

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

BCL

- 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

BCL Structure Year 2 Double Major

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a course selection page for a Year 2 Double Major. The page is titled "Year 2" and features two tabs: "DOUBLE MAJOR" (selected) and "MAJOR WITH MINOR". Below the tabs, there is a search bar with "LAW" entered. A table of Law modules is displayed, with columns for Module, Code, Credits, Semester, and Compulsory. The table includes modules such as ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, COMMERCIAL LAW, COMPANY LAW, EU LAW, EVIDENCE, and FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND. Below the table, there are links to other departments: ACCOUNTING, ANTHROPOLOGY, BUSINESS (INTERNATIONAL), BUSINESS (MANAGEMENT), BUSINESS (MARKETING), CHINESE STUDIES, and COMPUTER SCIENCE. The browser's address bar shows the URL: apps.maynoothuniversity.ie/courses/?TARGET=QUALIFICATION&MODE=VIEW&SUBJECT_CODE=&OFFERING_CODE=U_HONS_DEGREES&QUALIFICATION_CODE=L... The taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including a presentation and a document, and the system tray displays the time as 09:22 on 04/04/2019.

Year 1

Year 2

DOUBLE MAJOR MAJOR WITH MINOR

LAW

LW2DM Credits: 30 Compulsory:

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMMERCIAL LAW	LW268	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMPANY LAW	LW263	10	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EU LAW	LW251	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EVIDENCE	LW254	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND	LW267	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>

ACCOUNTING

ANTHROPOLOGY

BUSINESS (INTERNATIONAL)

BUSINESS (MANAGEMENT)

BUSINESS (MARKETING)

CHINESE STUDIES

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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BCL Structure Year 2 Major Minor

The screenshot displays a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab shows a course catalog page for Maynooth University. The page is titled 'LAW' and lists three groups of modules: LW2T5MJ, LW2MJ, and LW2T2MJ. Each group has a 'Credits: 40 Compulsory' label. The modules are listed in a table with columns for Module, Code, Credits, Semester, and Compulsory status. The 'LAW' section is expanded, showing details for each module. The 'ANTHROPOLOGY' section is partially visible at the bottom.

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	5	2	✖
COMMERCIAL LAW	LW268	5	2	✖
COMPANY LAW	LW263	10	1	✖
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LW253	5	2	✖
CONTRACT LAW	LW259	5	1	✖
EU LAW	LW251	10	Year-Long	✖
EVIDENCE	LW254	5	2	✖
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND	LW267	5	2	✖

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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND	LW267	5	2	✖
INTERNATIONAL LAW	LW257	5	1	✖

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EU LAW	LW251	10	Year-Long	✖
EVIDENCE	LW254	5	2	✖
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BCL Structure Year 3 Double Major and Major/Minor

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a university's course selection interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `apps.maynoothuniversity.ie/courses/?TARGET=QUALIFICATION&MODE=VIEW&SUBJECT_CODE=&OFFERING_CODE=U_HONS_DEGREES&QUALIFICATION_CODE=L...`. The page title is "Year 3". Below the title, there are two tabs: "DOUBLE MAJOR" (selected) and "MAJOR WITH MINOR". A search bar contains the text "LAW". Below the search bar, the course code "LW3DM" is displayed, along with the text "Credits: 30 Compulsory" and a checked checkbox. A table lists the following modules:

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
EMPLOYMENT LAW	LW356	5	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
EQUITY AND TRUSTS	LW351	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY LAW	LW359	5	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE	LW357	5	1	<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"/>

Below the table, there is a list of other subjects: ACCOUNTING, ANTHROPOLOGY, BUSINESS (MANAGEMENT), BUSINESS (MARKETING), CHINESE STUDIES, COMPUTER SCIENCE, DIGITAL MEDIA, and ECONOMICS. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 09:27 on 04/04/2019.

LLB Year 2

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Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	5	2	✗
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LW253	5	2	☑
CONTRACT LAW	LW259	5	1	☑
CRIMINAL LAW II	LW252	5	1	☑
EU LAW	LW251	10	Year-Long	☑
EVIDENCE	LW254	5	2	✗
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN IRELAND	LW267	5	2	☑
INNOVATION IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	PD250	10	1	☑
INTERNATIONAL LAW	LW257	5	1	☑
INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM	LW264	5	1	☑

LW2T2SM Credits: 60 Not compulsory: ✗

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	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	PD250	10	1	☑
INTERNATIONAL LAW	LW257	5	1	☑
MOOT COURT	LW266	10	2	☑

LW2LSM Credits: 60 Not compulsory: ✗

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	LW255	5	2	✗
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II	LW256	5	2	☑
CONTRACT LAW	LW259	5	1	☑
CRIMINAL LAW II	LW252	5	1	☑
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INTERNATIONAL LAW	LW257	5	1	☑
INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM	LW264	5	1	☑
MOOT COURT	LW266	10	2	☑

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LLB Year 3

Year 3

LAW

LW3LSM Credits: 60 Compulsory:

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
COMPANY LAW	LW353	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DISPUTE RESOLUTION: SKILLS AND PROCESSES	LW355	10	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EMPLOYMENT LAW	LW356	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EQUITY AND TRUSTS	LW351	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY LAW	LW359	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE	LW357	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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LAND LAW	LW352	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MEDIA LAW	LW360	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

LW3TSM Credits: 60 Compulsory:

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
DISPUTE RESOLUTION: SKILLS AND PROCESSES	LW355	10	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EMPLOYMENT LAW	LW356	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EQUITY AND TRUSTS	LW351	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY LAW	LW359	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE	LW357	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JURISPRUDENCE	LW354	5	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JURISPRUDENCE II	LW358	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LAND LAW	LW352	10	Year-Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MEDIA LAW	LW360	5	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Year 4

LLB Year 4

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the LLB Year 4 course page on the Maynooth University website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `apps.maynoothuniversity.ie/courses/?TARGET=QUALIFICATION&MODE=VIEW&SUBJECT_CODE=&OFFERING_CODE=U_HONS_DEGREES&QUALIFICATION_CODE=LL...`. The page content includes a search bar with 'LAW' entered, a section for 'Year 4' with a sub-section 'LW4LSM' and a filter for 'Credits: 60 Compulsory'. A table lists the modules for this section, including their codes, credit values, semesters, and whether they are compulsory. Below the table are sections for 'Contacts' and 'Career and postgraduate options'. The footer of the website contains links for 'Library', 'Academic Partners', 'Vacancies', 'Gaeilge san Ollscoil', 'Sitemap', 'University Policies', and 'Accessibility'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including a presentation and a document, with the system clock indicating 09:34 on 04/04/2019.

Module	Code	Credits	Semester	Compulsory
BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW	LW453	10	2	✗
CIVIL LIBERTIES	LW455	10	1	✗
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN MEDICINE AND THE LAW	LW469	10	2	✗
ECONOMIC ANALYSES OF LAW	LW452	10	1	✗
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW	LW457	10	2	✗
INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY	LW454	10	1	✗
MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS	LW416	10	1	✗
PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND POLICY	LW459	10	2	✗
RESEARCH PROJECT	LW458	10	Year-Long	✗
TAX LAW	LW451	10	1	✗
TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION	LW456	10	2	✗

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)₁** or

BCL (Law and Criminology) programmes***

if they successfully complete first year (and complete the requirements of Accounting, Business, Criminology)

2
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

2.
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)

2. Transferring from first year Arts into second year BCL

3. The Transfer Application Process

- 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.

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)

Further information

- www.maynoothuniversity.ie/law/current-students-0 (click on the 'transfer options' tab)
- Email: amina.Adanan@mu.ie (BA Programme Chair)
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