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TOP 250

POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS

TEACHING LAW SINCE 1849
The School of Law comprises of four academic units, the Law School and three world-class research centres: the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, and the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy.

Our academic staff are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields of research. Their knowledge and experience provides students with a stimulating research-led learning experience.

We have an established reputation of excellence in public law, commercial law, human rights law, disability law and housing law.

Developing graduate skills and enriching the student experience has always been at the heart of our teaching ethos and law programmes. We offer a diverse range of postgraduate programmes, delivered in a stimulating and supportive environment with exciting opportunities for specialised qualifications, international field trips, internships and legal placements.

There are a variety of extra-curricular activities, such as workshops, seminars and conferences to enhance the student experience and to focus on career pathways and skills. We also engage with the law professions and our community, sharing our expertise and scholarship locally, nationally and globally.

NUI Galway is teaching law since 1849 and we are very proud that our alumni are luminaries in judiciary, government, academia, advocacy, NGO and business. Our alma mater are leading national and international change around law, policy, business, disability and human rights.

If you are considering joining our vibrant student body, please do not hesitate to contact us at lawpostgrad@nuigalway.ie. We invite you to visit our website for detailed information on our law programmes, staff, students, events and innovative research. You can also follow us on social media via Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.
WHY CHOOSE LAW AT NUI GALWAY?

TEACHING LAW SINCE 1849

92%
We are one of Ireland’s top universities for postgraduate employability

EXPERT ACADEMICS

KEY SKILLS

CAREER PATHWAYS

WORLD CLASS RESEARCH CENTRES
- IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)
- CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)
- CENTRE FOR HOUSING LAW, RIGHTS & POLICY (CHLRP)

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

In the TOP 250 of the most international universities worldwide*

Opportunities for internships/placements and excellent career development advice

Workshops with world leading practitioners and scholars

Global network of alumni and contacts

International field trips are a core element of many of our LLM programmes.

You will learn from the best!
Our world class academics are leading research, driving policy and change around law, human rights, disability and housing law.

EMLOYMENT & CAREERS

Our postgraduate law programmes are taught by research-led academics who are driving thinking, global policy and activism in the field of commercial law, public policy, human rights, disability rights and housing. Such expertise ensures that our postgraduate programmes provide an exceptional learning experience and equips you with the skills to achieve your career goals.

NUI Galway is one of Ireland’s top universities for employability with over 90% of our postgraduate students in employment or further education within six months of graduating.

Our careers and employment team provides students with a quality career guidance and information service focused on facilitating and empowering you to manage your own career development and make effective career transitions. The team helps you gain clarity, connect with employers and compete for the best jobs.

The School of Law runs an annual Careers In Law Week with expert talks and workshops around traditional and alternative careers in law. The highlight of the week is the Law Firms’ Fair where students meet and network with representatives from Ireland’s top law firms and learn about law careers through interactive panel sessions with partners and trainees from the firms.
Galway is a place like no other, a medieval city and Ireland’s cultural heart (Croí Chultúrtha na hÉireann). It is vibrant, cosmopolitan, rich in folklore and famous for its cobble-stoned streets, quaint shops and contemporary vibe.

Set on the Wild Atlantic Way and on the doorstep of Ireland’s largest Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking) region, Galway is as distinctive as it is beautiful. From this position on the edge of Europe, NUI Galway has a proud history of reaching out and connecting with the world.

Galway combines the energy of a young and diverse population with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition. The city is celebrated for its culture, theatre and arts with festivals and fringe events running throughout the year.

Students make up 20% of the city’s population and the University is perfectly placed within walking distance of all amenities. Galway is considered Ireland’s most diverse city with one in four people born outside the country. The city is intimate so people integrate easily and the sense of community is one of the features our students love most.

“Galway has been an incredible experience, full of amazing people, professors, and mini adventures. It made sense to pick a place that encourages educational and personal growth.”

JESS FURNEY, Victoria, Canada
( LL M in International Human Rights Law)
With over 18,000 students and 2,400 staff, NUI Galway is the largest and oldest university in the West of Ireland. The University has always evolved to meet student needs, a recent €400 million capital investment has transformed the campus providing world-class facilities for students. Our riverside location, architectural beauty and proximity to Galway city, makes the campus one of the most unique and picturesque in the world.

Over the past 170 years, the University has built an international reputation based on the quality of our teaching and the global impact of our research. We are especially recognised for our inter-disciplinary research activity that facilitates collaboration and cross-pollination of ideas.

The University makes a meaningful contribution internationally, nationally, and to the region, following a prioritised set of research themes. Social science and public policy is one of the primary research themes where the School of Law and its research centres are making a significant impact.

NUI Galway offers a wide range of postgraduate programmes of international standard providing students with opportunities for personal and academic development, as well as giving them the knowledge and skills to pursue successful careers.
THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law at NUI Galway is a fantastic environment in which to study law. Our LLM programmes allow students to obtain an advanced law degree and facilitate the development of research, critical thinking and presentation skills. All our LLM programmes are research-led and delivered by colleagues who are expert and passionate about their areas of teaching and research.

Our LLM in International & Comparative Business Law provides students with an edge in a highly competitive sector. The programme is designed to equip students not only with the specialist knowledge required for commercial practice but also with the skills required to adapt within an ever changing legal environment.

Our LLM (General) allows students to tailor their programme of study to their interests and career ambitions. This programme is designed to allow students to develop masters level knowledge and skills by choosing modules across our suite of LLM programmes.

Our LLM in Public Law examines emerging and topical issues in public law from a critical and policy-driven perspective. This programme will be of interest to students who have completed their primary law degree as well as legal practitioners, public servants and others seeking to develop or update their knowledge of public law.

We pride ourselves in having the most diverse student body in Ireland and we are always delighted to speak with students interested in joining our School of Law community.

THE IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of the world’s premier human rights law centres. Combining research, teaching and practice on human rights law and policy, the Centre is at the crossroads of today’s most pressing human rights issues in law, public policy and practice.

Our students are drawn from many parts of the world, reflecting the international reputation that our teaching and scholarship enjoy. LLM and PhD students benefit from the dedicated support, professional expertise and world-class teaching of our staff who combine expert knowledge with extensive field and policy experience.

Our specialised LLM and PhD programmes provide students with the theoretical, conceptual and practical skills necessary to pursue a range of careers in human rights law, public policy, and practice. We know that the world of human rights research and practice is highly competitive. We work closely with our students to support the development not only of specialised knowledge and expertise, but also of practice oriented skills.

Whether your interests are in peace-building, international criminal justice, gender, women’s rights, business and human rights, or refugee and migration law, you will find a range of specialised courses at the Irish Centre for Human Rights that will equip you to pursue your goals.

Come join us and be part of a global network of practitioners.
CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

The Centre for Disability Law and Policy’s mission is to advance the rights of people with disabilities through education, research and outreach activities. We pride ourselves on being at the cutting edge of research and advocacy disability rights. Our staff and students have been centrally involved in the development of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its implementation around the world.

Students who come to study with us in Galway will be taught by leading thinkers, activists, and policy-makers from around the world. Our alumni have gone on to hold the highest offices with responsibility for disability rights, including within national governments, regional and international advocacy organisations, and the United Nations.

The networking and knowledge exchange opportunities available to our students is second to none. These include our world-famous International Disability Law Summer School and internship opportunities with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Centre welcomes students from diverse cultures, disciplinary backgrounds, and with a wide range of life experiences – including disabled students from around the globe. I am proud to lead such a talented group of researchers, students and academics.

THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING LAW, RIGHTS AND POLICY (CHLRP)

Housing law, rights and policy are now global issues. Here, at the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy Research (CHLRP), we endeavour to create a space for a free and open discussion, combining research, resource development, advocacy and publications on housing law, rights and policy in Ireland, and internationally. The Centre is linked with many international organisations, such as the European Network of Housing Researchers, and the UNESCO Housing Chair in Tarragona, Spain, hosting visiting professors, researchers and IRC-funded PhD students.

We aim is to contribute to the development of housing law, rights and policy through research, conferences, lectures, training, advocacy, publications, specialist research and support to housing agencies and others.

Current areas of research include housing rights in global housing markets, developing legislation on proportionality in housing, European mortgage market regulation and consumer protection, applying EU Charter housing rights to EU economic governance institutions, regulation of housing systems, and addressing implementation deficits in housing law and policy.

PROFESSOR EILIONÓIR FLYNN
Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Established Professor of Law

DR PADRAIC KENNA
Director of the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy

and scholars who are leaving their mark in the world today.
The LLM in International and Comparative Business Law provides an excellent grounding in business law, for those interested in pursuing a career in legal practice or in the commercial world. Students can choose from a range of modules at an advanced level and tailor their LLM to suit their interests and career pathway. Students will expand their knowledge of business law from a global perspective through lectures, seminars, conferences and opportunities to engage with leading commercial practitioners.

Course Highlights:

▶ Prestigious Placements with leading commercial law firms are offered to the top 5 students on the programme.

▶ Focus on Skills and Employability to equip students with key business skills including critical thinking, drafting legal submissions, negotiation, advocacy and mediation.

▶ Expert Lecturers deliver this programme through small group seminars with guest talks from leading practitioners. Students also have the opportunity to attend and present at key conferences, nationally and internationally as well as participate in moot court competitions.

▶ International Field Trips* enable students to see the law in action in a global context.

▶ Career Support is provided through professional workshops coaching students on CV preparation and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.

▶ Business Law Mooting enables students to develop their advocacy skills.


▶ A Minor Thesis is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national experts.

▶ Assessment is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities

This LLM in International and Comparative Business Law opens access to a global career. An enhanced knowledge of the international business world and its interactive relationship with laws and regulations allows students to develop an exceptional set of skills along with a global outlook. Graduates can consult on business and legal matters to international law firms, multinational professional services firms, in-house counsel with major global firms and more.
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▶ 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 law experience.  
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**WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...**

The LLM in International and Comparative Business Law has given me the flexibility to research closely with dynamic and passionate people who share my interests. The smaller groups make engagement much easier and more beneficial. While studying I had the opportunity to shape my postgraduate degree to a certain extent, which is the most rewarding part of the programme. This LLM gives an unrivalled experience of legal writing and research and an active learning component, which is applicable to any career path.

**DAVID MARTIN**

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Students undertaking the LLM (General) will have the flexibility to choose from the range of modules on offer across the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Centre for Disability Law and Policy. Such choice enhances employability as students can select modules that will enable them to pursue their personal career goals.

The programme is designed for students seeking an advanced postgraduate degree but who do not wish to specialise in a particular area of law.

Course Highlights:

- **A Tailored Masters** which facilitates module choice across the School of Law and research centres to maximise students opportunity to pursue personal career goals.
- **Expert Lecturers** deliver this programme through small group seminars with guest talks from leading practitioners. Students also have the opportunity to attend and present at key conferences, nationally and internationally.
- **International Field Trips** enable students to see the law in action in a global context.
- **Skills Development** is an important element of this programme with seminars focusing on critical thinking, analytical skills, research skills and professional writing skills.
- **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- **Diverse Modules** from EU Competition Law, Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, Current Issues in Internet Law to Sentencing and Penal Policy.

- **A Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national experts.
- **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities

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. With the exception of undertaking a module in Advanced Legal Research and Writing, students have flexibility to tailor the programme according to their particular interests and their chosen career path.

Many students decide to undertake the professional exams to become a solicitor or barrister. Others choose to work in the public sector, non-government organisations, pursue their interests in human rights or disability law, proceed to a PhD or perhaps enter the field of politics, journalism or publishing.
QUALIFICATION: LLM

DURATION 1 year full time or 2 years part time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

▶ 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.

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The Master of Law General course has given me a foundation of transferable skills in a variety of areas, allowing me to develop a critical thinking approach to my studies. The selection of modules available stems across the other master’s programmes, which allows you to shape and mould your own masters and develop your own area of expertise. Most importantly, I have become confident in my ability to engage these skills and develop them further. I felt supported, valued and appreciated throughout my academic efforts.

EMILY BRENNAN

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The LLM in Public Law suite of programmes examines emerging and topical issues in public law from a comparative and international perspective. The programme provides a solid grounding in the theory, substance and application of public law for future practitioners, academics and policy makers, and gives students a keen understanding of the most pressing issues for public interest litigation.

The programmes will be of interest to students who have completed a primary law degree as well as legal practitioners, public servants and others seeking to develop or enhance their knowledge of public law and legal research skills.

Course Highlights:

- **Specialisation** allows maximum flexibility with regard to students LLM qualification. Students can obtain an LLM in Public Law or choose to specialise for an award of LLM in Public Law & Criminal Justice, LLM in Public Law & Social Justice or LLM in Public Law & Administration.

- **International Internships** in the field of judicial research as well as NGO roles are available for students during the summer months.

- **International Field Trips** enable students to see the law in action in a global context.

- **Academic publications** support is given to students to develop their work to a standard which will permit them to publish in national and international peer reviewed journals.

- **Expert Lecturers** deliver this programme through small group seminars with guest talks from leading practitioners. Students also have the opportunity to attend and present at key conferences, nationally and internationally.

- **Skills development** are a key focus of this programme with modules encouraging a critical approach to legal thinking and enhancement of communication and research skills.

- **A Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national experts.

- **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops coaching students on CV preparation and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.

- **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities

The LLM in Public Law favourably situates students to pursue careers as solicitors or barristers or to pursue a variety of alternative careers in law. Graduates go on to work in private practice in large commercial law firms or working in the public sector.

Graduates of the LLM in Public Law have secured positions as legal researchers with the Law Reform Commission, Attorney General’s Office, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Court Service.

Graduates also secure positions with leading national and international law firms and a range of other employers.
The LLM in Public Law is also a good option for students interested in a career in academia.

Graduates of the programme have secured funding to pursue PhD. research in Ireland, the UK, Europe and the US and are now working in universities around the world.

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**WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...**

In my current role as Executive Legal Officer to the Chief Justice, I apply on a daily basis the skills developed and knowledge attained during the LLM in Public Law, whether it be in relation to policy analysis and development, advanced legal research methods and regulation formation. My role involves, inter alia, liaising with judicial networks and courts in Europe and I credit my ability to carry out my role successfully down to the skills developed and knowledge gained during the course of my year in the LLM in Public Law.

**PATRICK CONBOY**

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The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy is unique in the world as an innovative and internationally focused LLM dealing with the process of law reform in the field of disability. The programme delivers a solid grounding for future practitioners, policy-makers and academics in the field of disability reform.

The introduction of the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has resulted in significant changes in the area of disability law and policy. Our graduates will be among the first to be skilled in this growing area of law and policy.

This programme will be of interest to students who have completed a primary law degree, legal practitioners, public servants, disability and human rights advocates and people working in disability services.

Course Highlights:
- **Unique Qualification** achieved as no other university offers a similar programme. This LLM is innovative, pioneering and provides specialist education for our students.
- **Prestigious Internships** based in Geneva with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability are exclusively available to our students. The interns will have exclusive access to the UN system.
- **Expert Lecturers** with national, European and international teaching and research profiles deliver the programme.
- **The Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP)** is the only research centre of its kind in Ireland dedicated to producing research that informs the debate on national and international disability law reform and policy.
- **Skills development** is a key focus of this programme. Modules develop expertise and an ability to critically appraise issues faced by law and policy-makers in this rapidly changing environment.
- **Guest lectures** from practitioners and international experts on current challenges around disability policy and reform. Students are also encouraged to attend the conferences, seminars and events run by the CDLP.
- **A Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national and international experts.
- **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities
Graduates have found employment in a variety of areas, including work in the UN, senior legal appointments, as lecturers, solicitors and barristers, in national, regional and international advocacy organisations, in national human rights institutions, as government advisors and with non-governmental organisations.

Many of our graduates are leading change and reform in disability law and policy throughout the world. Graduates of the programme have also secured funding to pursue PhD research and are now working in universities around the world.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway is the only LLM programme of its kind in the world; one focussed specifically on disability rights issues within a broader human rights framework. I will shortly begin working as a policy advisor with the Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission; I have no doubt that I would not have secured this position if it wasn’t for the LLM.

EMILY CUKALEVSKI
The LLM in International Human Rights provides students with a comprehensive insight into international and regional legal frameworks of human rights protection. This is an interdisciplinary programme where students are engaged in the practice and public policy context of human rights law on a local, national and international perspective. This LLM will be of interest to students and practitioners from a range of different fields such as law, social policy, political science, public administration and development. While the programme’s emphasis is on the law and policy of human rights, suitably qualified candidates from non-law backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Course Highlights:

▶ **The Irish Centre for Human Rights** is one the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.

▶ **Global Legal Action Network (GLAN)** and the Irish Centre for Human Rights have established a partnership which affords selected students the opportunity for hands-on engagement with human rights litigation and advocacy globally.

▶ **An International Human Rights Law Clinic** provides students with unique practical training on mobilising human rights standards to secure reform, engaging human rights bodies, at UN and regional levels.

▶ **Field Trips** to the International Criminal Court in The Hague and to military barracks of the Irish Defence Forces.

▶ **Career Support** with assistance in seeking career and work placement opportunities by drawing on the expertise of a global network of alumni and an outstanding network of contacts.

▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised human rights scholars with world-class expertise and reputations.

▶ **Unique programme** focusing on the practice of human rights through specialised modules including international human rights, public policy, law and advocacy.

▶ **Skills development** through a strong clinical focus on core human rights lawyering in advocacy, strategic litigation, human rights fact-finding, international diplomacy and public policy.

▶ **Seminars, conferences and workshops** ensures engagement with world-leading practitioners and scholars in the field of human rights law and public policy.

▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities

The programme equips students to pursue careers with international organisations, United Nations (UN) bodies, international NGOs, in international or national legal practice, and policy, advocacy or research work. Students may also decide to work in government, diplomacy or international affairs. The programme will also provide a foundation for further studies through the structured PhD in human rights offered by the Irish Centre for Human Rights.
QUALIFICATION: LLM

DURATION 1 year full time or 2 years part time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

▶ It is preferred that applicants hold a Level 8 degree in law. However, the Irish Centre for Human Rights also welcomes students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than law.

▶ In cases where applicants come from a non-law background, the Irish Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and a personal statement.

▶ Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2.1) or equivalent. However, those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I chose to study at the Irish Centre for Human Rights particularly because of the wide range of different subjects that they offered for the course, which I did not find in most other universities. The one to one interaction with the professors helped me understand the subject very well. All the students and the staff have been very welcoming and the multicultural nature of the class makes for very interesting discussions. Overall, my study at the Centre has made me feel a lot more confident in my future career in the field of human rights.

RITIKA PILLAI

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The LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy is the only course of its kind on offer in an Irish university. This unique programme enables students to develop their knowledge of international and regional law, policy and practice as it relates to the phenomena of international migration, human trafficking and refugee law.

Students can combine the study of international migration with specialised modules in international humanitarian law and peace operations, business and human rights, gender and law, child rights, international criminal law, advocacy, activism and strategic litigation, transnational lawyering, post-conflict justice, Islam and human rights.

This programme will be of interest to those who wish to develop specialised legal practice skills in the expanding field of migration and asylum law and human rights. For those already working in the area of international migration/refugee law, you will develop a more solid conceptual and knowledge base to enhance that role.

Course Highlights:

▶ **The Irish Centre for Human Rights** is one of the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.

▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and strong records of engagement and impact in the fields of international migration, human trafficking and refugee law.

▶ **Unique qualification** on the practice of migration and refugee law through specialised modules, clinical lawyering and advocacy training.

▶ **Seminars and workshops** with leading international practitioners in migration and refugee law and policy.

▶ **Career Support** with targeted career advice and assistance in seeking internship and work placement opportunities.

▶ **Field Trips** to the Hague and/or Strasbourg to visit leading international law institutions are optional.

▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities

The LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law is an ideal programme for those who wish to work with domestic, regional or international non-governmental or inter-governmental organisations specialising in migration or refugee protection, human trafficking or human rights law or policy.

For those interested in pursuing PhD research, students will identify a suitable research question, method and theoretical framework for that research.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I always thought that I wanted to work in the human rights field. However, it was through studying refugee law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights that my interest really crystallised. The interactive lectures and supportive staff inspired me to work towards a career promoting the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. I am currently applying the knowledge gained from my LLM studies in my work as Legal Officer with the Irish Refugee Council’s Independent Law Centre where I provide legal advice to people seeking asylum in Ireland. I remain very-much involved in the life of the Centre as I am also in the process of completing a PhD in International Refugee Law there, funded by the Irish Research Council.

LUKE HAMILTON

QUALIFICATION: LLM

DURATION 1 year full time or 2 years part time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

▶ Level 8 degree in disciplines such as law, political science, international relations, international development or social sciences.

▶ In cases where applicants come from a non-law background, the Irish Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and a personal statement.

▶ Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent. However, those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.

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The LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict provides students with a comprehensive insight into global frameworks of human rights protection with the addition of peacekeeping specialisation. This interdisciplinary programme focuses on UN peacekeeping and related operations to provide insights into the peace operations and conflict resolution frameworks.

This unique programme offering combines issues relating to peacekeeping, international humanitarian law, human rights and conflict resolution to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace operations with international organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and as individual advocates.

Course Highlights:
▶ The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.
▶ Defence Force Experience is recognised. Those who have participated in peacekeeping activities can obtain credit for a full semester course (15 credits) on submission of a written assignment reviewing field experience and evaluating lessons learned.
▶ Expert Lecturers deliver programme modules. Our academicians are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and reputations.
▶ Field Trips* to the military barracks of the Irish Defence Forces and the opportunity to travel to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.
▶ Unique qualification on conflict, peacekeeping and human rights through specialised modules such as peace support operations and international human rights.
▶ Seminars, conferences and workshops ensures engagement with world-leading practitioners and scholars in the field of peacekeeping and human rights law.
▶ Career Support with assistance in seeking career opportunities by drawing on the expertise of a global network of alumni and an outstanding network of contacts.
▶ Assessment is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities
Graduates have gone on to work with the UN, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the EU. Others are working with NGOs in conflict and post-conflict environments, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Liberia, Sudan and Kosovo.

Military and police personnel from Ireland and elsewhere have completed the programme with a view to enhancing their career prospects. The programme will also provide a foundation for those who wish to pursue further studies through a structured PhD.
WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Studying for the Masters in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict programme has been a truly rewarding experience. The teaching structure is perfect for learning as you are taught by experts in seminar style, which gives you the perfect opportunity to interact both with the lecturers and your colleagues. I can say that not only have I received the best education here, I have also been gifted with a realistic view of the Peace Operations and International Humanitarian Law and the skills necessary to succeed in both fields.

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The LLM in International Criminal Law provides students with an advanced understanding of the history, structures, law and practice of the various international criminal tribunals and the International Criminal Court. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of international criminal law, its component crimes, substantive law and key procedures. Students will also develop an analytical approach to the relationship between other accountability mechanisms, such as truth commissions.

The LLM in International Criminal Law is of interest to those seeking to learn about the growing field of international criminal justice, the role of the International Criminal Court in international affairs and means for holding to account perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Course Highlights:

▶ **The Irish Centre for Human Rights** is one of the world’s premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.

▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and impact in the field of international criminal law.

▶ **Field Trip** to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

▶ **A Summer School** on the International Criminal Court is run annually and students have the opportunity to attend.

▶ **Seminars and Workshops** are run in collaboration with leading international practitioners in criminal law and human rights.

▶ **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on internship opportunities, students CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet with law professionals across a spectrum of specialisations.

▶ **Assessment** methods include essays, presentations and a research dissertation, while students also engage in research projects, presentations, group work and moot courts.

Career Opportunities

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to follow careers in international criminal tribunals, United Nations (UN) or with UN-affiliated organisations, with civil society organisations, in the areas of international justice and human rights.

Graduates have also progressed to diplomatic or government-based work for example in the human rights division of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The programme also provides a foundation for further studies through the structured PhD offered by the Irish Centre for Human Rights.
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- An approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (2.1) in law, or an inter-disciplinary degree in which law was a major component.
- In exceptional circumstances, applicants holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than 2.1 standard may be considered where they have relevant professional experience in law.
- International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/country.html

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...
The LLM in International Criminal Law is a unique program that intertwines international criminal and human rights law at the same time. There is a great offer of seminars and many guest lecturers with field experience, which is very interesting. I really have the feeling that my lecturers have a passion for teaching and are truly interested in interacting with me.

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Working with and in the law offers a wide range of interesting, challenging, and rewarding careers. Wherever you look, you will find legal issues and problems that need solutions developed by those with deep knowledge and skills.

The LLB (Bachelor of Laws) will provide you with this knowledge and skills along with the grounding that you need to take your future into the direction you decide, nationally or internationally.

Course Highlights

- **Clinical Placements** are available with law firms, barristers, and a range of governmental and non-governmental organizations working to promote the public interest.

- **Skills Development** is an important element of this programme with a focus on critical thinking, analytical ability and professional writing skills.

- **Tailored Programme** allows students to choose the modules that interest them or will further their career goals.

- The **Accredited Programme** offers all the subjects currently required for the entrance examinations to the legal professions (solicitors and barristers).

- **Moot Court** provides an opportunity for students to develop skills such as advocacy, research and legal analysis skills.

- **Expert Lecturers** deliver this programme. Students also attend guest seminars from prominent practitioners, academics and judges.


- **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students’ CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.

Career Opportunities

Many of our graduates today run successful practices as solicitors or barristers. Other graduates have found employment and advanced their careers in a variety of areas, such as administration, financial services, business, the media, policy development and social work.

We have successful alumni in all walks of life all over the world.
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| ENTRY REQUIREMENTS | ⊲ An approved university degree in any discipline at second-class honours level or above.  
⊱ In certain circumstances, an approved professional qualification or experience 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.  
⊰ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website:  
http://www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/country.html |
| EXEMPTIONS    | ⊲ The LLB offers exemptions* to those who have already completed an undergraduate programme with significant components of law. For example, BA Law (or equivalent), graduates are exempt from years 1 and 2 of the programme. BComm with a specialisation in Law (or equivalent), graduates are exempt from year 1 of the programme. |

* Subject to approval of the School of Law. Please contact the programme director for further information on exemptions.

**WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...**

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 lectures, 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.

**NATALIE DILLON**
Research Programmes
Doctoral Studies (PhD)

The School of Law and its specialised research centres, notably, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, offer structured PhD programmes in law.

The Structured PhD is a 4-year full time programme (360 ECTS) which enables students to enhance their research by undertaking, and getting credit for, a programme of education, training, research, personal and professional development activities. The thesis remains central to the award of the PhD with remaining ECTS derived from a research component.

Research areas include:

- HUMAN RIGHTS
- DISABILITY LAW
- HOUSING LAW AND POLICY
- REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION LAW
- CRIMINOLOGY
- CRIMINAL LAW
- CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
- FAMILY LAW
- EU LAW
- COMMERCIAL LAW
- JURISPRUDENCE
- INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
- INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

The School of Law has a reputation for expert supervision by internationally recognised academics renowned for their research, impact in policy-making and activism. PhD candidates are supported by a specialist supervisor in their field of research and have access to all academics across the School and Research Centres.

The doctoral programme at the School of Law is unique not only because of our exceptional standard of research and level of publication achieved by our students, but also because of the collegial and international environment in which doctoral students work. Students from a range of countries and academic backgrounds are engaged in research on a broad spectrum of issues relating to international human rights law, international criminal law and law reform in the field of disability.

Students interested in pursuing PhD research in the School of Law should contact a staff member with appropriate expertise in their proposed area of research, or the PhD Programme Director.

For more information visit: http://www.nuigalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/research/phdstudents/

Scholarships

The Hardiman Research Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship scheme at NUI Galway, offering four years of PhD funding (fees and maintenance). Please see the website for further information: www.nuigalway.ie/hardiman-scholarships

The Irish Research Council also offers PhD funding, under The Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme, covering four years of PhD funding (fees and maintenance). www.research.ie/funding/

LLM By Research

Students may also pursue a LLM by research (major thesis) in any of the main research areas of full-time permanent academic members of staff of the Faculty. Candidates are advised to contact the relevant staff member before applying in order to discuss their proposed topic or area of research.
How to Apply

You can apply online for law taught postgraduate masters on the NUI Galway Postgraduate Admissions Office website: http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/

NUI Galway does not set a deadline for receipt of applications (some exceptions). Offers will be issued on a continual basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible to secure a place on their chosen postgraduate programme.

Fees

Please see the course pages on the NUI Galway website for fee information.

*Field trips are not included in the programme fee structure and will incur additional costs. Understanding the impact of these trips, attendance is not mandatory, and where possible a contribution will be made towards funding.

Scholarships and Funding

At NUI Galway, we are keen to ensure that the brightest and most committed students progress to postgraduate study.

Academic Scholarships

Our generous postgraduate scholarships (valued at €1,500 per student) are designed to reward excellent students who have achieved first-class honours in their undergraduate studies. Details of the Taught Master’s Scholarship Scheme, and all other course-specific scholarships and bursaries available, are online at www.nuigalway.ie/postgraduate_scholarships.

International Scholarships

NUI Galway is committed to attracting high-calibre students from around the world. The university offers a number of partial international scholarships on a competitive basis to these high-calibre international students. For more information about eligibility criteria and how to apply, please see www.nuigalway.ie/international.

Government of Ireland

Funding Opportunities

The Government of Ireland also offer funding opportunities through schemes such as:

- Higher Education Authority Funding: www.hea.ie/policy/international-funding-schemes
- Irish Aid Casement Fellowship in Human Rights: www.irishaidfellowships.ie/casement-fellowship

Other Funding Opportunities

Universities Ireland: North/South Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme at: www.universitiesireland.ie/bursaries-scholarships/

George J. Mitchell Scholarship: www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship

International Students

Immigration Regulations

Students from EU and EEA member states do not require a visa to study in Ireland.

Students from Non EU member states are required to comply with Irish Visa and Immigration regulations. It is important that you obtain and maintain a valid passport and Study Visa to enter Ireland for study purposes.

For more information, please visit the ‘Before You Arrive’ section of the university website: www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/prearrival
The Graduate Permit Scheme

The Graduate Permit Scheme allows legally resident Irish educated non-EU/EEA graduates holding an award of a recognised Irish awarding body to remain in Ireland after their studies.

The Irish Government has extended the scheme for non-EU/EEA students at Level 9 and above of the National Framework of Qualifications. The new permission has doubled the ‘stay back option’ for master’s and PhD students from 12 months to 24 months.

Support Services for International Students

NUI Galway provides a comprehensive advisory and support service for international students to ensure any adjustment problems are minimised.

The University has a dedicated team in the International Affairs Office who organise a comprehensive orientation programme for all new international students at the beginning of term. The office also provides a range of support services specifically for international students such as advice on entry requirements, application processes, English language support classes, immigration requirements and study visas.

English Language Requirements

All applicants, whose first language is not English, must present one of the following qualifications in the English language for a postgraduate law programme.

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NUI Galway’s English Language Centre is committed to providing high quality English Language courses to those looking to learn English as a foreign language. A variety of courses are available including a Pre-Masters English Language Pathway Programme.

Please note a strong level of English is required for assessment through research papers, presentations and minor thesis.

To find out more please see:
www.nuigalway.ie/international-students/english.html
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