



Progression and Transfer from Year 1 BA/BCL

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Progression (passing year 1 and getting into year 2)

- ▶ To progress, ordinarily you have to pass 60 credits from year 1, i.e. pass all of your year 1 modules
- ▶ The pass mark is 40% for each module
- ▶ There are some exceptions:
 - ▶ **The pass by compensation rule:** you can pass a subject by compensation if (a) you pass at least half your credits for the subject AND (b) you get no less than 35% in every module in that subject and (c) you get an average of 40% or higher overall for the subject
 - ▶ **Allowed progression/carrying a deficit (exceptionally rare for law/criminology):** You may be able to carry a deficit in modules other than law/criminology modules. You may also be allowed to carry a deficit in law or criminology modules if you drop law/criminology and progress with other subjects in year 2 - but you cannot carry more than a 10 credit deficit
 - ▶ **Please note:** ordinarily you cannot carry a deficit in an LW module (law or criminology) if you are progressing in law/criminology or transferring to the BCL or LLB.

What if I don't pass my January or May assessments?

- ▶ A student who does not pass the module in January or May may take **supplemental assessments (sometimes called re-sits)** in July and August
- ▶ There is no fee for doing so this year
- ▶ There is no cap on your mark
- ▶ You carry forward any assessment you have already passed - you only have to re-sit the elements/components that you did not pass already
- ▶ **You still have the same transfer options if you pass following the supplementals**
- ▶ Repeating a module you have already passed - only possible in year 1 if you need extra marks to progress/transfer, or if you did worse than expected because of extenuating circumstances (in each case, you'll need to apply for permission to repeat).

The big red hand point

- ▶ If you are taking any supplemental assessment, **you must, must, must register with the Exams Office in July for resits/supplementals**
- ▶ If you do not register, **your resit mark will not be recorded by the Exams Office, even if we correct your paper.**
- ▶ This applies even if you are just resitting an assignment, MCQ, CA. It doesn't have to be an exam.



Lots of different options in MU Law

Bachelor of
Laws
Law on its
own
LLB - MH501
4 years

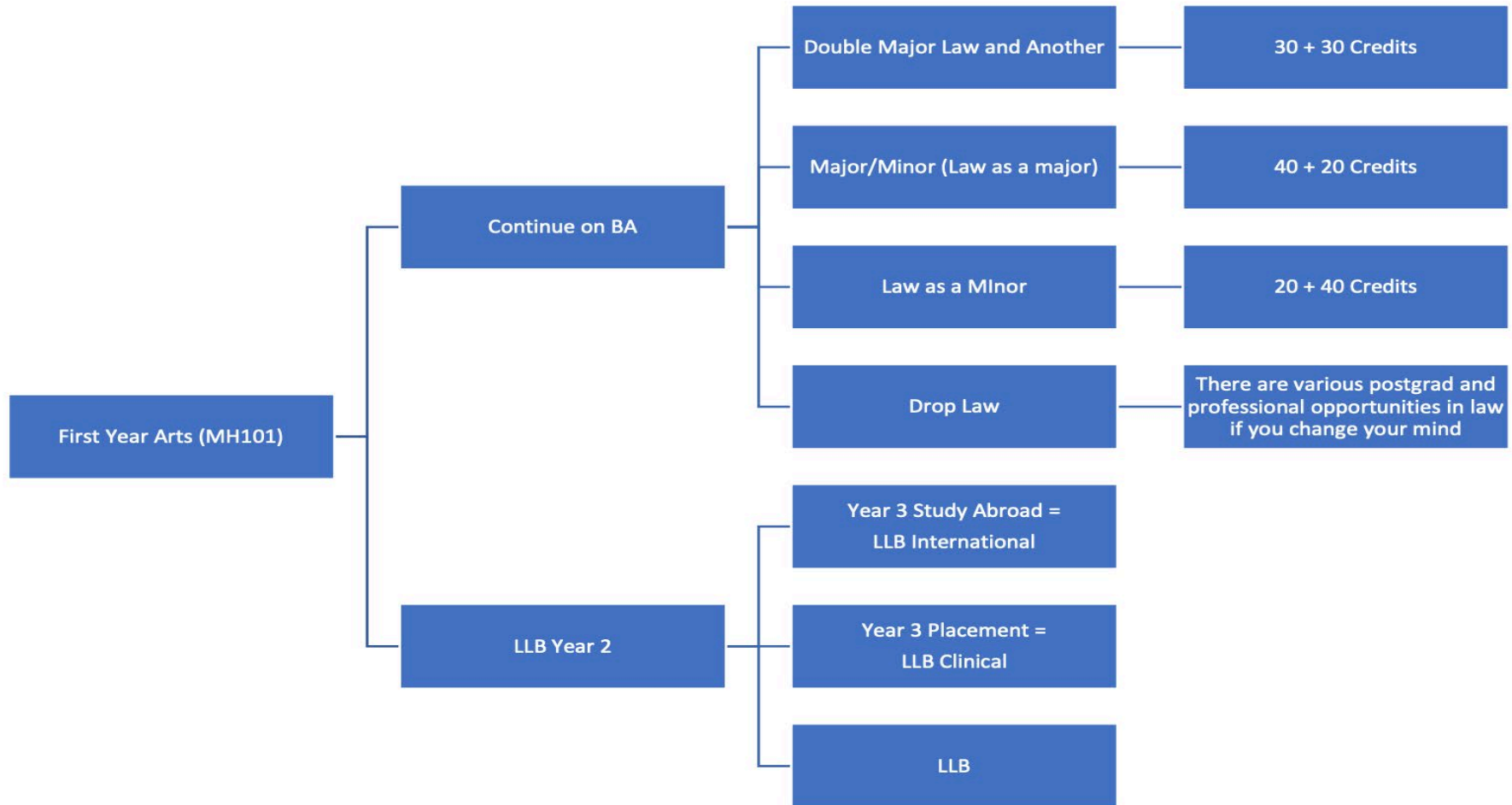
BCL Law and
Business
BCL Law and
Accounting
MH502
3 years

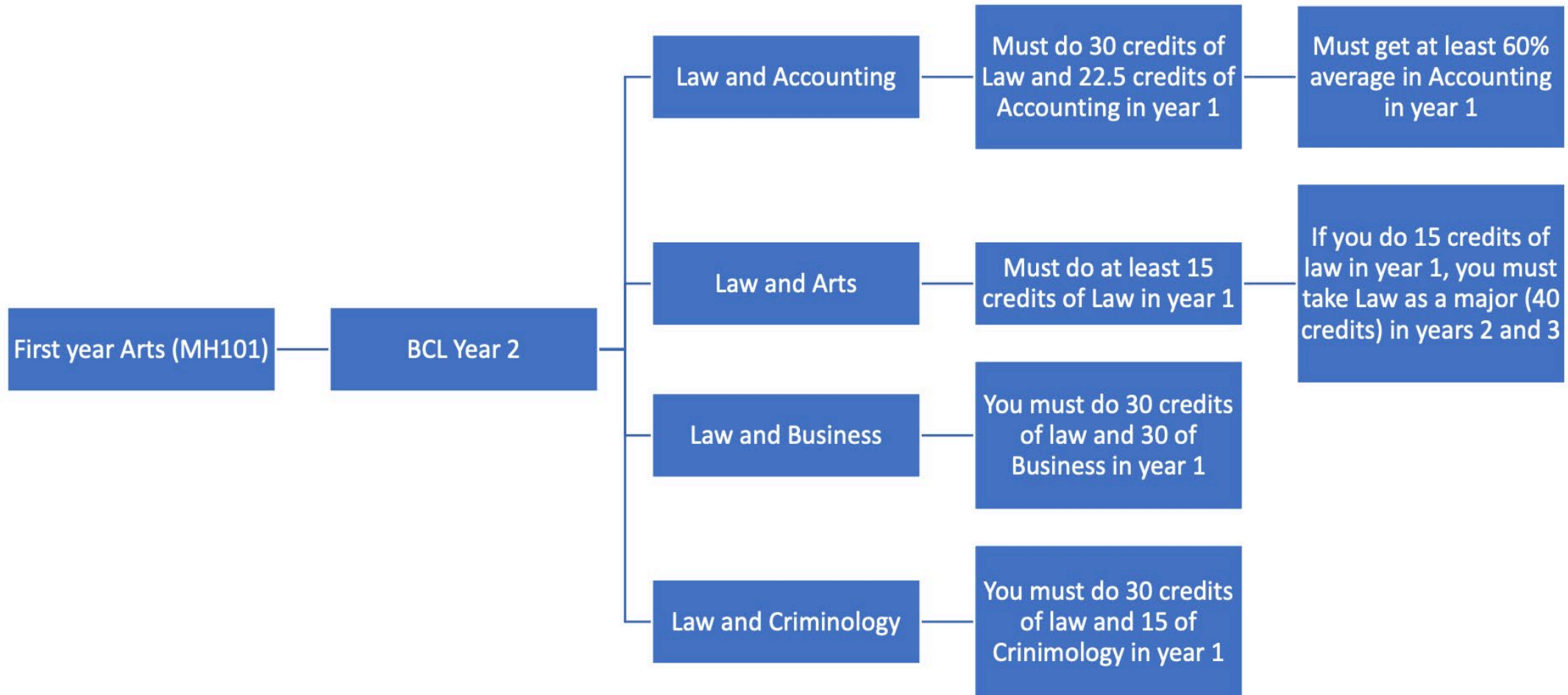
BCL Law and
Arts
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3 years

BCL Law and
Criminology
MH502
3 years

Law as part of
an Arts
degree
BA - MH101
3 years

Options after year 1 MH101



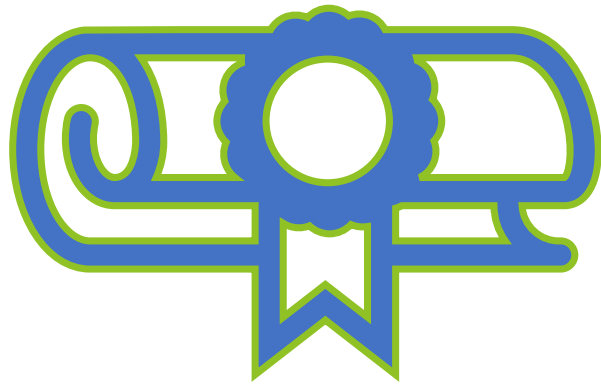


Summary

- ▶ **Transfer options/requirements:**
- ▶ From year 1 of the BA (MH101) or BCL (MH502) to year 2 of the LLB (MH501)
- ▶ From year 1 of the BA (MH101) to year 2 of the BCL Law and Arts (15 and 30 credit routes)
- ▶ From year 1 of the BA into year 2 BCL Law and Accounting, BCL Law and Business, or BCL Law and Criminology (special conditions apply in relation to your year 1 modules)
- ▶ From the BCL to the BA or LLB
- ▶ From the St Patrick's College BA in Theology and Arts to the BCL/LLB (but **special requirements apply to such a transfer - see below**)

Some core principles and points

- ▶ You cannot progress to or transfer to a subject in year 1 if you did not take at least 15 credits of it in year 1
 - ▶ E.g. if you take Law, Irish and Critical Skills in year 1, you cannot take Psychological Studies or French in year 2
- ▶ There are no caps on transfers. There is no limit on the number of students who can transfer from year 1 BA to the BCL or LLB.
- ▶ In most cases you do not need to formally apply for an internal transfer. If you are eligible/meet the requirements, you will be offered the opportunity to transfer at registration in September



Transferring from the MU BA MH101 to the LLB MH501

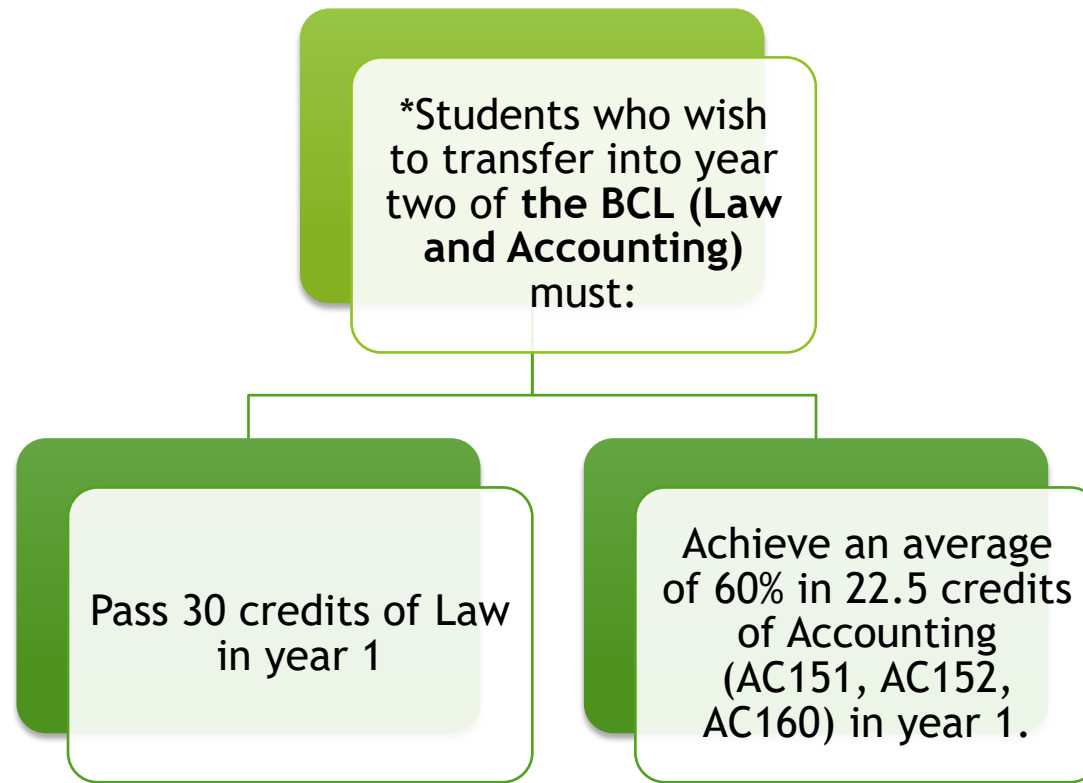
- ▶ To transfer to year 2 of the LLB (Bachelor of Laws), students must :
 - ▶ 1. Pass all their law modules (15 or 30 credits)
 - ▶ AND
 - ▶ 2. Maintain an average of 40% across all year 1 Law modules
 - ▶ AND
 - ▶ 3. Pass all other first year subjects (there are some limited exceptions where you may be allowed to 'carry a deficit' into year 2)
- ▶ N.B. The LLB is 4 years in total, as opposed to the BCL programmes, which are 3 year programmes.

Transferring from year 1 MU Arts into year 2 BCL MH502 - 30 credit routes (i.e. you must have completed 30 credits of law in year 1 to be eligible for these transfer options)

- ▶ Students in Arts (MH101) who complete **30 credits of Law** in year 1 also have the option of transferring into year 2 of the:
- ▶ **BCL Law and Accounting***
- ▶ **BCL Law and Arts**
- ▶ **BCL Law and Business****
- ▶ **BCL Law and Criminology*****
- ▶ if they successfully complete first year (and complete the requirements of Accounting, Business, Criminology)



Transferring from year 1 MU Arts into year 2 BCL Law and Accounting



Transferring to year 2 BCL Law and Business/ Criminology - 30 credit routes

****To transfer into year 2 of BCL (Law and Business), students must take 30 credits of Law and 30 credits of Business (either stream of Business) in first year. The 30 ECTS Business subject can be MN1MV30, MN1KV30 or MN1IV30, and includes four modules: MN155, AC151, EC101M and one of MN151/MN152/MN159.**

*****To transfer into year 2 of BCL (Law and Criminology), students must take 30 credits of Law and 15 credits of Criminology in first year (and 15 credits of any other subject).**

Transferring from year 1 Arts into year 2 BCL - 15 credit routes (i.e. if you did fewer than 30 credits of law in year 1)



Arts (MH101) students who complete at least 15 ECTS of Law in first year may transfer into the BCL (Law and Arts)



Students with just 15 or 22.5 credits of law from year 1 must major in Law (40 credits) in years 2 and 3 in order to graduate with a BCL



If students who did less than 30 credits of law in year 1 do not want to major in Law in year 2, they can instead undertake a BA Double Major, which is not an approved Law degree for the purpose of becoming a Barrister (the BCL and LLB are both approved law degrees)



BA students may take law as a Minor in year 2 (20 credits)

Transfer and the Supplementals/Re-sits: Resitting does not disadvantage you in relation to transfer options



To be eligible to transfer, it doesn't matter whether you have passed what you need to pass in January and May, or whether you pass the remaining modules as part of the Supplementals



To be eligible to transfer, it doesn't matter whether you meet the requirements after the first sitting exams (in January and May) or after the resits. A student can still transfer if they meet the requirements following the resits.



Therefore, if you have to re-sit a module and then pass it over the Summer, you should be eligible to transfer (once you have passed law and passed year 1 by the end of the supplementals.)

Special transfer arrangements

- ▶ BCL to BA? Yes. For instance, if you are on the BCL Law and Criminology, taking Irish as your third subject, you can (if you wish) transfer to the BA and take a double major in Criminology and Irish or a major/minor in these subjects
- ▶ BCL to LLB? Yes
- ▶ BA Theology and Arts (St Patrick's College) - you can apply to transfer, but you must apply for an external transfer through transfers@mu.ie by June at the latest - not automatic, must be approved, and there may be a limit on numbers

If I'm on the BA, can I continue on the BA, and still take Law?

- ▶ Yes. In some cases, some students continue into year 2 of the BA with law.
- ▶ In such a case you can take law and one other subject as a major/minor or as a double major.
- ▶ This is your only option if you want to take law as a minor (law as a minor is not available on the BCL)
- ▶ You may have a bit more flexibility in doing law on the BA
- ▶ But remember the BA is not an approved law degree if you are thinking of becoming a barrister
- ▶ In general, if you wish to continue with law as a major or double major, you are better off switching to the BCL/LLB



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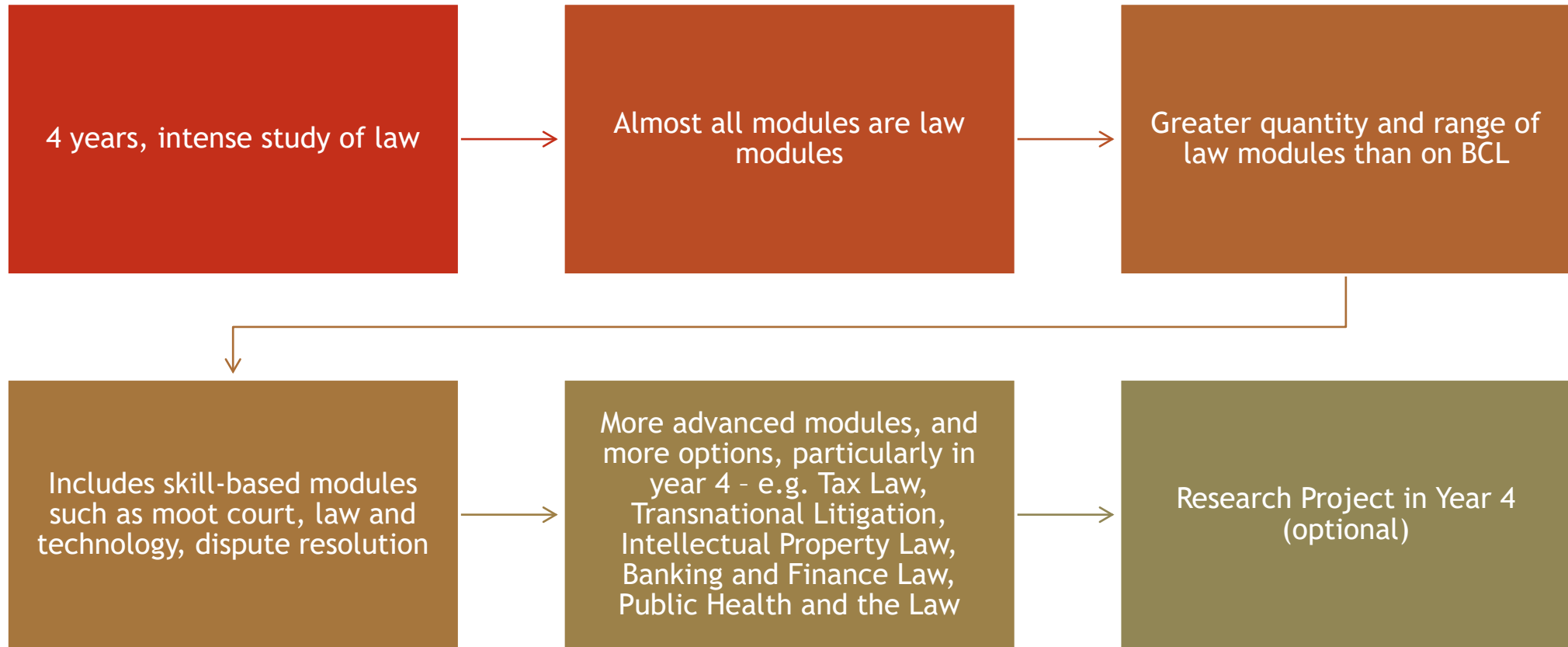
TRANSFER OPTIONS: LLB OR BCL?

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WHAT THE BCL AND LLB HAVE IN COMMON

- ▶ Both are level 8 honours degrees
- ▶ Both King's Inns approved law degrees (provided you cover the required modules as part of your degrees)
- ▶ Both cover all the examinable subjects for the Law Society of Ireland
- ▶ Study Abroad/Work Placement options (year 3 LLB/ between years 2 and 3 BCL)

LLB














^ Year 2

+ ELECTIVE STREAMS

- LAW

LW2LSM - LAW

Credits: 60 Not compulsory: ✕













	Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	5	1	✓
	ASPECTS OF COMMERCIAL LAW	LW296	5	1	✕
	CHANGING LEGAL LANDSCAPES: ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE LAW	AN237A	5	2	✕
	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LW253	5	2	✓
	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II	LW256	5	2	✓
	CONTRACT LAW	LW259	5	1	✓
	CRIMINAL LAW II	LW252	5	1	✓
	EU LAW	LW251	10	Year-Long	✓
	EVIDENCE	LW254	5	2	✓
	INNOVATION IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	PD251	5	2	✓
	INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW	LW290	5	2	✕
	INTERNATIONAL LAW	LW257	5	1	✕
	MOOT COURT	LW266	10	2	✓
	NEW PERSPECTIVES ON LAW AND TECHNOLOGY	LW222	5	1	✓

^ Year 3

LAW

LW3LSM - LAW

Credits: 60 Compulsory:

	Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
	ADVANCED EU LAW	LW385	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ADVANCED PERSPECTIVES ON LAW AND TECHNOLOGY	LW321	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	CHILD LAW	LW322	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	COMPANY LAW	LW353	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	DISPUTE RESOLUTION SKILLS AND PROCESSES	LW345	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	EMPLOYMENT LAW	LW356	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	EQUITY AND TRUSTS	LW351	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	FAMILY LAW: MARRIAGE AND ADULT RELATIONSHIPS	LW320	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	LW397	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW	LW384	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	JURISPRUDENCE	LW354	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	JURISPRUDENCE II	LW358	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LAND LAW	LW352	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	MEDIA LAW	LW360	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>



LW4LSM - LAW

Credits: 60 Compulsory:

	Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
	APPLIED LEGAL RESEARCH	LW425	10	Year-Long	X
	BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW	LW453	10	1	X
	COMPETITION AND STATE AID LAW	LW494	10	2	X
	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN MEDICINE AND THE LAW	LW469	10	2	X
	CURRENT ISSUES IN EU LAW	LW497	10	1	X
	ECONOMIC ANALYSES OF LAW	LW452	10	1	X
	EDUCATION AND THE LAW	LW492	10	1	X
	FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION	LW491	10	2	X
	GENDER, SEXUALITY AND THE LAW	LW421	10	2	X
	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW	LW457	10	1	X
	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY	LW454	10	1	X
	LABOUR LAW AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY	LW495	10	2	X
	LAW & POLITICS IN THE LIBERAL TRADITION	LW424	10	1	X
	LAW AND BIOTECHNOLOGY	LW426	10	2	X
	MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS	LW416	10	1	X
	MODERN LEGAL HISTORY	LW423	10	1	X
	PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND POLICY	LW459	10	2	X
	RESEARCH PROJECT	LW458	10	Year-Long	X
	TAX LAW	LW451	10	1	X
	TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION	LW456	10	2	X
	WHISTLEBLOWING LAW AND PRACTICE	LW493	10	1	X

BCL

- ▶ Law and another subject for 2 more years (3 if you do a placement or study abroad)
- ▶ Usually shorter than LLB
- ▶ Opportunity to combine law and another discipline
- ▶ Less law but you keep your options open
- ▶ Fewer options in law, and no access to advanced options of year 4 LLB (but you can take similar options on an LLM)
- ▶ No research project option in law
- ▶ Approved by King's Inns and covers you for FE1 exams (though BCL probably won't cover you for the New York Bar)
- ▶ Employers sometimes like to see students with a mix of skills




Year 2

BUSINESS (LAW)

LAW

LW2DM - LAW

Credits: 30 Not compulsory: ✕

	Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW IN IRELAND	LW295	5	2	✕
	COMMERCIAL LAW	LW268	5	2	✕
	COMPANY LAW	LW263	10	1	✓
	EU LAW & POLICY	LW291	10	Year-Long	✓
	FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND	LW267	5	2	✕
	THE LAW OF EVIDENCE	LW294	5	2	✕









Year 3

BUSINESS

LAW

LW3DM - LAW

Credits: 30 Compulsory: ✓

	Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
	ADVANCED EU LAW	LW385	5	1	✕
	ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT LAW	LW396	5	1	✕
	CHILD LAW	LW322	5	2	✕
	FAMILY LAW: MARRIAGE AND ADULT RELATIONSHIPS	LW320	5	1	✕
	INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW	LW397	5	1	✕
	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW	LW384	5	2	✕
	JURISPRUDENCE	LW354	5	1	✕
	JURISPRUDENCE II	LW358	5	2	✕
	LAW OF EQUITY	LW391	10	Year-Long	✓
	MEDIA LAW	LW360	5	2	✕
	PROPERTY LAW	LW392	10	Year-Long	✓

Merits of the LLB v BCL

- ▶ Clearly, if you are very interested in and focussed on law, there may be benefits in doing the LLB over the BCL
- ▶ If you want to keep your options open, the BCL may be a better bet, particularly if you like your other subject a lot
- ▶ Remember that the LLB is three more years of *just* law.
- ▶ There are more options on the LLB, more skills-based modules, and more advanced modules (particularly in year 4)...but you graduate quicker and with more focus on core modules on the BCL
- ▶ Employers don't necessarily favour the LLB over the BCL. Some law firms say that they prefer well-rounded graduates with good transferable skills (i.e. they are not necessarily looking for someone who is just good at law; they also value business and IT skills, good communication, languages, and teamwork skills)



THANK YOU