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Who we are...

The School of Law comprises 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.

University of Galway has been teaching law since 1849 and we are very proud that our alumni are luminaries in judiciary, government, academia, advocacy, NGO and business. Our alumni 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@universityofgalway.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 X.

Why choose Law at University of Galway



World class *teaching*

The emphasis on innovation, practicality and professional preparation apparent from the first days of the university continue to guide our teaching of law. We go beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries to ensure our students graduate as well-rounded, ethical legal professionals.

93%

of most recently surveyed University of Galway postgraduate students are in employment or further education by the March following graduation .

World class research centres

- Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR)
- Centre for Disability Law & Policy (CDLP)
- Centre for Housing Law, Rights & Policy (CHLRP)



Expert Academics



Key Skills

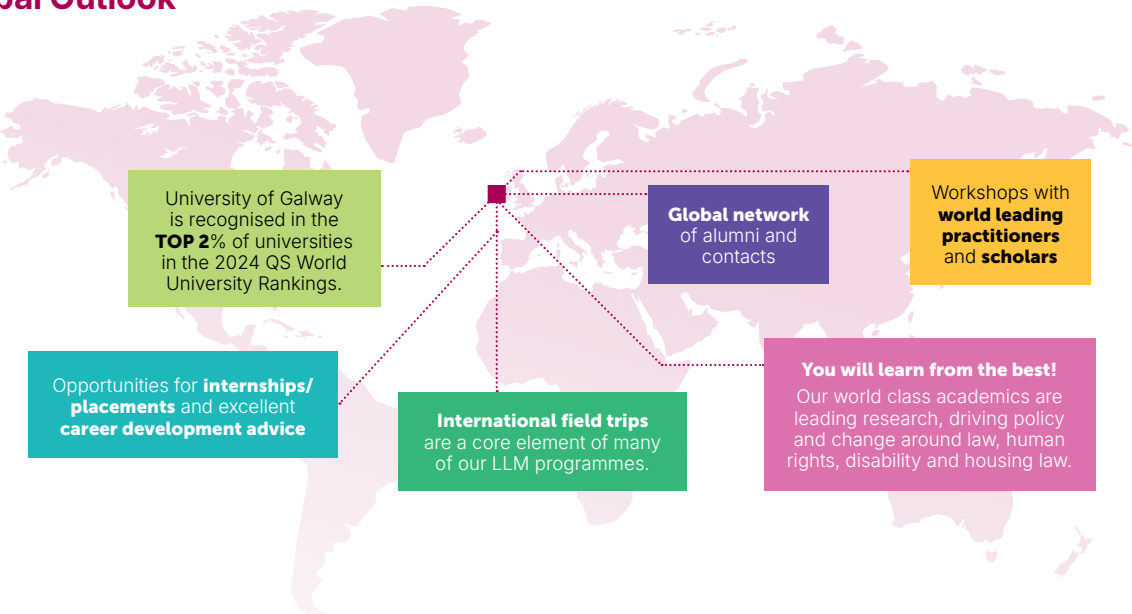


Career Pathways



Global Focus

Global Outlook



Employment & Careers

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

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.

CLARITY in your career journey through:



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

CONNECT with prospective employers through:



- JOBS FAIRS AND EMPLOYER EVENTS
- JOBS VACANCY SYSTEM

COMPETE in the jobs market through:



- CV AND INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOPS
- JOB APPLICATION REVIEW



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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, Galway is as distinctive as it is beautiful. From this position on the edge of Europe, University of 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
(LLM in International Human Rights Law)

Cost of Living

The cost of living in Galway is considerably less than Dublin. Rent prices are 18% more expensive in Dublin city than in Galway city (Source: www.daft.ie 2023 Q4 Rental Report).

As the campus is located in the heart of the city and well-served by bus routes, most students can get to the campus easily on foot, by bicycle, or via public transport.

University of Galway

With over 19,000 students and 2,600 staff, University of Galway is the largest and oldest university in the West of Ireland. 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 175 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.

University of 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 University of 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.

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.



PROFESSOR MARTIN HOGG

Head of the School of Law, University of Galway

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 enjoys. 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.



PROFESSOR SIOBHÁN MULLALLY
Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Established Professor of Human Rights Law

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 in, and advocacy of, 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.



PROFESSOR EILIONÓIR FLYNN

Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Established Professor of Law

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 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.



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

Come join us and be part of a global network of practitioners

and scholars who are leaving their mark in the world today.

LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

New Course

LLM Law and Digital Innovation

The LLM in Law and Digital Innovation is the only Masters of its kind in the Republic of Ireland. The use of technology, software tools and artificial intelligence are transforming legal practice and creating new career opportunities. Employers are keen to hire individuals with skills in both law and technology. The LLM in Law and Digital Innovation responds to this through the provision of high quality, research-led teaching that bridges the disciplines of law, information systems, and data analytics.

This programme will be of interest to law, business or STEM graduates who are seeking to develop a career in lawtech, and legal practitioners who are seeking to upskill or change careers.

Course Highlights:

- **A diverse range of cross-disciplinary and research-led modules** that focus on topics at the intersection of law, information systems and data analytics, delivered by leading experts.
- **Guest lecturers** from those involved in creating, applying or experiencing the use of technology in legal practice and in the courts.
- **Field trips** to important sites of practice, such as the Courts Service.
- **The Technology and Rights Research Cluster** which has links with (inter)governmental, judicial and civil society organisations will enable students to attend a range of events hosted by this cluster.
- **Applied Design Thinking Project**, addressing a real-life problem under the supervision of a specific supervisor. This project will take place across Semester I and II, as part of the module Design Thinking for Lawyer I and II. Students will be presented with a highly complex legal issue presented by real life stakeholders, and will have agency to choose what aspect they wish to address. Over the course of two semesters they will define personas, and develop solutions for those personas, ultimately developing a solution which they will prototype, test and iterate. Additionally students will consider the audience and marketing of this solution.
- **A Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading experts.
- **Focus on skills and employability** including legal research and writing, data analytics, and app development.

- **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students CV and interview skills. 'Careers in Law Week' also provides an opportunity to meet potential employers.

Career Opportunities:

AI might not replace lawyers, but lawyers with skills in technology and analytics will have an advantage in the job market, particularly noted by Wolters Kluwer in 2023, is a need to understand and apply Generative AI. Graduates might work as lawyers in traditional legal advice roles, particularly focusing on technology law, or in other roles such as Legal Technologist, Legal Process Analyst, Legal Knowledge Engineer, Legal Hybrid, Legal Project Manager, Online Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Legal Risk Manager, Legal Prompt Engineer and Legal Management Consultant. The more enterprising might become lawtech entrepreneurs.

For those who are interested in working directly on lawtech, according to a Robert Walters report on the lawtech job market, vacancies in this field have grown by 87% between 2019 to 2020, and 177% between 2020 and 2021. By 2021, lawtech jobs were 2.7% of all tech vacancies in the UK. For more traditional roles, according to a Wolters Kluwer report the increasing importance of legal technology was one of the key trends that will impact on legal professionals from 2023-26, while a lack of technology skills is an issue for 49% of the firms surveyed yet legal departments that are technology leaders routinely outperform those who are not. 75% of firms and legal departments reported they are prepared and expect to invest in technologies in 2023.

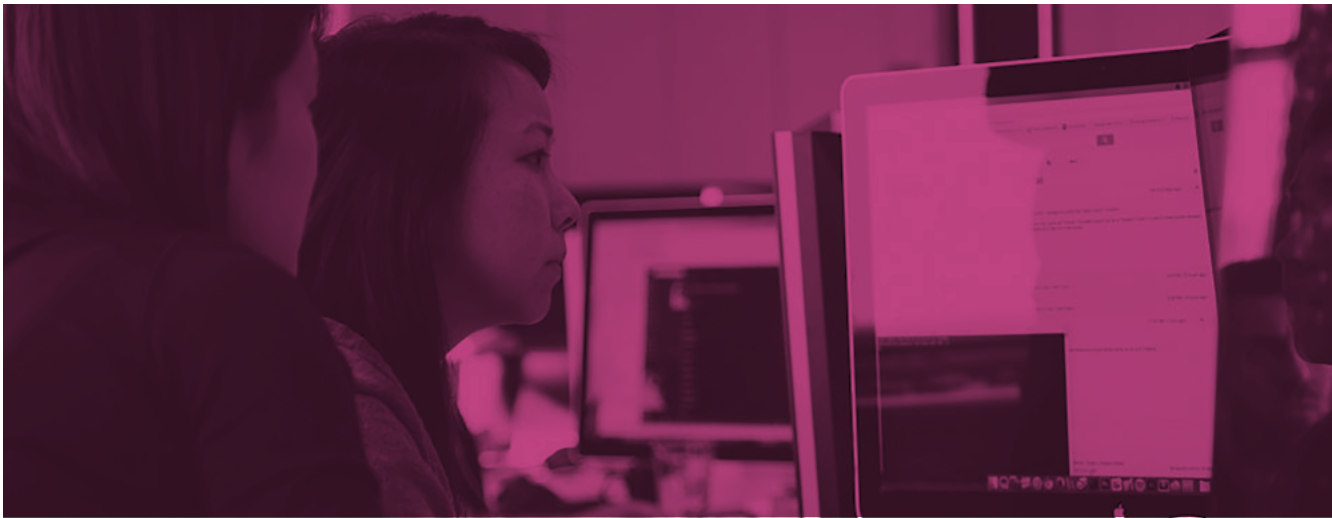
Potential employers who hire experts within these fields include traditional legal firms, accountancy and consultancy firms, and lawtech firms. Career paths are also possible with the civil and public

service (particularly the courts), as an barrister, or as an in-house lawyer in a commercial organisation (particularly multi-national businesses). Students who have completed the specialised modules

led by recognised experts, completed tailored methods and dissemination training and engaged in independent research in timely topics will be highly appealing to a wide-range of employers.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (2.1, Level 8) in law or in another relevant discipline such as business, computer science, or statistics.• 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 or computer science.• International students should refer to the country-specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

New Course

LLM Criminology, Criminal Justice and Human Rights

The LLM in Criminology, Criminal Justice and Human Rights will be delivered by staff from the Crime, Punishment and Rights Research Cluster at the School of Law and the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

The programme recognises the inescapable reality that criminal justice issues cannot be understood without also understanding underpinning human rights law norms and obligations.

The programme has been designed to inspire students coming from either directly from study or from practice to engage in life-long-learning, to uphold high ethical and professional standards and to appreciate the need to advocate for and adopt an evidence-informed and rights-based approach to criminal justice issues.

The programme's curriculum emphasises inter-disciplinary intersections and research methods training, to facilitate future or enhanced career possibilities in national, regional and international criminal justice agencies, NGOs, inter-governmental organisations and courts.

Course Highlights:

- **A diverse range of cross-disciplinary and research-led modules** that focus on topics at the intersection of law, criminology, criminal justice and rights, delivered by leading experts.
- **Visits to criminal justice institutions** including Limerick Prison, provide students with insights into the reality of criminal justice and penal policy operationalisation.
- **Crime, Punishment and Rights Seminar Series** will allow students to hear first-hand from guest lecturers involved in creating and applying criminal justice law and policy. The seminar series is organised by the Crime, Punishment and Rights Research Cluster at the School of Law which has strong links with (inter)governmental bodies, (international) courts and civil society.
- **Crime, Punishment and Rights Film Series** at Pálás cinema will showcase movies highlighting issues studied during the programme and provide students with a unique social setting to further explore important topics.
- **International Human Rights Law Clinic** which provides students with unique practical training on mobilising human rights standards to secure reform, engaging with human rights bodies, at UN and regional levels. Places on this module are limited and are offered on a selective basis.
- **Specialist Methodological Skills Training** is embedded throughout the course and students can enhance their transferrable skills by taking training in graphic design and podcast production.

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

Career Opportunities:

This LLM programme was developed following consultations with a range of potential employers in this field. It has therefore been designed to equip graduates with the essential skills and knowledge they need to pursue a successful national or international career within the fields of criminology, criminal justice and human rights. Graduates may opt to pursue work in legal practice, policy development, advocacy or research in criminal justice broadly or focus on particular career paths such as with prison or police services, or with regional or international organisations or courts.

Potential employers who hire experts within these fields include national organisations like the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the Policing Authority, Irish Penal Reform Trust, the Irish Prison Service and the Department of Justice. Career paths are also possible with international organisations such as the Council of Europe and the United Nations and with international criminal courts and tribunals.



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DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
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For podcast production, students will have the opportunity to use University of Galway CELT studio, a state-of-the-art digital recording space.

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International and Comparative Business Law

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** opportunity to apply for a limited number of placements with leading commercial law firms. Selection is on the basis of interview by the firm.
- **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*** (see fees section on page 39) 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.
- **Vis Moot** enables students on the programme are offered the opportunity to participate in an international Commercial arbitration moot, the Willen C. Vis International Commercial

- Arbitration Moot which takes place in Vienna, each April. Selection will be by interview. This module will enable students to develop their advocacy skills.
- **Diverse Modules** from EU Competition Law, Advanced Intellectual Property Law, and Current Issues in Internet Law to Global Issues in Contemporary Labour Law.
 - **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 awith 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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DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 law experience.• International students should refer to the country specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY...

As a student pursuing LLM in International and Comparative Business Law, my experience was exceptional. The programme provided a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the complexities in International business law, preparing me for the challenges of the modern legal landscape. The university's faculty was outstanding, comprising experts in international law and business who were always approachable and supportive. Especially Dr. Connie Healy, her guidance and mentorship were invaluable in shaping my career path. Moreover, the university's emphasis on practical application through internships in top-tier commercial law firms in Ireland allowed me to gain hands-on experience, honing my legal skills and building a robust professional network. Thanks to the university's prestigious reputation and the skills acquired during the LLM. I am truly grateful for the opportunities and knowledge this programme offered, propelling me towards a successful career in international business law.



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM (General)

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*** (see fees section on page 39) 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.



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WHAT OUR GRADUATES 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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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy

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 UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are exclusively offered to two of our students. Interns will complete research to support the UN Committee's work and will participate in Committee sessions.
- **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.



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WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY...

The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy at University of 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



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International
Human Rights

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 of 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*** (see fees section on page 39) 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Irish Centre for Human Rights welcomes students with a Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities.• 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.• International students should refer to the country specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY...

I am currently acting as Programme Lawyer for the Africa and Middle East Regions at the International Bar Association's Human Rights (IBAHRI). After completing my master's degree in International Human Rights Law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway, in 2020, I pursued different prospects, including working as a fact-check writer at Misbar, and interning at the UN OHCHR for Southern Africa and at the IBAHRI, before formally joining the team in London. Since then, I have had amazing learning opportunities such as field missions to Cameroon and Tunisia and working with states, special rapporteurs, international experts, and other lawyers, which has helped me grow tremendously. Studying at the Irish Centre for Human Rights married my theoretical knowledge of the law and personal experiences growing up in South Africa and Sudan, with practical and grounded approaches that are applied in my everyday work. It also made me realise that human rights issues do not exist in isolation and necessitate critical thinking that considers histories and different perspectives in order to truly and accurately reflect the best path forward in manifesting a better world.

YASSIN OSMAN
PROGRAMME LAWYER IBAHRI



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy

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.

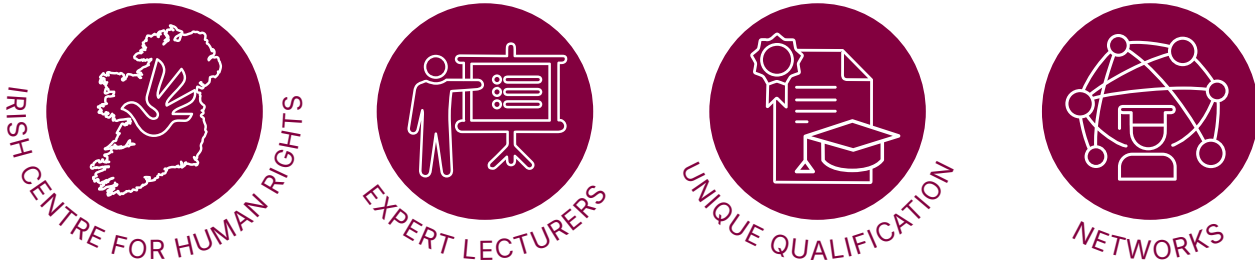
Course Highlights:

- **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.
- **Excellent networks** and links to leading international organisations and practitioners.
- **Skills development** is enhanced through practice-oriented teaching, allowing students to specialise in oral and written advocacy (legal and policy), strategic litigation, fact-finding and international development and transnational lawyering clinical skills.
- **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*** (see fees section on page 39) 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.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Irish Centre for Human Rights welcomes students with a Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities.• 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.• International students should refer to the country specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY...

Studying the LL.M. in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy at the Irish Centre for Human Rights was a transformative experience which enriched my applied knowledge of the field with essential theoretical knowledge. The academic and practical expertise of the lecturers provided unique and invaluable perspectives, enhancing my understanding of global migration issues. Thanks to the continued support of my LL.M. Director after graduating, I was able to quickly find work for the European Union Agency for Asylum in Malta as a refugee status determination officer. I am now working for the Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre in Geneva.

ELISA BINON
MONITORING ASSOCIATE WITH IDMC



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM Peace Operations,
Humanitarian Law and Conflict

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 of 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 academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and reputations.
- **Field Trips*** (see fees section on page 39) 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.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level an overall final grade of Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2.1) or equivalent. Those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.• Candidates who have completed a military command and staff course, or equivalent, at an institute recognised by University of Galway and who have relevant professional experience may also be considered.• Candidates who have significant experience in the field of peace operations and/or international human rights, for example, with international organisations or international non-governmental organisations, are encouraged to apply under this rubric.• International students should refer to the country specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

WHAT OUR GRADUATES 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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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International Criminal Law

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 as a means for holding to account perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression.

Course Highlights:

- **The LLM in International Criminal Law** is delivered by the Irish Centre for Human Rights, one of the world's premier academic human rights institutions.
- **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*** (see fees section on page 39) to the international courts 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 undertake presentations, group work and moot courts.
- **Opportunities for engaging in research projects may also arise.** Previous students have worked with UN experts and individual ICHR staff.
- **Distinguished visitors** to the Irish Centre for Human Rights have included Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, Senator Robert Badinter, Judge Maureen Harding Clark, Richard Goldstone, President Philippe Kirsch, Judge Theodor Meron, Judge Navanethem Pillay and Judge Kimberly Prost.

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.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY...

I graduated from the LLM (International Criminal Law) at University of Galway in 2016. In search of international experiences, I began my career with a series of internships in several countries. For six months, I supported an NGO undertaking legal research about the Syrian conflict in the Golan Heights. Then, I spent several months in Nouakchott, Mauritania, managing a project for IOM (International Organisation for Migration). As I have always desired to work for the general interest, I succeeded to join the European Commission through an internship opportunity. I now work on home affairs issues (notably migration and Schengen), following the political and technical discussions at EU level and taking part in the decision-making process. Studying international law at University of Galway gave me the opportunity to meet incredible, passionate people from different cultures and backgrounds. It also allowed me to develop insights into the global legal system, understandings of geopolitical conflicts, and interests in peace-building, international criminal justice, and humanitarian law. In addition, it was particularly fascinating to study and live in this exciting environment.



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM Gender and Human Rights: Law and Policy

New Course

The LLM in Gender and Human Rights analyses international human rights law and gender, engaging with the UN and regional human rights systems, concepts of gender equality, gender, peace and conflict, and gender, law and religion. It is the only programme of its kind offered in Ireland and the UK. The Programme aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to apply concepts relating to gender and human rights law, in diverse public policy and law contexts, including conflict and post-conflict situations.

The programme will be of interest to those seeking to pursue advanced studies and careers working with international organisations, the United Nations, Government and public policy, EU institutions, and in fields of international development, Equality Law, Human Rights, Women / Gender Peace and Security, Migration and Refugee Law and Gender, Sexuality and LGBT rights.

The Programme is taught and delivered by leading international experts in the fields of Gender, Women Peace and Security, Gender and Islam, and Equality and Human Rights law. Academic staff and researchers across University of Galway's Irish Centre for Human Rights and School of Law have developed excellent collaborations with leading international organisations specialising in the promotion of gender equality including UN Women, Council of Europe, Women's Link Worldwide, UN CEDAW and others, and at domestic level with entities such as CUAN, National Women's Council of Ireland, COPE, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission.

Course Highlights:

- The programme is delivered by staff from the *Irish Centre for Human Rights*, one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.
- Drawing on the international expertise and professional 'real world experience' of international experts, students are offered a *wide range of choices and elective modules*, allowing for specialization in particular fields of interest.

- *Students are provided with interdisciplinary and practical skills training* on equality and human rights, law and public policy, development and humanitarian action, peace and conflict.
- The *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. The award winning Human Rights Law Clinic module, focuses on essential human rights lawyering skills, including oral and written advocacy (legal and policy), strategic litigation, fact-finding and development, and training on engaging with UN and regional human rights bodies and Government.
- *Field trips* (see fees section on page 39) 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.
- *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:

Expertise and qualifications in gender and human rights are increasingly a requirement for employment with Government, public policy, international organisations, UN entities and international development and humanitarian organisations. There is a demand for graduates with training in gender, equality and human rights with EU institutions and in international development organisations, due to the centrality of gender quality in the Sustainable Development Goals. New public sector legal duties on equality and human rights in Ireland, across Europe and globally, have also opened up new employment opportunities in this field.

Graduates may pursue careers in Equality Diversity and Inclusion roles, in policy, leadership, management, consultancy roles and in legal practice. Other career paths include: EU institutions; Civil Society Organisations; Foreign Affairs; United Nations, International and Regional Organisations, Government and Public Policy, Peace operations, Equality and Human Rights Institutions, Gender Policy and Law roles, Legal, Foreign Affairs / Diplomacy, Humanitarian and Development organisations.

QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Irish Centre for Human Rights welcomes students with a Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities.• 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.• International students should refer to the country-specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

New Course

LLM Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Conflict

The LLM in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Conflict examines the complex legal, policy and practical questions of justice and peacebuilding in societies emerging from conflict, authoritarianism or situations of mass human rights violations. This innovative programme will provide an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and researching the world's most pressing issues on transitional justice, peacebuilding and reconciliation.

The programme will be of interest to those seeking to pursue advanced studies in transitional justice, human rights, post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding. It will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to engage with issues of transitional justice and peacebuilding in the aftermath of gross human rights violations, such as forced disappearances, arbitrary detention, torture, gender-based and sexual violence in conflict, and genocide.

The programme will also be

of interest to those seeking to pursue careers in public policy in the United Nations, international humanitarian and development organisations, government, and transitional justice processes.

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** with significant practical experience working in conflict and post-conflict societies with international organisations, Governments, the United Nations and civil society.
- **Research cluster in Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding:** The cluster promotes research, debate, and discussion about justice, law, and peacebuilding in post-conflict and post-authoritarian countries. Current projects include case studies from Colombia, Liberia, Palestine and Central America. LLM students will have the unique opportunity to participate in the activities of the cluster and collaborate with team members on research projects that will have a lasting impact.
- **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.
- The **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. The award winning Human Rights Law Clinic module, focuses on essential human rights lawyering skills, including oral and written advocacy (legal and policy), strategic litigation, fact-finding and development, and training on engaging with UN and regional human rights bodies and Government.

- **Field trips** (see fees section on page 39) 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.
- **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.

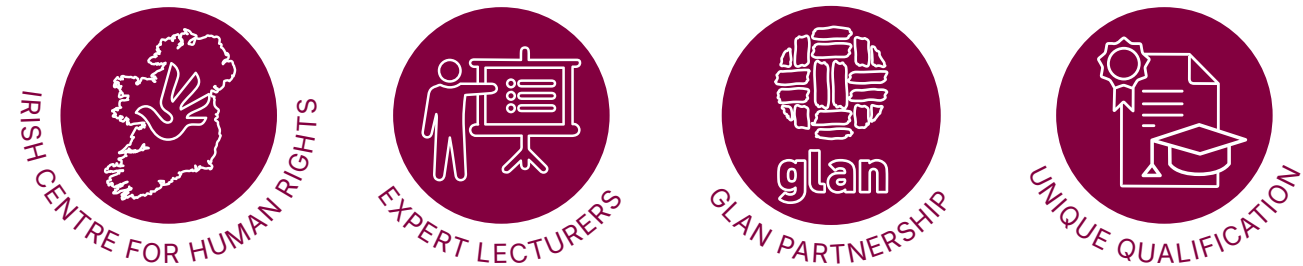
Career Opportunities:

The programme will open up career opportunities in the justice sector, peace building, conflict and security, and peace operations with the United Nations, international and regional organisations, EU institutions, Council of Europe, African Union, Inter-American human rights system, and international non-government human rights organisations.

Graduates may also seek career opportunities with international courts and tribunals, in justice sector reform programmes, international development, diplomacy and international public policy, and humanitarian organisations.

International and regional organisations and civil society increasingly require skills, training and expertise in the field of transitional justice, human rights and conflict.

Current societal challenges, including conflict, insecurity and threats to democracy, as reflected in the Horizon Europe programmes, highlight the need for knowledge, skills and competence in transitional justice, human rights and peacebuilding.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Irish Centre for Human Rights welcomes students with a Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities.• 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.• International students should refer to the country-specific information section of the Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLB (Bachelor of Laws)

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.

The LLB offers all the subjects currently required for the entrance examinations to the legal professions (solicitors and barristers) in Ireland.

The programme may be taken over:

- Two years full-time (120 credits)
- Three years full-time (180 credits), wide range of optional modules
- Four years part-time (180 credits), wide range of optional modules

Course Highlights:

- **Fast track** to a career in law with the two year full-time LLB.
- **Clinical Placements** are available in final year of the three year and four year LLB. A limited number of placements are available with law firms, barristers, and a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations 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 on the three year or four year LLB to choose from a wide range of optional 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.
- **Diverse Modules** range from European Union Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law, Consumer Law to Global Issues in Contemporary Labour Law.
- **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.
- The **Flexibility** of the programme allows students to study over three or four years, which will facilitate responsibilities at work and at home.

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.



QUALIFICATION:	LLB
DURATION	2 years full-time, 3 years full-time, 4 years part-time (daytime classes only for all programme versions)
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 Global Galway website: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/yourcountry
EXEMPTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <small>* Subject to approval of the School of Law. Please contact the programme director for further information on exemptions.</small>

WHAT OUR GRADUATES 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 University of Galway LLB programme was fundamental to my choice of pursuing a career in law.



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SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINES

The below modules were offered to students on our LLM programmes in 2024/2025. Course and module offerings and details are subject to change each year.

All students on our LLM programmes must complete 90 credits.

Two-Year LLB (Bachelor of Laws)	LLM Criminology, Criminal Justice and Human Rights	LLM International and Comparative Business Law	LLM (General)	LLM Law and Digital Innovation	LLM International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy
Core Modules (120 credits)	Compulsory Modules (40 credits)	Core Modules (40 credits)	Core Modules (40 credits)	Core Modules (70 credits)	Core Modules (40 credits)
<div>(120 credits - 60 credits each year)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Constitutional Law (10 credits)Contract (10 credits)Tort (10 credits)Criminal Law (10 credits)European Union Law (10 credits)Irish Legal Systems (5 credits)Legal Methods and Research (5 credits)Land Law (10 credits)Company Law (10 credits)Equity (10 credits)Evidence (10 credits)Administrative Law (5 credits)Lawyering Technology and Innovation (5 credits)Jurisprudence (5 credits)Guided Research Essay (5 credits)</div> <div>For details on the modules offered on our Three-Year and Four-Year LLB visit: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/llb/#course_outline</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Criminology, Criminal Justice and Human Rights (10 credits) This module is only available to students on this LLM programme.</div> <div>Core Modules (Select 30 credits)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Sentencing and Penal Policy (10 credits)Policing, Security and Rights (10 credits)Imprisonment and Rights (10 credits)Minority Groups and the Criminal Justice System (10 credits)Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law (10 credits)International Human Rights Law (10 credits)International Criminal Law (10 credits)Transitional Justice (10 credits)Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights (5 credits)Procedures Before International Criminal Courts (5 credits)</div> <div></div> <div>Optional Modules (20 credits)</div> <div>Students may select 20 credits of modules from the list of core modules, or they can opt to take modules from other LLM programmes offered by the School of Law, Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Irish Centre for Human Rights.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Commercial Legal Placement or Minor Thesis (30 credits)Advanced Legal Research and Methods (10 credits)</div> <div></div> <div>Optional Modules (Select 50 Credits)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">EU Competition Law (10 credits)Law of International Business Transactions (10 credits)Legal Skills: Commercial Practice, Advocacy and Dispute Resolution (10 credits)Advanced Intellectual Property Law and Development (10 credits)Law and Economics of Corporate Transactions (10 credits)Vis Moot (20 credits)</div> <div>Students may also choose up to 10 credits of module(s) from other LLM programmes at the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Advanced Legal Research and Methods (10 credits)</div> <div></div> <div>Optional Modules (Select 50 credits)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law (10 credits)</div> <div>Students have the flexibility to choose from the range of modules on offer across all LLM programmes at the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Advanced Legal Research & Methods (10 credits)The Future of Law (5 credits)Design Thinking for Lawyers I (5 credits)Design Thinking for Lawyers II (5 credits)Computation and Law (10 credits)Digital Transformation and Access to Justice (5 credits)</div> <div></div> <div>Optional Modules (Select 20 credits)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">MS5107 Business Modelling and Analytics (5 credits)MS5128 Decision Theory, AI and Analytics (5 credits)MS804 Systems Development & Project Management (5 credits)MS5126 Philosophy of Information and Information Ethics (5 credits)MS5106 Data Science and Big Data Analytics (5 credits)MS5129 Storytelling through Data Visualisation (5 credits)</div> <div>Modules with the code 'MS' are not available to students on our other LLM programmes.</div> <div>Students have the option to choose from the above list of Business Information Systems modules and/or from modules offered on the LLM programmes at the School of Law, Irish Centre of Human Rights and Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Foundational Theoretical Framework in Disability Law and Policy (10 credits)</div> <div></div> <div>Optional Modules (Select 50 credits)</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal Capacity Law and Policy (10 credits)International Disability Human Rights Clinic (10 credits)Advocacy and Access to Justice (10 credits)Inclusive Education Law and Policy (10 credits)Mental Health Law and Policy (10 credits)Advanced Legal Research Methods (10 credits)</div> <div>Students also have the option of choosing one module per semester from the School of Law or Irish Centre for Human Rights LLM programmes.</div>

IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINES

The below modules were offered to students on our LLM programmes in 2024/2025. Course and module offerings and details are subject to change each year.

All students on our LLM programmes must complete 90 credits.

LLM International Human Rights	LLM (Gender and Human Rights: Law and Policy)	LLM Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Conflict
Core Modules (40 Credits)	Core Modules (50 credits)	Core Modules (Select 40 Credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 Credits)International Human Rights Law (10 credits) <p>Select 50 credits from the below optional modules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Gender and Human Rights (10 credits)International Human Rights Law (10 credits) <p>Select 40 credits from the below optional modules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Transitional Justice (10 credits) <p>Select 50 credits from the below optional modules. Note the following optional modules are highly recommended for students on this LLM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">International Human Rights (10 credits)International Peace Support Operations (10 credits)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Human Rights (10 credits)Public International Law (10 credits)International Criminal Law (10 credits)International Humanitarian Law (10 credits)Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law (10 credits)European Migration Law (5 credits)International Peace Support Operations (10 credits)European Convention on Human Rights: Law and Politics (10 credits)Gender and Human Rights (10 credits)Business and Human Rights 2 (10 credits)International Refugee Law (10 credits)Human Rights Law Clinic (10 credits)Climate Justice (5 credits)The Common European Asylum System (5 credits)Transitional Justice (5 credits)Procedure before International Criminal Courts (5 credits)Counter Terrorism and Human Rights (5 credits)Transnational Lawyering (5 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Child Rights (5 credits)Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law (10 credits)Islam and Human Rights (10 credits)Foundational Theoretical Framework in Disability Law and Policy (10 credits)Legal Capacity Law and Policy (10 credits)International Disability Human Rights Clinic (10 credits)Advocacy and Access to Justice (10 credits)Inclusive Education Law and Policy (10 ECTS)Mental Health Law and Policy (10 credits)Policing, Security and Rights (10 credits)Minors, Minority Groups & the Criminal Justice System (10 credits)Sentencing and Penal Law Policy (10 credits)Imprisonment and Rights (10 credits) <p>Students may take up to 10 credits of module(s) from the LLM Law and Digital Innovation, LLM General and LLM International and Comparative Business Law.</p>	

LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy	LLM Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict	LLM International Criminal Law
Core Modules (60 Credits)	Core Modules (50 Credits)	Core Modules (40 Credits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law (10 credits)European Migration Law (5 credits)International Refugee Law (10 credits)The Common European Asylum System (5 credits) <p>Select 30 credits from the below optional modules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)International Peace Support Operations (10 credits)International Humanitarian Law (10 credits) <p>Select 40 credits from the below optional modules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor Thesis (30 credits)International Criminal Law (10 credits) <p>Select 50 credits from the below optional modules.</p>
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LAW POSTGRADUATE

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 available as a 4-year Full Time programme or a 6-year Part Time programme (360 ECTS). Each student must obtain a total of 30 ECTS through structured modules having a taught or skills component, over the course of the PhD and the remaining 330 ECTS are awarded for the Dissertation. The thesis remains central to the award of the PhD. The remaining ECTS are derived from the 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**
- **CONTRACT LAW**

For more information visit:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/courses/postgradresearchprogrammes/> or contact: law@universityofgalway.ie

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 distinctive 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. We encourage the use of a range of methods (doctrinal, empirical, comparative, socio-legal) as well as interdisciplinary approaches.

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.

Scholarship

The Hardiman Research Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship scheme at University of Galway, offering four years of PhD funding (fees and maintenance). Please see the website for further information:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/hardiman-scholarships/>

For details on other research scholarship opportunities visit:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/research-postgraduate-programmes/researchscholarships/>

LLM By Research

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

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You can apply online for law taught postgraduate masters on the University of Galway Postgraduate Admissions Office website:
<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/>

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

Taught Postgraduate Scholarships

University of Galway has generous scholarships valued at €1,500 for EU students applying for full-time taught postgraduate courses. You will be eligible if you have been accepted to a full-time taught course at University of Galway, and have attained a first class honours (or equivalent) in a Level 8 primary degree. Full criteria and details are available at: www.universityofgalway.ie/postgraduate_scholarships/

International Scholarships

Government of Ireland Scholarship www.universityofgalway.ie/internationalscholarships/

Irish Aid Fellowship Programme www.irishaidfellowships.ie

Details on other international scholarship opportunities can be found at: www.irishaidfellowships.ie

Other Funding Opportunities

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

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
<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/offerholders/visasandimmigration/>

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. Terms and conditions apply visit: www.irishimmigration.ie

Support Services for International Students

University of 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 Global Galway 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 an English language test. Full details on English language requirements can be found at: www.universityofgalway.ie/global-galway/studyinireland/entryrequirements/

University of Galway's English Language Centre is committed to providing high quality English Language courses including our pre-sessional and pathway options to help our students prepare for academic study at University of Galway. Find out more about English language courses at: www.universityofgalway.ie/englishlanguage





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