DID YOU KNOW...

We rank among the top 1% of universities in the world for the quality of our teaching and research, according to the latest QS World University Ranking. This ranking consolidates our position among the world’s elite educational institutions.

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MAGGIE MACAONGHUSA
Bachelor of Civil Law at NUI Galway and graduate of the University of Oxford. Judicial Research Assistant.
Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings includes NUI Galway in Top 200 list of most international universities in the world.

NUI Galway has been named ‘University of the Year 2018’ in the Sunday Times Good University Guide, securing the prestigious accolade for a third time.

We are leading the way in student volunteering and civic engagement. More than 1,000 students gave 148,000 hours of voluntary activity in the last year.

We are in the final stages of a €400 million capital investment programme, which has transformed the campus and given students and staff access to the very best teaching and research facilities.
STUDY LAW AT NUI GALWAY

EXPERIENCED STAFF

Our staff are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields and many are also industry experienced. Their invaluable knowledge and experience gives you a unique learning experience, ensuring that students develop the skills necessary to put theory into practice. The School of Law at NUI Galway is also the location for several internationally recognised research centres: the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, and the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy Research.

PROFESSIONAL WORK PLACEMENTS

Our students will have the opportunity to gain a professional, real world experience through work placement. This invaluable experience will ensure that they are equipped to pursue successful careers as solicitors or barristers or in business, industry, the public sector, and many other areas. We are committed to providing high quality work placements together with nationally and internationally recognised law firms and organisations.

- Matheson Ormsby Prentice
- A & L Goodbody
- Deloitte
- Arthur Cox
- RDJ Glynn

SKILLS

Our skills-based modules are an essential part of our degrees equipping students with both the academic and practical skills required for successful careers. Our academics work with students to develop competencies such as logical and critical thinking, the ability to evaluate information, and presentation skills (both written and oral). Students will learn to identify, analyse and evaluate legal sources, and to construct and communicate complex legal arguments.

MOOTING & ADVOCACY

Our students will engage in mooting to develop and enhance their advocacy skills. Mooting is a simulated courtroom experience for students; 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. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in national and international moot competitions enabling them to further practice and polish their advocacy skills.

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.
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Our students are in a unique position to apply for a limited number of high profile legal internships, in Ireland and abroad. Our school has established links with various local and national organisations that offer summer internship opportunities.

▶ Irish Superior Courts
▶ The Office of the Attorney General
▶ The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
▶ Massachusetts appellate courts (USA)
▶ Massachusetts Office of the Secretary of State (USA)
▶ Suffolk County District Attorney’s office (USA)
▶ RTÉ, Legal Research Assistant

INTERNATIONAL FOCUS

Our programmes have an embedded international focus to acknowledge the global nature of law and legal institutions across the world. We offer many modules that have an international, comparative and European Union focus. Students will also have the opportunity to study abroad with partner institutions, transforming their university degree into a truly global experience.

▶ AUSTRALIA
▶ BELGIUM
▶ CANADA
▶ CHINA
▶ FRANCE
▶ GERMANY
▶ HUNGARY
▶ SPAIN
▶ UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WORLD CLASS TEACHING

LAW HAS BEEN TAUGHT AT NUI GALWAY SINCE 1849. THE SCHOOL HAS OVER 850 STUDENTS AND 40 STAFF. WE DON’T JUST TEACH LAW, WE GO BEYOND TRADITIONAL DISCIPLINARY BOUNDARIES BY COMBINING THE STUDY OF LAW WITH A NUMBER OF DISCIPLINES ACROSS BUSINESS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ECONOMICS, LANGUAGES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, MAKING SURE THAT OUR STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE AS A WELL-ROUNDED, ETHICAL LEGAL PROFESSIONAL.

“Studying Civil Law in NUI Galway afforded me the opportunity to delve deep into the law and initially focus on a wide range of subjects. I studied the foundations of law and formed a great understanding of the core principles and subjects that are a pre-requisite for any future career in law and have stood me in good stead to this day. The option now of the Clinical Legal Education course provided by the School of Law enables students to undergo invaluable practical experience of working in various careers in law and this opportunity should be encouraged and availed of.”

FERDIA BREATHNACH
Barrister-at Law; Civil Law (BCL) Graduate
INNOVATIVE APPROACH

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Our programmes are designed to maximise student potential by providing a balance of foundational law modules, critical legal skills, a specialism in different subject areas and 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 as it works in practice. Students will become highly skilled, employable graduates able to progress to professional qualification and to pursue a range of other careers locally, nationally and globally. Our law programmes incorporate the modules examined as part of the Incorporated Law Society’s entrance examinations (solicitor qualification) with opportunities also to take the modules examined as part of the Honourable King’s Inn entrance examinations (barrister qualification).

FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING

In the first year of our law programmes, we deliver an innovative approach to teaching skills. 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 essential 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 ‘transformative’. 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 a member of the Irish judiciary.
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 aligns 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.

PROFESSIONAL WORK PLACEMENT

Our students will have the opportunity to gain a professional focus and real-world experience through work placement. This will enable students to explore areas of law which interest them and can help them to identify the specialism stream that peaks their curiosity for the final year of their degree. Students will gain invaluable experience ahead of graduation which can influence the direction of their future career. The School is partnering with nationally and internationally recognised law firms and organisations who are committed to working with us to ensure the best possible work experience. 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. If students choose to study a language, they can elevate their linguistic skills by studying in a partnering university that teaches through that foreign language. We have also partnered with a number of leading universities who teach through English. Students can study in Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Netherlands, Hungary, the United States, China, Australia and Canada. Studying abroad gives students the prospect to further broaden their studies in an equivalent world class university.

GUIDED RESEARCH ESSAY

The capacity to write long-form research essays is a signature ability of graduates, and is a key skill for practising 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
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

PROFESSOR DONNCHA O’CONNELL

▶ Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission
▶ 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)

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
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

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

PROFESSOR SIOBHÁN MULLALLY
▶ Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights
▶ Irish Human Rights and Equality Commissioner
▶ President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
▶ Joint Editor in Chief of the Irish Yearbook of International Law
▶ Former Chairperson of the Irish Refugee Council

DR. ANNA-LOUISE HINDS
▶ Author of Competition Law (2006)
▶ Editor in Chief of the Irish Journal of European Law
▶ Winner of the Teresa Brannick Medal from UCD
▶ Leading expert on European Union Law

DR. CONNIE HEALY
▶ Author of Collaborative Practice: An International Perspective (2017)
▶ Solicitor with fifteen years professional experience CEDR accredited mediator and IACP trained collaborative lawyer

DR. RÓNÁN KENNEDY
▶ Author of Information and Communications Technology Law in Ireland (2017)
▶ Member of the Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency
▶ Former Executive Legal Officer to Chief Justice Ronán Keane
▶ Former editor of the Judicial Studies Institute Journal

DR. PADRAIC KENNA
▶ Author of Housing Law, Rights and Policy (2011)
▶ Director and founder of the Centre for Housing Law and Policy
▶ Co-founder of the European FEANTSA Expert Group on Housing Rights
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)

“The Bachelor of Corporate Law integrated two areas of study that were of strong interest to me, law and business. The lecturers were excellent at encouraging engagement and were very approachable. Through the School of Law connections with high profile internship opportunities, I completed an internship with the Office of the Irish Attorney General. This experience is invaluable for the working world.”

LOUIS COLEMAN
Bachelor of Corporate Law
(now known as the Bachelor of Law & Business)

“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
Bachelor of Corporate Law
(now known as Bachelor of Law & Business)
SOME OF OUR DISTINGUISHED LEGAL GRADUATES

MS JUSTICE MÁIRE WHELAN OF THE COURT OF APPEAL
▶ First woman to hold the office of Attorney General

CHIEF JUSTICE MATHILDA TWOMEY
▶ Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Seychelles

PROF GEOFFREY SHANNON
▶ Special Rapporteur on Child Protection

HARRY MCGEE
▶ Journalist at the Irish Times

JUDGE MARY FAHERTY
▶ Judge of the High Court
▶ Served as the 5th President of UN Appeals Tribunal
Study Abroad Partners:
▶ Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary
▶ Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Netherlands
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Depending on the partnering institute, modules are taught through English, French or German. Students can study both law and non-law modules.

Why choose the Law (BCL) programme?
▶ Students can focus 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 and the Honourable Society of King’s Inns.
▶ Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on the law.
▶ 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 engage in a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate firm or a public sector organisation. Students on placement will see application of the law in action, and thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.

Careers Prospects
Graduates of the Law (BCL) programme will be well equipped to succeed in professional studies at either the Law Society (solicitor) or the Honourable Society of King’s Inns (barrister). This degree will also provide an excellent platform for graduates interested in working outside of the professions – as more and more areas of life are legally regulated, the comprehensive grounding in the law and the legal process that graduates receive during this degree will make them attractive to a wide range of potential employers in financial services, consultancy, industry and the public sector.

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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 taking this stream will take commercial law subjects with a view to preparing them 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.

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.

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 regulates 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.

Language

This stream allows students to take a European language to degree level. In addition to pure language classes, students on this stream will also learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. This stream is aimed at students who are thinking of working in a legal environment in continental Europe.

If students do not want to complete a specialist stream they will have the option to select from modules available to meet credit requirements and define their own degree. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in the final year.
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 a solicitor will have completed all the modules required by the Law Society. Students who wish to qualify professionally as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honourable Society of King’s Inns through the Legal Professions specialised stream.

Work Placement

- Our students will have the opportunity to work with international non-governmental organisations in the human rights field. Students can also take advantage of our links with highly prestigious international universities to spend a year studying abroad.

- Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on acquiring the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Career Prospectus

Graduates of the Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme will be well prepared to work in international human rights law, policy or legal practice. Graduates will have the foundation necessary to pursue opportunities with international organisations, United Nations bodies or developmental agencies. As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society (solicitor) and the Honourable Society of King’s Inns (barrister). The Irish Centre for Human Rights has a global network of alumni working in human rights, providing excellent links and supports for our students.

Study abroad partners:

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Depending on the partnering institute, modules are taught through English, Spanish, French, German and students can study both law and non-law modules.
### The Legal Professions
Students will complete the modules required for the Law Society (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honourable Society of King’s Inns (barrister).

### Human Rights, Crime and Equality
Students on this stream will focus on the manner in which the State deal 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.

### Language
This stream allows students to take a European language to degree level. In addition to pure language classes, students on this stream will also learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question.

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**RUTH CORMICAN,**  
NUI Galway Law graduate  
Human Rights Attaché  
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations in Geneva

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**FINAL YEAR - SPECIALIST STREAMS**

#### The Legal Professions
This stream is aimed at students who are thinking of working in a legal environment in continental Europe.

If students do not want to complete a specialist stream they will have the option to select from modules available to meet credit requirements and define their own degree. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in the final year.
Why choose the Law and Business programme?

▶ Students will study law modules as well as the principal commercial disciplines (accountancy, economics, management and digital business & 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. Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honourable Society of King’s Inns through the Legal Professions specialised stream.

Work Placement

▶ Students will have the opportunity to engage in a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate firm or a public sector organisation. Students on placement will see application of the law in action, and thereby supplement their academic legal education with practical exposure.

▶ Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on the law.

▶ Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on acquiring the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Careers prospects

Graduates of the Bachelor of Law and Business programme will have a variety of career paths open to them, depending on the nature of 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 (solicitor). Graduates who have elected to complete the Legal Professions specialised stream will be ready to sit the professional entrance examinations for the Honourable Society of King’s Inns (barrister). Graduates who have taken the commercial specialisms will be able to seek exemptions from qualifications offered by commercial professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Accountants.

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Depending on the partnering institute, tuition is taught through English, Spanish, French or German. Students can study both Law and non-law modules.
### Final Year - Specialist Streams

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

#### Accounting
Students study accounting modules, positioning them for a career in accountancy. Depending on the modules chosen, excellent exemptions are available to successful students in the professional accountancy bodies’ exams.

#### Economics
Students can apply their economic theory to 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.

#### 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.

#### Management
This specialisation focuses on the 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.

#### Language
This stream allows students to take a European language to degree level. In addition to pure language classes, students on this stream will also learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. This stream is aimed at students who are thinking of working in a legal environment in continental Europe.

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If students do not want to complete a specialist stream they will have the option to select from modules available to meet credit requirements and define their own degree. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passes before choosing the stream in the final year.
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 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 Law Society of Ireland) or as a barrister (with the 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 Oireachtas etc).

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.

International links

At the end of second year, interested students may opt to spend their third year studying at a university in mainland Europe or other countries such as the USA, Canada, Australia or China. These students then return to complete their programme in Galway in their fourth year.

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.
Bachelor of Commerce – Law stream

Students can elect 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 recognised 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.

Other related degrees with law components

The subject of law and other related subjects can be studied at a lesser level through other degrees across the University. Students interested in these degrees should see the programme website for further details.

Graduates of this degree 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 law modules. Students should contact the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies for further information.

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