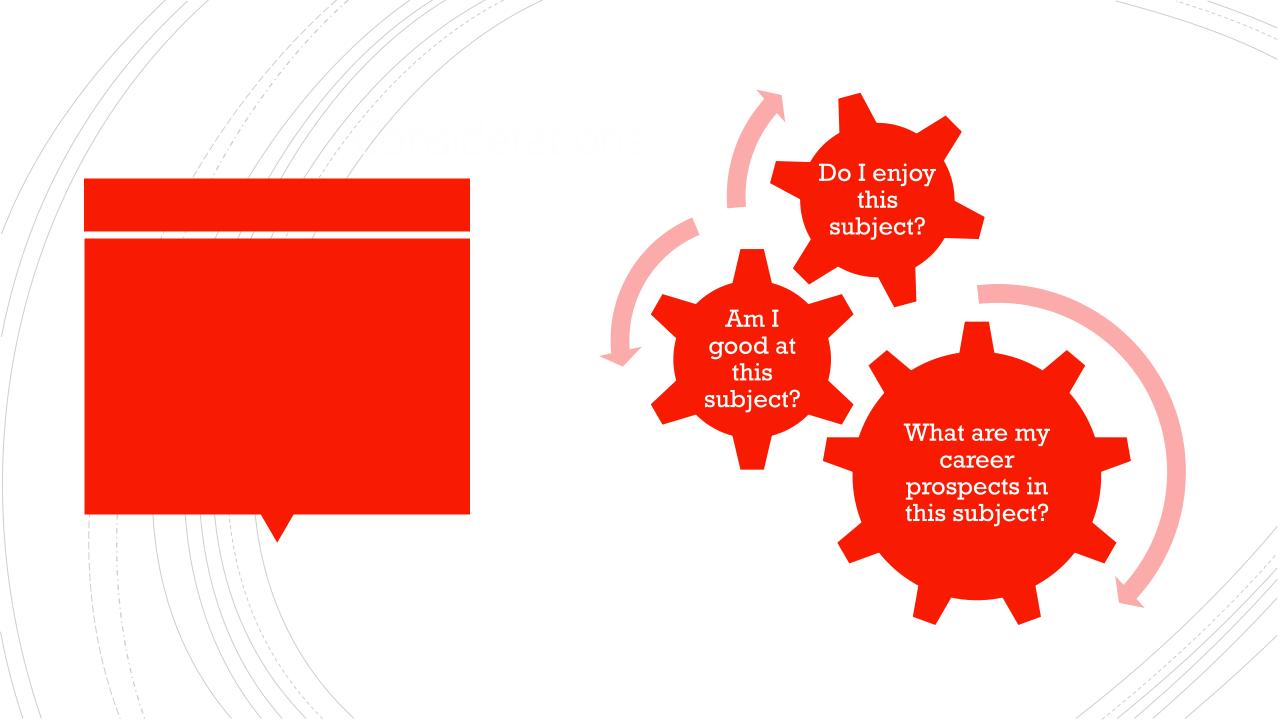
Transferring from first year Arts/BCL into second year LL.B/BCL

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Flexibility v Certainty

- There is a lot of flexibility in the Maynooth Curriculum
- This means you may have to make choices, and these can be difficult
- You can only continue with a subject you are already undertaking – you cannot start a brand new subject in year 2 or 3
- Single/Double Major/Major-minor options
- Often a good idea to keep your options open (double major or major/minor rather than single major)



Options if you decide not to do Law

You don't necessarily need a law degree to become a lawyer

You can still do Law Society and King's Inns without a law degree, but it will take longer to do so

Law conversion programmes at postgraduate level

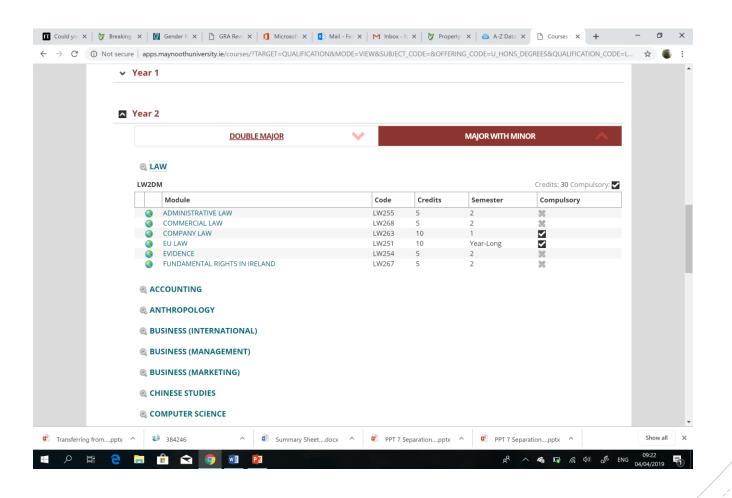
You can sometimes do an LLM without a law degree but it depends on the University (many will require you to have completed a law degree)

Key point: you can always return to law even if you drop it at this stage

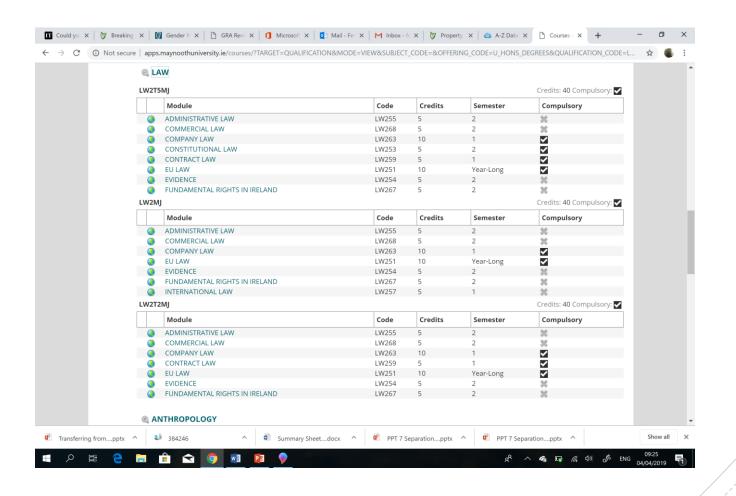


- Law and Accounting/Arts/Business/Criminology
- Must have taken the relevant subjects in year 1 in order to transfer into year 2
- Three years in total
- Transfer into year 2
- Usually a 30-30 split **except** if you have taken only 15 credits of law in year 1, you must take law as a major (40 credits) in years 2 and 3 on the BCL Law and Arts
- Law and Business must have done 30 credits of law and 30 of business in year 1 but if you have not done so, you may be able to transfer to Law and Arts and take business as your Arts subject

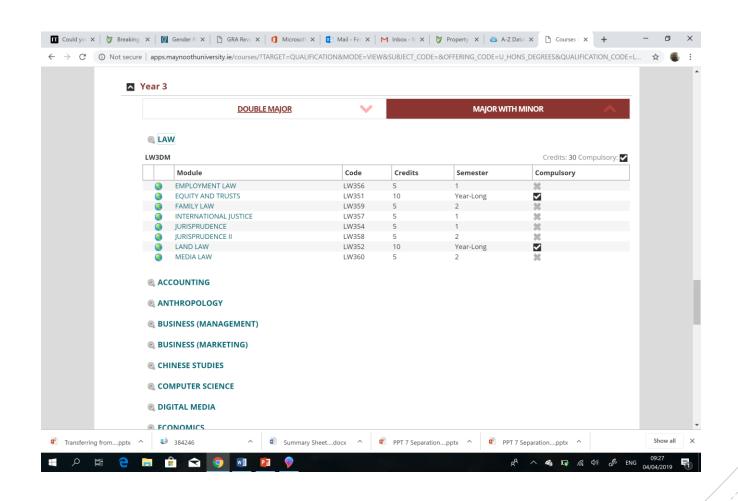
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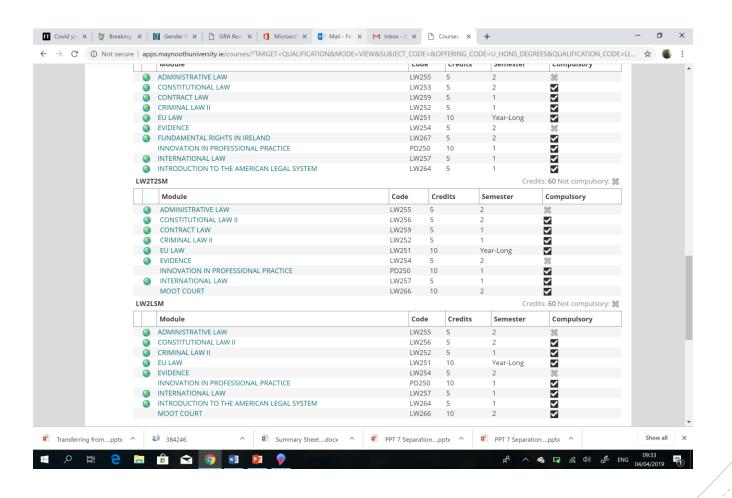
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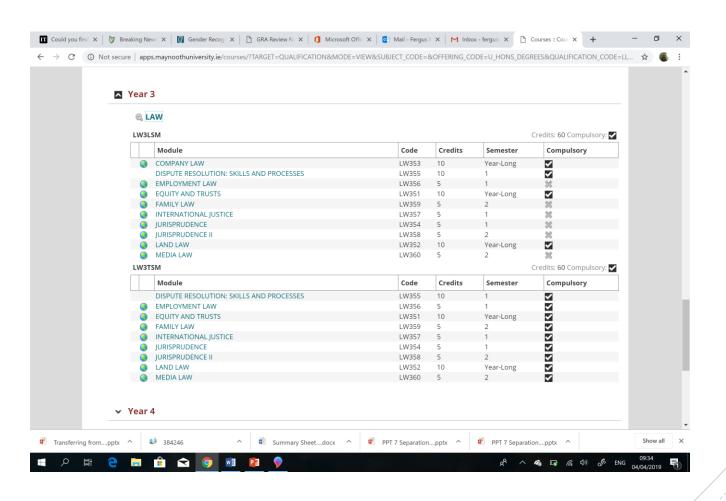
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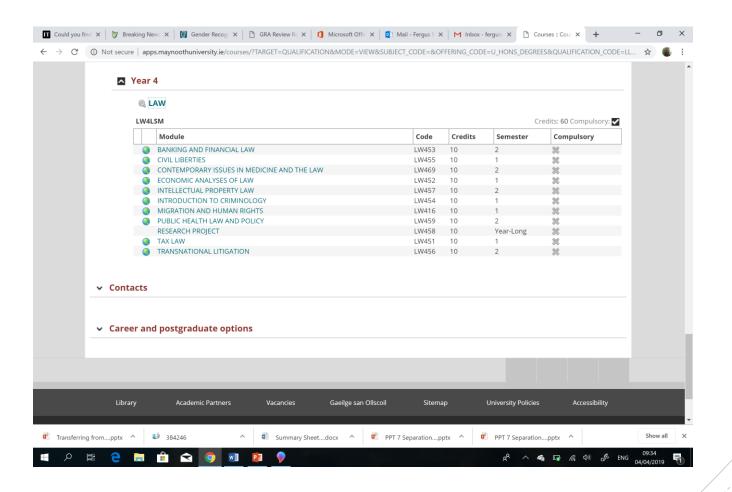












1. Transferring from first year Arts/BCL into second year LL.B

Students in:

- Arts (MH101) (15 or 30 ECTS of Law) or
- BCL (Law and Accounting) or
- BCL (Law and Arts) or
- BCL (Law and Business) or
- BCL (Law and Criminology)

have the option of transferring into year two of the LLB programme, if they successfully complete first year.

To do so, students must:

1. pass their law modules

AND

2. obtain at least 400 overall in first year Law (this means maintaining an average of 40 across all first year Law modules)

AND

3. pass all other first year subjects in order to be eligible to transfer into year two of the LLB programme.

N.B. The **LLB** is four years in total, as opposed to the **BCL** programmes, which are three year programmes.

1. Transferring from first year Arts/BCL into second year LL.B

Students in:

• Arts (MH101) students who complete 30 ECTS of Law in first year also have the option of transferring into year two of the:

BCL (Law and Accounting)*,

BCL (Law and Arts),

BCL (Law and Business),** or

BCL (Law and Criminology) programmes***

if they successfully complete first year (and complete the requirements of Accounting, Business, Criminology) Transferring from first year Arts into second year BCL

To do so, students must:

1. pass their law modules

AND

2. obtain at least 400 overall in first year Law (this means maintaining an average of 40 across the three first year Law modules)

AND

3. pass all other first year subjects

Transferring from first year Arts into second year BCL

- Arts (MH101) students who complete 15 ECTS of
 Law in first year may transfer into the BCL (Law and Arts)
- Such students must major in Law in order to graduate with a BCL (i.e. an accredited Law degree)
- If students do not major in Law, they will instead undertake a BA Double Major which is not an accredited Law degree
- BA students may take law as a Minor in year 2 (20 ECTS)

Transferring from first year Arts into second year BCL

- Students can decide to transfer during registration for year 2 in September.
- NOTE: there is no cap on the number of students permitted to transfer each year. Once a student meets the requirements he/she is automatically entitled to progress into the second year of one of our programmes.
- If you do not achieve 400
 Students who fall below the 400 threshold, will have the opportunity to improve their marks in the Autumn sitting of examinations.

3. The Transfer Application Process

N.B: Remember!!

- The King's Inns (where you train to be a barrister) does not recognise the BA (MH101) as an accredited law degree.
- An accredited law degree has to have a 'BCL' or 'LLB' in front of it.
- A BA is recognised by the Law Society (where you train to be a solicitor)

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