GRADUATE STUDIES AT NUI MAYNOOTH
The Department has a global focus and interdisciplinary approach to research. We prioritise research that involves collaboration with other institutions, nationally and internationally, and with other disciplinary perspectives. We are constantly expanding our collaborative network, building connections with universities at home and abroad, civil society groups, and legal professionals.

At NUIM Law, we are committed to the study of law in a global context. The increased potential for international elements to any legal issue – from property law to environmental law, from banking law to criminal law, from family law to employment law – has meant that lawyers have to possess skills that transcend one national jurisdiction. We will help you to develop precisely these skills.

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 NUI Maynooth Law 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 Department of Law at NUI Maynooth is a vibrant, dynamic and exciting place to study and work. We look forward to welcoming you.

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STAFF RESEARCH INTERESTS

Professor Michael Doherty
Employment and Labour Law
Industrial Relations Law and Policy
EU Law

Dr Neil Maddox
Equity and the Law of Property and Succession
Commercial and Banking Law
Local Government
Legal History
Constitutional Law

Dr Sibo Banda
Constitutional law
The use of fundamental rights in private law
Legal pluralism in the Malawi legal system
Competing conceptions of property in the age of fundamental rights in the SADC region

Dr Brian Flanagan
Legal and Political Theory
Background issues in the Philosophy of Language

Dr Louise Kennefick
Criminal Law
Criminal Justice
Criminology
Mental Health Law

Seth Barrett Tillman
Constitutional Law
Statutory Interpretation
Equity and the Law of Trusts
Legal Writing

Ms Eva Nagle (BL)
Intellectual Property Law
Media Law
Privacy Law

Dr Fergus Ryan
Family Law
Constitutional Law
Marriage and the Law

Dr John Reynolds
International Law
The law of economic, social and cultural rights
International Human Rights
Humanitarian Law

Dr Maria Murphy
Information Technology Law
Human Rights Law
Privacy Law
The Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights
European Union Law
PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

Taught Programmes
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LLM GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES

Course Information
The LLM (Global Legal Studies) masters degree provides law graduates with an advanced and systematic understanding of specialised subject areas, affording an ideal platform for students to acquire expertise and knowledge informed by research-led teaching. The programme is open to all law graduates and graduates of hybrid law degrees, including, for example, Law and French, Law and Business, and Law and Politics, facilitating career pathways in law, business, politics, non-governmental organisations, and policymaking bodies at the national and international levels.

The distinct international focus of the programme reflects the increasingly global nature of legal practice. The modules offered are distinguished by the approach taken, which is to focus not on a national or regional jurisdiction, but to address these issues from the point of view of foundational (global) principles and to illustrate these with examples from jurisdictions all over the world.

Furthermore, modules incorporate perspectives from other disciplines, such as sociology and economics.

Career Options
NUIM Law has strong links with law firms, regulators, nongovernmental agencies and the technology sector. Candidates will have the opportunity to attend recruitment presentations by prospective employers.

Course Structure
Students must complete 90 credits in total. Full-time students take 30 taught credits in each semester. A 30 credit dissertation forms the only compulsory element of the programme.

Part-time students take 30 taught credits per year and must complete a 30 credit dissertation in the second year.

Not all modules offered will run every year; offerings are dependent upon demand and other potential constraints. Students may choose any combination of modules they wish.

Modules
LW672 Funds Law
LW605 Dissertation

Other options include
Criminology And Criminal Justice
Theories Of Popular Rule
Global Constitutional Principles
Gender, Sexuality And Law: Comparative Perspectives
International Human Rights
International Trade Law
Criminal Responsibility
Marriage And The Law: An International Profile
Law And Religion
Information Technology Law
International And Comparative Law Of Patents, Trade Secrets And Related Rights
Public Procurement Law
Aircraft Financing Law
Entry Requirements
Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree in law. Admission decisions are at the discretion of the admissions committee. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

How to Apply
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Course Information
The LLM (International Business Law) is a dual masters degree offered by the Department of Law at NUI Maynooth and the Catholic University of Lyon (UCLy). The programme will enable law graduates to further their legal education by gaining a systematic understanding of the critical issues at the forefront of select areas of international business law.

Career Options
The Department of Law at NUI Maynooth and the Catholic University of Lyon have strong relationships with law firms, regulatory agencies, businesses and international organisations. Candidates will have the opportunity to apply for internships and to attend recruitment presentations by prospective employers.

Course Structure
The first semester (comprised entirely of mandatory modules) of this programme is taught in Lyon and students are required to be resident there. During the second semester in Maynooth, students choose from a range of optional modules. Students must complete a Dissertation during the summer, which can be supervised by either University.

Modules
LW620 International Trade Organisations
LW621 International Contract Law
LW622 International Intellectual Property Rights
LW623 Ethics in International Business Law
LW624 Foreign Investments in France
LW625 International Trade Law
LW626 Professional Skills
LW672 Funds Law
LW605 Dissertation

Other Options include
Criminal Responsibility
Marriage and the Law: An International Profile
Information Technology Law
International and Comparative Law of Patents, Trade Secrets and Related Rights
Public Procurement Law
Aircraft Financing Law
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Course Information
The Higher Diploma in Legal Studies is open to graduates from all disciplines who wish to acquire advanced credentials in law. The programme is aimed at those who wish to obtain a legal qualification. The programme is particularly suited for professionals working in areas where knowledge of law is vital (financial services, human resources, etc). The design and content of the course is also excellent preparation for those intending to qualify as a solicitor.

Career Options
Increasingly, technical personnel, administrators and policy-makers are being required to have an in-depth knowledge of relevant legal advances and to deploy an enormous array of analytical, conceptual, professional and writing skills. The NUIM Law Higher Diploma in Legal Studies addresses this need by offering students a strong core of legal knowledge to support more advanced specialised legal topics pertinent to many typical non-law careers.

Course Structure
Students must complete 60 credits over the course of the year; 30 credits per semester. The Legal Skills module (10 credits) is the only compulsory element of the programme. Students may then select their 50 credits from a variety of taught courses. The availability of optional modules is subject to timetabling constraints.

Modules

- LW103 Legal Skills
- LW101 Contract Law
- LW102 Torts
- LW104 Introduction to Legal Systems
- LW105B Criminal Law
- LW201B EU Law
- LW203B Constitutional Law
- LW301B Equity and Trusts
- LW302B Land Law
- LW303B Jurisprudence
- LW106 Contract II*
- LW107 Torts II
- LW207B EU Law II*
- LW208B Evidence
- LW209L Administrative Law
- LW306B Land Law II*
- LW310L Company Law
- LW311L Intellectual Property Law

*Students must take the corresponding first semester module, in order to take this module.

Other options include:

- Employment Law
- Media Law
- Family Law
- Introduction to the American Legal System
- International Law
Entry Requirements
Graduates from cognate disciplines must have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree. Admission decisions are at the discretion of the admissions committee. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

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Course Information
The Master of Legal Science – Professional is a two year degree programme open to graduates from all disciplines who wish to acquire advanced credentials in law for the purposes of pursuing professional practice or in aid of other career goals. It is an exempting law degree for Ireland and is accredited by the Honorable Society of King’s Inns.

During the course of the programme, students will engage on an intense intellectual study of the legal relationships that pervade our society, affecting individuals, families, corporations and the State. They will acquire a thorough grounding in the fundamental areas of legal study, across Irish law, European law and International law.

Career Options
Increasingly, technical personnel, administrators and policy-makers are being required to have an in-depth knowledge of relevant legal advances and to deploy an enormous array of analytical, conceptual, professional and writing skills. The NUIM Law Master of Legal Science – Professional programme addresses this need by offering students a strong core of legal knowledge to support more advanced specialised legal topics pertinent to many typical non-law careers. Graduates of the Master of Legal Science – Professional programme can progress to qualify as lawyers and gain admission to the profession.

Course Structure
All modules are compulsory. Students must complete a total of 120 credits; 30 credits are taken each semester across both years.
Modules (Year 1)
LW101 Contract Law
LW102 Torts
LW103 Legal Skills
LW104 Introduction to Legal Systems
LW105B Criminal Law
LW106 Contract Law II
LW107 Torts II
LW208B Evidence
LW209L Administrative Law
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Entry Requirements
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Modules (Year 2)
LW201B EU Law
LW203B Constitutional Law
LW207B EU Law II
LW210 Constitutional Law II
LW301B Equity and Trusts
LW302B Land Law
LW303B Jurisprudence
LW306B Land Law II
Equity and Trusts II
Jurisprudence II
Dissertation
Course Information
A Master by Research is a qualification obtained after rigorous and original research that contributes to the state of legal scholarship. Towards that end, the structured research programme offers a framework which facilitates independent research, whilst providing milestones for measuring progress. Students will be equipped with methodological and analytical tools for advanced research in law through a number of taught modules across the Faculty. These will be supplemented by periodic one-on-one supervision. Students will also have opportunities to actively engage in other aspects of academic writing and publishing during the course of their education. In addition, the Department’s research seminar series offers a constructive forum for presenting and debating research and external speakers are regularly invited to participate.

Career Options
The skills acquired during the programme of research-let study will prepare students for a wide range of careers including academia, private industry, and public service.

Research Interests
Staff members’ research is broadly in the areas of employment law, family law, EU law, human rights law, constitutional law, property law, criminal law, international law and legal theory.

Course Structure
In addition to developing their own research topic with their supervisor(s), students will be required to take 10 credits worth of modules over the duration of their programme from the structured PhD programme.
Entry Requirements
Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) degree in law. Admission decisions are at the discretion of the admissions committee. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

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Applicants are required to submit a personal statement not exceeding 1,000 words explaining why they should be considered.

Prior to submitting a formal application, potential candidates should:
a) Identify a member of staff as a potential supervisor and discuss their area of interest, and
b) Submit a research proposal to the potential supervisor. Once the potential supervisor is satisfied with the proposal a formal application for entry may be made.

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The PhD in Law is the highest degree offered by the Department. By definition, it is intended to be a qualification obtained after rigorous and original research that contributes to the state of legal scholarship. Towards that end, the structured PhD programme offers a framework which facilitates independent research, whilst providing milestones for measuring progress.

Students will be equipped with methodological and analytical tools for advanced research in law through a number of taught modules across the Faculty. These will be supplemented by periodic one-on-one supervision. Students will also have opportunities to actively engage in other aspects of academic writing and publishing during the course of their education. In addition, the Department’s research seminar series offers a constructive forum for presenting and debating research and external speakers are regularly invited to participate.

Career Options
The skills acquired during the programme of doctoral study will prepare students for a wide range of careers including academia, private industry, and public service.

Research Interests
Staff members’ research is broadly in the areas of employment law, family law, EU law, human rights law, constitutional law, property law, criminal law, international law and legal theory.

Course Structure
In addition to developing their own research topic with their supervisor(s), students will be required to take 30 credits worth of modules over the duration of their programme of doctoral research. 15 of these will be generic/transferable modules offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences, and 15 in subject/specialist modules which are being developed by the Department.

Modules
- FSS1 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences
- GSS3 Professional Skills – Thesis Completion and Career Development
- LW801 Legal Writing and Advocacy
- GSA2 Presenting Research and Professional Effectiveness
- GSS1 Organising and Managing Doctoral Research
- LW802 Advanced Workshop /Course /Summer School /Master Class
- NIR824 Thinking About Research

Other Modules include
- Legal Research Skills
Entry Requirements
Candidates should ordinarily have a master’s degree in law. Candidates with a 1st class undergraduate degree will be considered in exceptional cases.

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We are committed to excellence in graduate education and to supporting a diverse range of innovative graduate programmes within state-of-the-art research and learning facilities, ensuring:

- social and networking opportunities with other graduate students
- support in scholarships and funding applications
- an outward-looking educational experience influenced by a strong international perspective
- all graduates leave NUI Maynooth with an understanding of the possibilities for employment and their contribution to the wider society.

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