



School of Law and Criminology

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes



Maynooth
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Undergraduate Programmes

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BA Bachelor of Arts - Law





Why Study with Us?

Maynooth School of Law and Criminology is a vibrant, dynamic, and exciting place to study. Your studies will be guided by staff members who produce internationally-recognised, high-quality research and who will encourage you to reflect on, debate and discuss all of the contemporary issues of law and policy you will encounter. At the School of Law and Criminology, we aim to produce graduates who will not only have the skills and confidence to thrive in the global economy, but who will also be socially engaged and active citizens.

The School's commitment to an enriching learning experience extends beyond the curriculum. Many modules are often run in partnership with law firms, governmental bodies, and civil society organisations, providing real-world connections. The School prioritises career development, encouraging practical applications of knowledge through the development of key skills and the opportunity for work placements, mentorship programmes and networking events.

Recognising the global nature of the legal profession, we believe that studying abroad enhances your overall academic and personal growth. Therefore, you will have the invaluable opportunity to spend a transformative year abroad at one of our esteemed partner universities in Europe, North America, or Australia.

Our network of collaborations with external partners offers scholarship and award opportunities for students (including those registered with the MAP office), recognising excellence in studies, research, and extracurricular activities. This commitment reflects our belief in a holistic educational journey.



LLB Law

The LLB (Bachelor of Law) is a four year programme suitable for students who want to specialise in a single major law programme, taking a diverse range of core and optional law modules. In addition to the core modules required for professional legal training, our innovative programme allows students to choose from a broad range of specialist modules like Public Health Law, Civil Liberties, and Criminology. Together with the enhancement of academic excellence there is an emphasis on the development of verbal and written advocacy skills through applied modules such as legal writing, negotiation, and dispute resolution.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, EU Law, Contract Law, and Law and Technology
- **Critical skills** like Legal Writing and Advocacy
- **Practical modules** like Negotiation, and Moot Court
- **Optional modules** such as Media Law, Family Law, International Law, Tax Law and Employment Law

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, students are able to choose from a wide range of elective modules in second year ranging from Beginner's Chinese, to Great Books, to Film and Screen Studies.

Placements & Study Abroad

The School has a strong career focus, with many modules on the programmes run in partnership with leading law firms and civil society organisations. Students can apply for a year-long work placement in a law firm at the end of the 2nd year (subject to availability) and graduate with an LLB (Clinical) degree. They also have the chance to apply to spend a year abroad with one of our partner Universities in Europe, North America, and Australia and graduate with an LLB (International) degree.

Career Options

Graduates of the LLB and BCL can immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training, either by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations for entry to the solicitors' profession, or the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law Degree entrance examination for entry to the barristers' profession. Studying law also opens up a whole range of career options outside of being a lawyer.

The skills gained from our law degrees are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN).

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LLM (Global Legal Studies), LLM (International Justice), LLM (International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).



BCL (Law and Criminology)

The BCL in Law and Criminology is an interdisciplinary programme designed for students who wish to combine the study of law with their interest in the complementary field of crime and criminal justice. Law is taken with criminology and one arts subject in first year and then studied jointly with criminology in second and third year. In this programme you will receive an excellent grounding in core law subjects while also gaining a variety of challenging perspectives on crime and criminal behaviour from criminology, law, economics, sociology, anthropology, and more. As an accredited law degree, students will have the opportunity to study all of the core modules required by the legal professional bodies for the purposes of entering legal training.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Criminal Law, Criminal Justice, Youth Justice, and Policing
- **Critical skills** modules like Legal Research Methods, and the first year Critical Skills subject
- **Practical skills** like participating in Moot Court
- **Optional modules** such as Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice, Criminal Psychology, and Victimology

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, Law and Criminology students who successfully complete the first year of the programme also have the option of transferring into the second year of the LLB programme. All students will also be in a position to avail of our excellent first year subject, Critical Skills, which aims to provide students with skills to evaluate evidence, make balanced judgements, and communicate ideas clearly.

Placements & Study Abroad

You may apply to complete a work placement year (subject to availability) or a year studying abroad after 2nd year and graduate after 4 years. Students who opt to spend a year studying abroad are awarded a BCL (International) degree.

Career Options

Our Law and Criminology programme allows students to gain an accredited law degree while also pursuing their interests in crime and criminal justice. Graduates of the BCL may immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training, either by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations for entry to the solicitors' profession, or the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law Degree entrance examination for entry to the barristers' profession. The programme also allows students with an interest in law and crime to broaden their career prospects into the criminal justice world, opening up potential careers in the Gardaí, security services, data analytics, probation, the prison service, and research institutes. Studying law also opens up a whole range of career options outside of being a lawyer. The skills gained from our law degrees are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN).

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at the School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law. Students may also want to consider options for further study, at the School of Law and Criminology. Options include the MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice, the LLM (International Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).



BCL (Law and Business)

This is an ideal programme for students who would like to combine the study of law with a strong background in business. Law is taken jointly with business for the three years of the programme providing for an excellent grounding in core law subjects, and key business and management skills. As an accredited law degree, students will have the opportunity to study all of the core modules required by the legal professional bodies for the purposes of entering legal training.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Contract Law, and Introduction to Management
- **Critical skills modules** like Legal Research Methods, and Business Ethics
- **Practical skills** like participating in Moot Court
- **Optional modules** such as Employment Law

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, BCL students who successfully complete the first year of the programme have the option of transferring into the second year of the LLB programme (MH501).

Placements & Study Abroad

Students may apply to complete a work placement year (subject to availability) or a year studying abroad after 2nd year and graduate after 4 years. Students who opt to spend a year studying abroad are awarded a BCL (International) degree.





Career Options

This is the perfect academic path for students considering a career in the commercial world. The combination of legal and business skills gained over the three year programme will enable students to choose from a wide range of career opportunities or further study.

For those interested in pursuing a law career, graduates of the BCL may immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training, either by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations for entry to the solicitors' profession, or the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law Degree entrance examination for entry to the barristers' profession. Studying law also opens up a whole range of career options outside of being a lawyer. The skills gained from our law degrees are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN).

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LLM (Global Legal Studies), LLM (International Justice), LLM (International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).

BCL (Law and Accounting)

This is an ideal programme for students who would like to combine the study of law with a strong background in accounting. Law is taken jointly with accounting for the three years of the programme providing for an excellent grounding in both core law subjects, and key financial and accounting skills. As an accredited law degree, students will have the opportunity to study all of the core modules required by the legal professional bodies for the purposes of entering legal training.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Contract Law, and Financial and Management Accounting
- **Critical skills modules** like Legal Research Methods, and Ethics & Corporate Governance
- **Practical skills** like participating in Moot Court
- **Optional modules** such as Employment Law, and Financial Reporting

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, BCL students who successfully complete the first year of the programme have the option of transferring into the second year of the LLB programme (MH501).

Placements & Study Abroad

Students may apply to complete a work placement year (subject to availability) or a year studying abroad after 2nd year and graduate after 4 years. Students who opt to spend a year studying abroad are awarded a BCL (International) degree.



Career Options

This is the perfect academic path for students considering a career in the commercial or financial world. The combination of legal and financial skills gained over the three year programme will enable students to choose from a wide range of career opportunities or further study.

For those interested in pursuing a law career, graduates of the BCL may immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training, either by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations for entry to the solicitors' profession, or the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law Degree entrance examination for entry to the barristers' profession. Graduates may also avail of exemptions from CAP 1 examinations from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and equivalent examination papers from the ACCA, CIMA, and CPA professional accounting bodies. For those interested in other career paths, the skills gained from our law degrees are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN).

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LLM (Global Legal Studies), LLM (International Justice), LLM(International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or M.Litt./PhD in Law (research).

BCL (Law and Arts)

This programme is designed for students who wish to pursue a more flexible path by combining the study of law with other arts subjects. Law is taken with two arts subjects in first year, and with one of those subjects in second and third year. Students receive an excellent grounding in core law subjects, while also retaining the flexibility to customise their own academic path. As an accredited law degree, students will have the opportunity to study all of the core modules required by the legal professional bodies for the purposes of entering legal training.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, EU Law, and Contract Law
- **Critical skills** modules like Legal Research Methods, and the first year Critical Skills subject
- **Practical skills** like participating in Moot Court
- **Optional modules** such as Media Law, International Justice, Employment Law, and Family Law

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, BCL students who successfully complete the first year of the programme have the option of transferring into the second year of the LLB programme (MH501). All students will also be in a position to avail of our excellent new first year elective in Critical Skills which aims to provide students with skills to evaluate evidence, make balanced judgements and communicate ideas clearly.

Placements & Study Abroad

You may apply to complete a work placement year (subject to availability) or a year studying abroad after 2nd year and graduate after 4 years. Students who opt to spend a year studying abroad are awarded a BCL (International) degree.

Career Options

Our exciting BCL programme allows students to tailor their degree to their interests while developing a broad skill set which is highly valued by employers. Graduates of the BCL may immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training, either by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations for entry to the solicitors' profession or the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law Degree entrance examination for entry to the barristers' profession. Studying law also opens up a whole range of career options outside of being a lawyer. The skills gained from our law degrees are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN).

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LLM (Global Legal Studies), LLM (International Justice), LLM (International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).



BCL (Law and Languages)

The BCL Law and Languages is a four year programme for students who want to study law while developing fluency in French, German, Irish, or Spanish. Students take all the core modules required for professional legal training alongside language and literature modules, including integrated modules in legal vocabulary and legal translation. Together with the enhancement of academic excellence in law, there is an emphasis on the development of verbal and written fluency in the relevant language, developing a combined skillset that is highly sought after and opening up a range of employment prospects within and beyond Ireland.

Students undertake all of the required modules needed for Law and a full suite of modules in their chosen European language. There are additional opportunities to continue the study of other modern languages in first year and/or take up a new language as a beginner in second year. Students therefore receive an excellent grounding in core law subjects, while also developing their linguistic competence and intercultural awareness.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Contract Law, EU Law, and Property Law
- **Critical skills** like Legal Translation and Legal Vocabulary in the relevant language
- **Law modules** in French, German and Spanish Law and specialised modules on the intersection of Law and the Irish Language

Placements & Study Abroad

A fully-immersed practical language experience is a vital part of this degree. All students on this programme take an integrated study abroad year at one of our European or international partner institutions. Students interested in gaining intersectoral experience will be supported to undertake a work placement in a country where their chosen language is spoken. Students taking Irish will be expected to combine a Gaeltacht placement or Irish-language work placement of one semester with an Erasmus study placement abroad of one semester in third year.

Career Options

The BCL (Law and Languages) opens up a range of employment prospects within and beyond Ireland. Experts in legal translation are in high demand in the EU and Council of Europe institutions. Irish language translators with expertise in law are in particular short supply and much sought after by public bodies both in Ireland (such as the Oireachtas) and in the EU.

Studying law alongside a language also opens up a whole range of career options both in the legal profession and beyond. Graduates of this programme will develop a strong capacity for analytical and critical thinking as well as strong linguistic skills and a keen sense of cultural awareness. The skills gained from this degree are an excellent foundation for a career in law, translation services, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and for working in national and international public bodies (such as at the EU, Council of Europe, or UN).

Graduates of the BCL can immediately enrol for entrance exams for entry to professional training by sitting the Law Society of Ireland's FE1 examinations.

Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LL.M. (Global Legal Studies), LL.M. (International Justice), LL.M. (International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or M.Litt./PhD in Law (research).



BA Bachelor of Arts - Criminology

At Maynooth, students have a unique opportunity to study Criminology as part of an Arts degree. Students on the BA (Arts) programme can combine the study of criminology with a wide range of over 30 subjects, including a diverse mix of world languages and a number of complementary subjects such as psychological studies, sociology and anthropology. Students on the programme choose Criminology in combination with other arts subjects (including Law) in first year and may then choose to study Criminology in second and third year as a major or minor degree option.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Exploring Criminology, Criminal Justice, Youth Justice, and Policing
- **Critical skills** modules such as the first year Critical Skills subject
- **Practical skills** like carrying out criminological research
- **Optional modules** such as Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice, Criminal Psychology, and Victimology

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. All students will be in a position to avail of our excellent first year subject, Critical Skills, which aims to provide students with skills to evaluate evidence, make balanced judgements, and communicate ideas clearly. In second year students are able to choose from a wide range of elective modules ranging from Beginner's Chinese, to Great Books, to Film and Screen Studies.

Career Options

Our unique Criminology programme allows students to develop a broad skill set which is highly valued by employers while also pursuing their interests in crime and criminal justice. The programme allows students to broaden their career prospects into the criminal justice world, opening up potential careers in the Gardaí, security services, data analytics, probation, the prison service, and research institutes. Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth University School of Law and Criminology have a strong international focus. Options include the MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice, the LLM (International Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).



BA Bachelor of Arts - Law

Taking Law as a subject in the BA degree is ideal for people who want to experience law in their first year as part of a general Arts degree. Law can be taken as a single or double subject in first year, allowing students to combine the study of core law subjects such as contract, criminal and constitutional law with a diverse range of subjects, ranging from the classics, history, and mathematics, to more modern areas of thought such as criminology, anthropology, computer science, economics, psychology, and a range of world languages. Students can then explore the option of continuing with their legal study through transfer in second year to the LLB or BCL programmes.

Modules offered may include:

- **Core modules** such as Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, and Contract Law
- **Critical skills modules** like Legal Research Methods, and the first year Critical Skills subject
- **Practical skills** like participating in Moot Court

The Maynooth Education

At Maynooth, the aim is to provide students with more flexibility and choice in relation to their chosen programme of study. In line with this, BA students who successfully complete the first year of the programme have the option of transferring into the second year of the LLB or BCL programmes. All students will also be in a position to avail of our excellent first year subject, Critical Skills, which aims to provide students with skills to evaluate evidence, make balanced judgements and communicate ideas clearly. In second year students are able to choose from a wide range of elective modules ranging from Beginner's Chinese, to Great Books, to Film and Screen Studies.

Career Options

Our popular BA programme allows students to tailor their degree to their interests while developing a broad skill set which is highly valued by employers. Studying law also opens up a whole range of career options outside of being a lawyer. The skills gained are highly transferable to areas as diverse as: business and finance, management consulting, journalism, policy development, the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector, and national and international public administration (such as at the EU or UN). Students may also want to consider options for further study which, at Maynooth School of Law and Criminology, have a strong international focus reflecting the increasingly global nature of law and legal practice. Options include: LLM (Global Legal Studies), LLM (International Justice), LLM (International Business Law), MA (Comparative Criminology & Criminal Justice) or MLitt/PhD in Law (research).





What Our Students Say

“I chose Law in MH101 Arts at Maynooth as there is great flexibility at the end of first year; I transferred into the LLB programme. There are lots of opportunities to improve legal knowledge and skills outside of lectures in FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centre), ELSA (European Law Students’ Association), and Maynooth Law Society. I took part in various Moot Court Competitions. I was selected for an internship in the Four Courts where I worked with Mr. Justice MacMenamin of the Supreme Court. I was also selected for a work placement year, working with one of Ireland’s leading corporate law firms, William Fry. At the end of this internship I was offered a Traineeship with William Fry.”



Rebecca Reid (LLB)

“In Maynooth, the balance of Law and another Arts subject such as Sociology is fascinating and integral to my positive university experience and study. Studying Law in Maynooth means that you are immediately part of a supporting network of students and experienced lecturers, where the office door is always open, and you are encouraged to ask questions and think on your feet. You will learn that nobody has a monopoly on wisdom or the law - as a law student, you are building the potential to help shape society itself.”



Síona Cahill (BCL International)



Postgraduate Programmes

LLM in Global Legal Studies

LLM in International Business Law

LLM in International Business Law (Dual Degree) with
Catholic University of Lyon

LLM in International Justice

MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice

Research Programmes





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We provide students with a world-class legal education, which is grounded in an appreciation of global social, economic, and cultural contexts and challenges. We connect theory with practice on all our taught postgraduate programmes by offering the opportunity to apply for internships and placements with public and private sector bodies.



LLM in Global Legal Studies

The increased potential for international elements to any legal issue – from trade and business, to crime, to migration, to information technology, to privacy – has meant that legal graduates need to possess skills that transcend one national jurisdiction. The LLM in Global Legal Studies imparts just those skills. By taking the LLM in Global Legal Studies, students will be exposed to a range of areas of legal regulation in a manner that goes far beyond one jurisdiction, and will gain critical insights from a variety of other disciplines, including politics, psychology, economics, and sociology.

Programme Delivery

Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the modules, the School works with leading academics and practitioners who provide seminars in various fields of law throughout the academic year.

Programme Structures

The LLM is offered on a full time basis over a full academic year and on a part time basis over 2 years. Students undertake 65 taught credits, including a module focussing on professional development, and a Dissertation (25 credits).

Modules offered may include:

Modules focus on three areas:

- **Global business** (including International Investment Law; World Trade Law; Funds Law);
- **Social justice and human rights** (including Public Health Law, International Human Rights Law; Disability Law & Policy; Gender, Sexuality and the Law);
- **Transnational regulation** (including Information Privacy Law; Information Technology Law; Global Environmental Governance’).

Students may choose modules from a particular area or from different areas.

Placements & Experiential Learning

We partner with leading international law firms, such as Matheson and A&L Goodbody, in order to offer students the opportunity to apply for **internships** in key areas of the International Financial Services sector following graduation. LLM students can also combine theory and practice as part of our innovative placement module. Successful applicants for this module will undertake a placement with partner civil society organisations, such as Irish Penal Reform Trust. Students also have the opportunity to engage in voluntary research projects with a variety of civil society organisations, such as Scholars at Risk.



Who Should Apply?

Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree in law or in a cognate discipline in the humanities, social and political sciences such as (but not limited to) business, finance, economics, international relations, sociology and political science. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. The University policy on the application procedure for Non Standard Entrants and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning applies, and is available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Career Options

Maynooth School of Law and Criminology has strong links with law firms, regulators, non-governmental agencies, and the technology sector. The unique perspectives offered by the programme will be relevant to those seeking to work in the increasingly internationalised field of commercial legal practice, as well as those looking to work in international public and private sector organisations. The insights gained from studying law in a global context will also be of benefit to those seeking careers in areas like financial services, policy-making and business.

A Postgraduate Diploma in Global Legal Studies is also available, whereby students undertake 60 credits of taught modules (excluding a dissertation).

LLM in International Business Law

The LLM in International Business law enables law graduates to further their legal education by gaining a systematic understanding of the critical issues at the forefront of key areas of global trade. The programme affords students a wide range of interesting and engaging modules, with an international focus, aimed at encouraging critical thinking and developing specialised, detailed knowledge and understanding of global business. The programme enables graduates to develop legal research, reasoning, writing, advocacy, and teamwork skills, which are highly sought after by employers.

Programme Delivery

Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the modules, the School works with leading academics and practitioners who provide seminars in various fields of law throughout the academic year.

Programme Structures

The LLM is offered on a full time basis over a full academic year and on a part time basis over 2 years. Students undertake 65 taught credits, including a module focussing on professional development, and a Dissertation (25 credits).

Modules offered may include:

- International Investment Law
- World Trade Law
- Funds Law
- Information Privacy Law
- Information Technology Law
- Capital Markets Law



Placements & Experiential Learning

We partner with leading international law firms, such as Matheson and A&L Goodbody, in order to offer students the opportunity to apply for internships in key areas of the International Financial Services sector following graduation. LLM students can also combine theory and practice as part of our innovative placement module. Successful applicants for this module will undertake a placement with partner civil society organisations, such as Irish Penal Reform Trust.

Who Should Apply?

Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree in law or in a cognate discipline in the humanities, social and political sciences such as (but not limited to) business, finance, economics, international relations, sociology and political science. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. The University policy on the application procedure for Non Standard Entrants and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning applies, and is available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Career Options

Maynooth School of Law and Criminology has strong links with law firms, regulators, non-governmental agencies, and the technology sector. The unique perspectives offered by the programme will be relevant to those seeking to work in the increasingly internationalised field of commercial legal practice, as well as those seeking careers in areas like financial services and business.

A Postgraduate Diploma in International Business Law is also available, whereby students undertake 60 credits of taught modules (excluding a dissertation).



LLM in International Business Law (Dual Degree) with Catholic University of Lyon

The LLM (International Business Law) programme is a dual masters degree offered jointly by Maynooth University and the Catholic University of Lyon. The first semester is spent at the Catholic University of Lyon (from September to December) and the second semester in Ireland (from January to May). At the end of the two semesters, successful students will be awarded a dual qualification: a French Master 1 Degree by the Catholic University of Lyon and a Master of Laws (LLM) by Maynooth University. All classes are taught through English. The programme affords students a wide range of interesting and engaging modules, in two legal jurisdictions, with an international focus, aimed at encouraging critical thinking and developing specialised, detailed knowledge and understanding of global business.

Programme Delivery

Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the modules, both Universities work with leading academics and practitioners who provide seminars in various aspects of international business law throughout the academic year.

Programme Structures

The LLM is offered on a full time basis over a full academic year. Students undertake 60 taught credits and a Dissertation (30 credits).

Modules offered may include:

- International Intellectual Property Rights
- International Contract Law
- Arbitration Law
- International Investment Law
- World Trade Law
- Funds Law
- Information Technology Law



Placements & Experiential Learning

We partner with leading international law firms, such as Matheson and A&L Goodbody, in order to offer students the opportunity to apply for **internships** in key areas of the International Financial Services sector following graduation. LLM students can also combine theory and practice as part of our innovative placement module. Successful applicants for this module will undertake a placement with partner civil society organisations, such as Irish Penal Reform Trust.

Who Should Apply?

Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree in law. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. The University policy on the application procedure for Non Standard Entrants and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning applies, and is available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Career Options

Both Schools (at Maynooth and Lyon) have strong links with law firms, regulators, non-governmental agencies, and the technology sector. The unique perspectives offered by the programme will be relevant to those seeking to work in the increasingly internationalised field of commercial legal practice, as well as those seeking careers in areas like financial services and business.

LLM in International Justice

The LLM programme in International Justice provides students with critical insights into the field of international justice. It focuses, in particular, on issues of human rights, equality, and social inclusion in the context of international law. It provides insights into how the international legal order works, and how it seeks to protect vulnerable groups, including minorities, migrants, and people with disabilities. It critiques the applicable legal regimes, and illustrates how these systems operate in practice.

Programme Delivery

Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the modules, the School works with leading academics and practitioners who provide seminars in various fields of international justice throughout the academic year. The School also offers a series of 'Film Nights' when documentaries and feature films on seminal events in international justice are screened and discussed.

Programme Structures

The LLM is offered on a full time basis over a full academic year and on a part time basis over 2 years. Students undertake 65 taught credits, including a module focussing on professional development, and a Dissertation (25 credits).

Modules offered may include:

- Public International Law
- International Human Rights Law
- World Trade Law
- International Criminal Law
- Gender, Sexuality and the Law
- The Rights of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples

- Disability Law and Policy
- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International Humanitarian Law

Placements & Community Engagement

LLM students can combine theory and practice as part of our innovative placement module. Successful applicants for this module will undertake a placement with partner civil society organisations. Students will be placed for 2 days per week with an NGO for one semester and will get credit for this work towards their degree. Students also have the opportunity to engage in voluntary research projects with a variety of civil society organisations, such as Scholars at Risk.

Who Should Apply?

The programme is open to students with degrees in law and cognate areas, including international relations, anthropology, social studies, sociology, politics, and other inter-disciplinary degrees which have a focus on the international community order. The programme will be accessible to international students from all jurisdictions, as no prior knowledge of the common law is required. Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. The University policy on the application procedure for Non Standard Entrants and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning applies, and is available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Career Options

The programme will prepare students for policy and advocacy work in national, regional, and international organisations with a social and economic justice mandate. It also provides legal practitioners with an expertise in international law.

A Postgraduate Diploma in International Justice is also available, whereby students undertake 60 credits of taught modules (excluding a dissertation).



MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice

Criminology, the social scientific study of crime, deals with issues that are constantly in the media and attract much public interest. Given the impact of globalising processes on crime and on society more generally in the contemporary era, the School of Law and Criminology has identified the need for a programme to deepen engagement with the global across a wide range of criminological and criminal justice issues. The MA in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice has been developed to address this need.

Programme Delivery

Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the modules, the School works with leading academics and practitioners who provide seminars in various aspects of criminology and criminal justice throughout the academic year.

Programme Structures

The MA is offered on a full time basis over a full academic year and on a part time basis over 2 years. Students undertake 65 taught credits, including a module focussing on professional development, and a Dissertation (25 credits).

Modules offered may include:

- Restorative Justice
- Comparative Penal Policy
- Transnational and Global Crime
- State Responses to Historical Gendered Violence

- Comparative Youth Justice
- Contemporary Issues in Global Policing
- An Introduction to the Surveillance Society



Placements & Experiential Learning

MA students can combine theory and practice as part of our innovative placement module.

Placement opportunities with partner civil

society organisations, such as Irish Penal Reform Trust are offered.

Students will be placed for 2 days per week with an NGO for one semester and will get credit for this work towards their degree. Students also have the opportunity to engage in voluntary research projects with a variety of civil society organisations, such as Scholars at Risk.

Who Should Apply?

The programme is open to students with degrees in law, criminology and cognate areas, including sociology, social policy, psychology, political science and other, related, inter-disciplinary degrees. The programme will be accessible to international students from all jurisdictions, as no prior knowledge of the common law is required. Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. The University policy on the application procedure for Non Standard Entrants and Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning applies, and is available at www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Career Options

The programme will allow students to build upon their existing qualifications with a view to accessing positions within the justice and security field, with the additional advantage that students will be provided with a genuinely international and comparative outlook. Graduates may go on to work in careers within An Garda Síochána, the security industry, data analytics, probation, the prison service, the civil service, research institutes, academia, and the NGO sector.

A Postgraduate Diploma in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice is also available, whereby students undertake 60 credits of taught modules.



Postgraduate Research Programmes

The School of Law and Criminology offers a structured PhD programme and a masters by research (MLitt) programme which provides a framework that facilitates independent research, whilst offering milestones for measuring progress.

Our students are equipped with methodological and analytical tools for advanced research in law through a number of taught modules across the Faculty of Social Sciences. These are supplemented by periodic one-on-one supervision meetings. Students are also given opportunities to actively engage in other aspects of academic writing and publishing during the course of their education. In addition, The School of Law and Criminology Research Seminar Series offers a constructive forum for presenting and debating research. Supervision is available in a large variety of fields.

Additional Details

PhD: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law/our-courses/phd-law

MLitt: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law/our-courses/mlittresearch-20





What Our Students Say

“The LLM in International Business Law (dual degree) was a wonderful opportunity not only to receive a dual qualification but also to experience the wonders of studying abroad. Studying abroad opened my mind and allowed me to mature and grow as a person, and intellectually. I did not have a strong base in the French language, but this was not a problem, as the lectures were in English, and classes in French of all levels were provided by the University. Rent was extremely reasonable in Lyon and the French Government provide rent assistance to all students studying in France. This LLM not only prepares you on an intellectual level, but also allows you to travel and experience different cultures, and have fun at the same time.”



Emer Shannon

LLM International Business Law (Dual Degree)

“The LLM in International Justice is an excellent programme for anyone with an interest in the areas of justice and human rights. The modules are engaging and extremely interesting, and are delivered in small classroom settings by lecturers who are genuinely interested in their students. Although the LLM has a strong legal component, it is extremely accessible to non-law graduates, of which I am one. I would highly recommend the programme, and indeed Maynooth University, to anyone with an interest in this area of study.”



Jean Molloy

(LLM International Justice)

“The international nature of the LLM in Global Legal Studies at Maynooth allowed me to build on my studies of law and politics at undergraduate level and allowed me to pursue my interest in studying international institutions like the UN at PhD level. The small group teaching at Maynooth meant I developed a great relationship with the lecturers, who were fantastic in helping me find funding to continue my studies.”



Gene Carolan

(LLM Global Legal Studies)

“My master’s programme in International Business Law at Maynooth gave me such a great start on the career ladder. The investment funds industry is an area of real opportunity for Irish graduates and it’s great to have taken part in the first funds law course ever taught in an Irish university.”



Andrew Norry

(LLM International Business Law)

“The quality of the learning environment I experienced in the MA programme speaks to the high standards of the School of Law and Criminology. It was the most challenging yet rewarding year of my academic journey to date. The diverse faculty and topics covered allow students to gain a broad and far reaching perspective on complex issues in criminology and criminal justice, at national and international levels. Our lecturers encouraged and fostered independent specialisation, allowing students to focus our knowledge on topics about which we are passionate. This helped me orient my studies towards my dream career. I took a leap into the MA, and loved every second of it – I cannot recommend it enough to others.”



Triona Kenny

(MA Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice)





“The structured PhD programme gives you the opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge in a number of diverse areas including research and publishing and also dissemination and presentation of your research. The School always provided opportunities for support, networking and engagement throughout the semesters from holding engaging research seminars and workshops to hosting PhD cafés for students to engage informally with School academics and fellow PhD students. This gives students a sense of comradery and support throughout the PhD journey from different angles, enabling students to conduct impactful research, develop essential research and transferable skills, take on teaching responsibilities and disseminate their research.”



Siobhán Buckley
(PhD in Law)

Further Information

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes

For additional information on all of the School's Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes, please see our website www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law

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