors, Mac Sweeney & Co Solicitors, Blake & Kenny Solicitors, Healy Law, Tom O’Regan Solicitors and Michael Houlihan & Partners.

Study Abroad

- Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal education in a different perspective on the law.
- Students on this stream will develop their language skills and learn about the legal system in the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

LEGAL SKILLS MODULES

- Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal education in an Irish-speaking environment.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and any three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
- Minimum A-Level grades see www.nuigalway.ie/alevels
- EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad-admissions

Core Law Modules

- Students can choose one of the following specialist streams or the ‘General’ stream which allows students to choose 25 credits of modules from multiple streams. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in the final year.

Final Year - Specialist Streams

Business and Commercial Law

- This stream focuses on a business specifically in a business context. It is targeted at students with a particular interest in the legal aspects of business. Students taking this stream will take commercial law subjects with a view to preparing themselves to work in a commercial legal environment. This stream will be of particular benefit to students who are interested in seeking apprenticeships with large commercial law firms.

Public Law, Risk and Regulation

- The modules offered in this stream focus students’ attention on how State bodies operate within the State’s borders. State agencies regulate numerous aspects of individuals’ lives and commercial activities with a view to reducing the risk of harm to individuals, but these agencies are themselves the subject of regulation. This stream will be of interest to students who wish to work in the public sphere.

International, Comparative and Transnational Law

- Students interested in working in an international legal environment should take this stream. Some of the modules will allow students to learn about the laws that regulate how countries deal with each other, while others consider how different countries approach similar legal issues. Still other modules focus on how best to deal with legal issues that cross international frontiers.

Human Rights, Crime and Equality

- Students on this stream will focus on the manner in which the state and/or international government bodies deal with individuals. Many of the modules on offer will focus on how the coercive power of these bodies may be levied and controlled, while others focus on how the power of the state and international government bodies can be invoked to improve the position of marginalised sections of the community. Module content is targeted at students interested in working in the fields of criminal law and human rights.

Language

- This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. Students on this stream will develop their language skills and learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.
Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice

Why choose the Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice programme?

- This is a unique law degree programme for students with an interest in crime and criminality.
- Students have the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law degree with specially developed modules in criminology, criminal justice and human rights.
- Students will have access to world-class academics that specialise in the fields of criminal justice, criminology, international criminal law, and psychology.
- Students will complete all the modules required to undertake the entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland, should they wish to qualify as a solicitor. Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all additional modules required by the Honorable Society of King’s Inns.
- Students will graduate with a firm foundation in the study of law and criminal justice, both academically and practically, which will enable them to pursue work or further study in this area.
- Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building on the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers such as legal research, understanding legislation, problem solving, legal writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Professional Work Placement

- Students will have the opportunity to apply to work in firms with a substantial practice in criminal law, a statutory agency that has a criminal justice remit or national and international non-governmental organisations.
- Students on placement will see application of the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.
- In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice along with interview support and coaching.
- Some of our work placement partners include Gardaí, Legal Aid Board, solicitors, the Policing Authority, Irish Penal Reform Trust and the Department of Justice.

Study Abroad

- Students opting for study abroad will travel to partner institutions around the world where they will take courses relevant to criminology, criminal law and criminal justice taught through English.
- Students may also have the opportunity to study other law and non-law modules.
- We have established study abroad links/partners in the following countries:
  - Australia
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - China
  - Czech Republic
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - India
  - Italy
  - Poland
  - Spain
  - The Netherlands
  - United States of America

Career Prospects

- Graduates of the Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice programme will be well prepared to work in policy or practice in the fields of criminal law, criminal justice and international human rights law.
- Graduates will have the foundation necessary to pursue opportunities with non-governmental organisations, international organisations, United Nations bodies or statutory agencies.
- As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) and the Honorable Society of King’s Inns (barrister).
- Graduates may also wish to pursue further studies with a master’s degree in criminology, criminal justice or international criminal law.
Law (BCL) and Human Rights

Why choose the Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme?

- This is a unique degree offering in Ireland that gives students the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law programme with the study of human rights.
- Students will supplement their legal knowledge with a detailed grounding in the theory and practice of human rights.
- Students will have access to world leading researchers, writers and lecturers in human rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights.
- Students who wish to qualify as barristers can take this stream.
- Students who wish to qualify as solicitors will have completed all the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland. Students who wish to qualify professionally as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honorable Society of King’s Inns through the Legal Professions specialised stream.
- Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and any three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.
Minimum A-Level grades see www.nuigalway.ie/alevels
EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad-admissions

Work Placement
- Our students will have the opportunity to apply to work with international and national organisations in the human rights field.
- Students on placement will see the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.
- In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.
- The Irish Centre for Human Rights has a global network of alumni working in human rights, providing excellent links and supports for our students.
- Some of our work placement partners include the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Irish Refugee Council Independent Law Centre, Irish Council for Social Housing, ISPCC, Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy at NUI Galway, Sage Advocacy, Threshold and Aths, Goodbody Probono Practice.

Study Abroad
- As an alternative to Professional Work Placement, students can take advantage of our links with highly prestigious international universities to spend a year studying abroad.
- Depending on the partnering institute, modules are taught through English, French or German. Students can study both law and non-law modules.
- Students who study language modules are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to improve linguistic skills.
- We have established study abroad links partners in the following countries:
  - Australia
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - China
  - Czech
  - Republic
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - India
  - Italy
  - Poland
  - Spain
  - The Netherlands
  - United States of America

Career Prospects
- Graduates of the Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme will be well prepared to work in human rights law, policy or practice in Ireland or internationally.
- Graduates will have the foundation necessary to pursue opportunities with international organisations, United Nations bodies, NGO’s, or development agencies.
- As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) and the Honorable Society of King’s Inns (barrister).

Human Rights, Crime and Equality
- Students on this stream will focus on the manner in which the State deals with individuals. Many of the modules on offer will focus on how the coercive power of the State may be levied and controlled, while others focus on how the power of the State can be invoked to improve the position of marginalised sections of the community. Module content is targeted at students interested in working in the fields of criminal law and human rights.
- Students interested in working in an international organisation, law firms in legal departments of an Irish language organisation, law firms will be of interest to students who wish to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

The Legal Professions
- Students will complete the modules required for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honorable Society of King’s Inns to pursue a career as a barrister.

Language
- This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level.

Students on this stream will develop their language skills and learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages.

Public Law, Risk and Regulation
- The modules offered in this stream focus students’ attention on how State bodies operate within the State’s borders. State agencies regulate numerous aspects of individuals’ lives and commercial activities with a view to reducing the risk of harm to individuals, but these agencies are themselves the subject of regulation. This stream will be of interest to students who wish to work in the public sphere.

International, Comparative and Transnational Law
- Students interested in working in an international legal environment should take this stream. Some of the modules will allow students to learn about the laws that regulate how countries deal with each other, while others consider how different countries approach similar legal issues. Still other modules focus on how best to deal with legal issues that cross international borders.
LEAVING CERTIFICATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Minimum A-Level grades see www.nuigalway.ie/alevels
EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad-admissions

Students will have the opportunity
to work alongside professional tax advisors.

Why choose the Law and Taxation programme?

- Taxation is a key component of global business in today’s commercial world. Law firms are expanding their practice in the area of taxation, creating an increased demand for law graduates with a knowledge of taxation. This degree will provide students with knowledge and skills for legal practice, taxation or both.

- This distinctive degree allows students to combine the study of a full undergraduate law degree with taxation and still explore other related areas of law and commerce such as Business and Commercial Law, Accounting, Economics, Digital Business and Management.

- Students will have the opportunity
to gain valuable real-world experience working alongside professional tax advisors. Students can apply to participate in the Tax Clinic after they have completed the module Taxation I.

- Students will have completed
the modules required to support them to undertake the
entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland, should they wish to qualify as a solicitor.

- Students who wish to qualify
as a barrister will have the option of
of taking all additional modules required by the Honorable Society of King’s Inns, through the Legal Professions specialist stream in the final year.

- Throughout the programme
there is an emphasis on building the
fundamental practical skills required of lawyers such as legal research, understanding legislation, problem solving, legal writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Professional Work Placement

- Students will have the opportunity
to apply to work in law firms
that specialise in taxation or firms with a tax department.

- Students on placement will
see law and taxation in action,
thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.

- In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.

Career Prospects

- Commercial law firms are expanding their expertise in taxation to respond to international markets and the growing demand for legal expertise in this area.

- Leading multinationals and companies are now hiring in-house legal counsel with taxation expertise to support global operations.

- Some of our work placement partners include Eversheds Sutherland, KPMG and Ernst & Young.

Study Abroad

- Students can also take advantage of
our links with leading international universities to spend a year studying abroad.

- Students will have the opportunity
to take law, taxation and business modules taught through English.

- We have established study abroad links!
partners in the following countries:

  - Australia
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - China
  - Czech Republic
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Hungary
  - India
  - Italy
  - Poland
  - Spain
  - The Netherlands
  - United States of America.

- As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) and the Honorable Society of King’s Inns (barrister).

- Taxation is an emerging career pathway in the area of law and commerce. Graduates of this programme will have many
options to support a successful career in law, taxation or both.

Final Year - Specialist Streams

Students may choose one of the following specialist streams or the General stream which allows students to choose 25 credits worth of modules from multiple streams. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in final year.

The Legal Professions

Students will complete the modules required for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honorable Society of King’s Inns (barrister).

Business and Commercial Law

This stream focuses on law specifically in a business context. It is targeted at students with a particular interest in the legal aspects of business. Students will take commercial law modules with a view to preparing them to work in a commercial environment. This stream will be of particular interest to students who are interested in seeking apprenticeships with large commercial law firms.

Economics

- Students can develop their knowledge of economic theory through modules as diverse as the economics of globalisation, the economics of money and finance, and health and environmental economics. With this knowledge and the associated skills, students who specialise in economics will be able to work in the private, public or voluntary sectors, as economic analysts, researchers, advocates, policy advisors or economic consultants.

- Students study accounting modules, positioning themselves for a career in accountancy.

Digital Business and Analytics

- This specialisation focuses on the implementation, use and management of information systems (IS) within business. It contains practice-based modules that teach students how to create IS using database technology, web design technology and computer programming languages. It also provides modules that enable students to investigate how to manage IS within business. Students will be well positioned to secure jobs as management consultants and analysts specialising in IS or to work within the IS department of a business.

Management

- This specialisation focuses on management within a global work environment. It explores topics within the fields of human Resource Management, Business Strategy and Labour Law and will appeal to a student with a focus on understanding how business organisations manage their operations within their environment.

New Irish Language Stream

Learn more at: www.nuigalway.ie/legalirish

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Students who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister must pass all the modules required to complete the module Taxation I.
Law and Business

Why choose the Law and Business programme?

- Students will study law modules as well as the principal commercial disciplines (accounting, economics, management and digital business (or analytics)) or a language.
- Graduates will understand not only the legal process but also the fundamentals of business. This will prepare graduates to work as lawyers in a corporate environment.
- Students who wish to qualify professionally as a solicitor will have completed all the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland.
- Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honorable Society of King's Inns through the Legal Professions specialist stream in the final year.
- Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building on the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers - legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Work Placement

- Students will have the opportunity to apply for a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate organisation, a public sector organisation or other suitable legal placement.
- Students on placement will see the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical exposure.
- In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.

Study Abroad

- Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal and business education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on the law and commercial services.
- Depending on the partnering institute, tuition is through English, Spanish, French or German. Students can study both Law and non-law modules.
- Students that choose a language module are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to improve linguistic skills.
- We have established study abroad links/partners in the following countries:
  - Australia
  - Austria
  - Belgium
  - Canada
  - China
  - Czech Republic
  - Finland
  - France
  - Germany
  - Greece
  - Hungary
  - India
  - Italy
  - Japan
  - Korea
  - Latvia
  - Netherlands
  - Poland
  - Portugal
  - Spain
  - Switzerland
  - The United Nations
  - United States
  - United Kingdom
  - Uruguay

Career Prospects

- Graduates of the Bachelor of Law and Business programme will have a variety of career paths open to them, depending on the specialism they select in their degrees.
- All graduates will be well equipped to work in a corporate legal environment.
- Graduates of this degree will be ready to sit the professional entrance for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honorable Society of King's Inns to pursue a career as a barrister.

Accounting

Students study accounting modules, positioning them for a career in accounting.

Economics

Students can develop their knowledge of economic theory through modules as diverse as the economics of globalisation, the economics of money and finance, and health and environmental economics. With this knowledge and the associated skills, students who specialise in economics will be able to work in the private, public or voluntary sectors, as economic analysts, researchers, advocates, policy advisors or economic consultants.

Management

This specialisation focuses on management within a global business environment. It explores topics within the fields of Human Resource Management, Business Strategy and Labour Law and will appeal to a student with a focus on understanding how business organisations manage their operations within their environment.

Digital Business & Analytics

This specialisation focuses on the implementation, use and management of information systems (IS) within business. It contains practice-based modules that teach students how to create IS using database technology, web design technology and computer programming languages. It also provides modules that enable students to investigate how to manage IS within business. Students will be well positioned to secure jobs as management consultants and analysts specialising in IS or to work within the IS department of a business.

Language

This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. In addition to developing language skills, students undertaking Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will also learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms or providing services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.
Bachelor of Arts (Joint Honours) in Law

Introduction

The BA (Joint-Honours) in Law programme has a long and distinguished history at NUI Galway. This programme allows students the flexibility to combine the study of law with a range of complementary subjects. In first year, students take Law as one of their three humanities subjects and they take two other subjects from the Arts group of subjects. The BA (Joint-Honours) in Law programme gives students a solid grounding in law while also providing them with a well-rounded education. There is a wide variety of subjects to choose from. Furthermore, those who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister may proceed into the final year of the LLB programme. Upon graduation from the LLB programme students can pursue professional legal training as a solicitor (with the Honorable Society of King’s Inns) or as a barrister (with the Honorable Society of King’s Inns).

Career prospects

Not all law graduates choose to practice as solicitors or barristers. Many graduates decide to pursue careers outside legal practice. Law graduates acquire knowledge and skills through their programme that ensure that they are highly employable in many sectors. BA (Joint-Honours) graduates may choose to work in the public sector (Government Departments, Local Government, the Law Reform Commission, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Courts Service, Office of the Attorney General, the Direachtais etc.)

Other related degrees with law components

Other graduates may opt for graduate training programmes or for careers in accountancy, banking, taxation, insurance, compliance or with institutions such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union or the European Court of Human Rights.

Study Abroad

At the end of second year, interested students may apply to spend their third year studying abroad. Students who take a language, French, German, Spanish or Italian may study abroad in the country of the language they are studying before progressing to Final Year. Students who are not studying a language to degree level but who are interested in studying abroad in our partner universities, where modules are offered through English, will have the opportunity to apply for a limited number of places which are offered on a competitive basis.

Students on the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree who take Law as one of their three subjects in first year, can progress with Law as one of their two subjects to degree level, if they successfully pass all of their subjects in the first sitting exams in first year and are among the top 130 students in Law in first year.

Other graduates may choose to work in the public sector (Government Departments, Local Government, the Law Reform Commission, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Courts Service, Office of the Attorney General, the Direachtais etc.)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/ H7 in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Minimum A-Level grades see www.nuigalway.ie/alevels

EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad-admissions

Other related degrees with law components

Bachelor of Commerce – Law stream

Students can elect for the law stream in the final year of their commerce degree. A range of law subjects are available, including Business Law, Company Law and European Union Law. Bachelor of Commerce graduates who have taken the law stream can be admitted to the post graduate LL.B programme to complete a full law degree. They can be exempt from first year of the programme provided they have completed the required number of modules through the law stream. Students should contact the School of Business and Economics for further information.

BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)

The BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law) is a four year multidisciplinary BA degree that focuses upon public policy and how it affects people, the environment, and the economy. Students shall study a major subject, either Sociology and Political Science, Economics or Law and complement this by studying the other two disciplines as minor subjects. The focus on government and public policy across three academic disciplines will provide students with a more complete understanding of subjects that are critically important to understanding today’s world. The course will include coursework that will enable students to understand and apply empirical statistical analysis in applied, real-world settings.

BA Human Rights

The Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights is an exciting, four year degree programme offered by the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies in conjunction with the Irish Centre for Human Rights. The Irish Centre for Human Rights is recognized as a world leader in the area of human rights and has developed a global reputation for excellence in the field of human rights teaching, research and advocacy. The programme explores the human rights legal framework, along with the philosophical basis and historical development of human rights. It provides students with both theoretical and practical understanding of how the human rights system works at international, regional and national level. Students will become familiar with key concepts such as human dignity, equality and non-discrimination. The programme also covers the role of different actors in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the human rights work undertaken by the United Nations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and Regional and National systems. Students should contact the Irish Centre for Human Rights for further information.
WHAT OUR RECENT GRADUATES SAY...

“I chose to study a BA (Joint Honours) in Law followed by the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) because of the professional, engaged and approachable lecturing staff in NUI Galway. The best part of the LL.B was getting the opportunity to take the Moot Court module which involved advocating in front of a judge of the High Court in the Galway Courthouse. This motivated and empowered me to pursue a career as a solicitor. Overall, the BA (Joint Honours) and the LL.B gave me the knowledge and skills necessary for a legal career.”

AMANDA WOLF
BA (Joint Honours) Law, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

“I was interested in the areas of law that focused on world business, markets and commerce. The Bachelor of Corporate Law (now known as Law & Business) offered me the unique opportunity to study a combination of a language, business and law. It gave me the ability to tailor my degree to fit my areas of interest through the wide range of module choice. Throughout the course, there is a focus on independent, creative and critical thinking. Graduates have the advantage of understanding how the law interacts with the world around us in a business context. I would encourage students to make the most of NUI Galway and the amazing city of Galway.”

NIAMH GALLAGHER
Law and Business

“‘The Law BCL (Bachelor of Civil Law) offers a wide range of module choice, including all core areas of law, and incorporated academic learning, problem solving and practical opportunities. It enabled me to be an inquisitive and well-rounded law graduate. Lecturers and tutors provided detailed classes and tutorials providing in-depth theoretical knowledge. I gained practical experience through the placement option. There was also a strong focus on legal research each year which is crucial regardless of what career path you choose.”

CHIARA QUONDAMATTEO
Law (BCL)
SOME OF OUR STAFF EXPERTISE

DR. LUCY-ANN BUCKLEY
- Member of the Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Study Group
- Contributed to the International Labour Organisation’s Joint Statement Towards Inclusive Social Protection Systems Supporting the Full and Effective Participation of Persons With Disabilities
- Expert advisor to the States of Guernsey on the development of multi-ground equality legislation

DR. CIARA SMYTH
- Author of European Asylum Law and the Rights of the Child (2014)
- Member of the McMahon Working Group on the reform of the Irish Asylum Process
- Former Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Irish Refugee Council
- Expert witness before House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee on unaccompanied minors in the EU

DR. JOHN DANAHER
- Author of Robot Sex: Social and Ethical Implications (2017)
- Leading authority on the legal and social implications of human enhancement, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies
- Co-convenor of the Legal and Political Theory Events Series at NUI Galway

DR. CONOR HANLY
- Author of the leading textbook on criminal law, An Introduction to Irish Criminal Law, 3rd ed. (2016)
- Lead researcher and author of the groundbreaking, Rape and Justice in Ireland (2009)
- Regularly works with rape crisis centres and domestic violence agencies on research and policy issues
- Award-winning legal historian, with a particular interest in the jury

DR. ANNA-LOUISE HINDS
- Author of Competition Law (2006)
- Editor in Chief of the Irish Journal of European Law
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DR. CONNIE HEALY
- Author of Collaborative Practice: An International Perspective (2017)
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- Former Executive Legal Officer to Chief Justice Ronan Keane
- Former editor of the Judicial Studies Institute Journal

PROFESSOR DONNCHA O’CONNELL
- Member of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (2017-2018)
- Former member of the Legal Aid Board
- First full-time Director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (1999-2002)

PROFESSOR SIOBHÁN MULLALLY
- Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights
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Tom O’Malley
- Appointed by Minister for Justice and Equality in 2018 to review Ireland’s rape laws
- Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission
- Practising barrister who has argued several leading cases before Supreme Court and Court of Appeal

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