LLM (General)

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Programme Overview

The LLM (General) is one of a suite of LLM programmes offered by the School of Law at NUI Galway. This LLM can be taken on a full-time basis over one year or part-time over two years. The programme is a taught programme designed to give students complete flexibility in their selection of modules and topic for their minor thesis. The LLM (General) programme allows students to select modules to suit their own interests and modules that will facilitate their specific career objectives. Students can select modules from the full range of available on taught LLM programmes offered within the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law & Policy. This programme is designed for students seeking an advanced postgraduate degree but who do not wish to specialise in a particular area of law.

Why Choose NUI Galway, Ireland

NUI Galway is ranked among the Top 1% internationally according to the QS World University Rankings. NUI Galway is the top university for graduate employability with 96% of our graduates employed or in further study within six months of graduating. NUI Galway has over: 18,000 students, 3,000 international students from 115 countries, 2,400 staff members, 120 links with universities across the globe, 90,000 alumni in 107 countries and 170 years’ experience of providing university education. It has also been recently confirmed as the Sunday Times University of the Year.

Why Choose Law at NUI Galway

Law has been taught at NUI Galway since 1849. The Law School has over 800 undergraduate and postgraduate students with a staff of over 40 academics and administrators. This LLM (General) provides students with an opportunity to study law in a leading English speaking University in the European Union. Our LLM programmes are delivered in a stimulating and supportive environment with exciting opportunities for students. The School of Law has a strong commitment to working closely with LLM students and forging friendly and open working relationships. Examination of the modules is through continuous assessment and essay. In addition to seminars, the Law School will encourage you to learn by attending legal conferences and seminars.

Careers in Law & Employability

The LLM (General) is of particular interest to students who wish to gain expertise in a specific area of law without having to limit their options. Rather than have to take set modules, students have flexibility to tailor the programme for the particular area of law that they wish to work in and thus, enhance their employability. The School of Law runs a programme of careers events annually including a Careers in Law Week, where students have an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms and attend interview skills workshops. All modules are taught by experts in the field who will also be in a position to guide students towards opportunities that may arise for further research, internships or roles that may be of interest to them.

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Indicative List of Modules

- Advanced Legal Research & Method
- Child and Family Law
- Sentencing & Penal Policy
- The Criminal Jury
- Advanced Intellectual Property Law
- Commercial Property Law
- Current Issues in Internet Law
- EU Competition Law
- European Consumer Law and Policy
- Business & Human Rights
- Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights
- European Human Rights
- International Humanitarian Law
- Disability and International Law
- Inclusive Education Law and Policy
- Mental Health Law and Policy

For a full list of the wide range of modules on offer see the following link: www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses

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Programme Details

- **Duration**: 1 year full time or 2 years part time
- **Start date**: September (annually)

Minor Thesis

Students are required to complete a minor thesis (15,000 words). The thesis allows students to conduct supervised research in an area of their choosing. Students will receive support and guidance from their supervisor on how to identify a research topic, conducting the research and writing up the minor thesis.
Admission Requirements

THE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAMME IS AS FOLLOWS:

▪ An approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (2.1) in law, or an inter-disciplinary degree in which law was a major component.

▪ Applicants awarded a Graduate Diploma in Law may be considered but will be admitted only where they demonstrate a strong academic performance in both the undergraduate degree and diploma.

▪ In exceptional circumstances, an applicant holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than an approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (H2.1) standard may be considered where they have relevant professional experience in law.

All applicants, whose first language is not English, must present one of the following qualifications in the English language. IELTS (6.5 overall), TOEFL (8) and Pearson PTE (61).

International Students

Irish Education Visa: “Stay Back Option”

The Irish Government has implemented a 24-month Stay Back Visa for Non-EU / EEA students who complete a Masters in Ireland. This visa will allow students to remain in Ireland for two years to seek employment after completing their studies.

Scholarship Opportunities

NUI Galway offers a number of Scholarships Schemes. See the below link for further details: www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate_scholarships

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