

# **BACHELOR of LAWS (LLB)**

Everything you need to know for the year ahead

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School of Law

**Academic Booklet** 

2023 - 2024









# Fáiltiú | Welcome

September 2023

Dear Student,



We are pleased to welcome you back to the School of Law at the University of Galway for academic year 2023-24. Since 1849, our School of Law has been delivering innovative legal education in a dynamic school dedicated to impactful, high quality legal research.

We have over 800 undergraduate and postgraduate students, over 40 academic staff, a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, and exciting clinical legal education opportunities.

We emphasise student-focused, research-led teaching delivered in a supportive and intellectually challenging environment. We hope that all of this will combine to make your studies with us this year exciting and challenging.

The School is passionate about research that meets the highest standards of scholarship, informs your learning, and engages with current societal challenges, impacting public debate and informing government policy. Our contribution to public policy has never been more important. Equally, the contributions that you will make as you embark upon your professional life have the potential for significant impact.

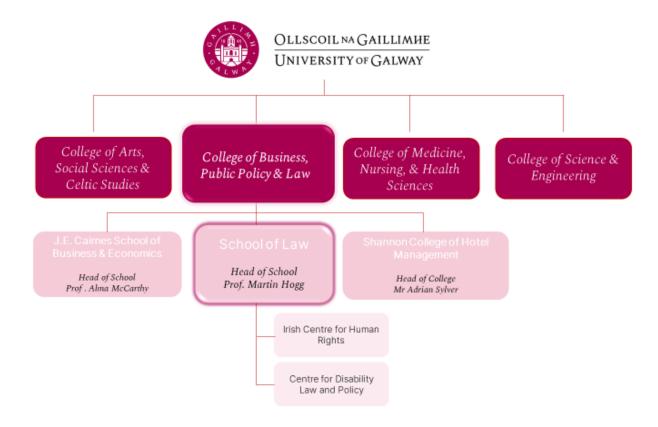
These are exciting times to be studying law, both within the classroom and in the co-curricular activities you will be undertaking. The graduate attributes you acquire throughout your degree and your flexibility in adapting to new learning environments will combine to ensure that you develop a wide range of knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will serve you well as you prepare for your career.

My colleagues and I look forward to working with you over the course of the academic year and wish you well with your studies. As ever, please let us know how you are finding your studies and if there are any ways you think we could improve the educational environment at the School of Law. Enjoy the year ahead!

Prof Martin Hogg Head of School School of Law

# **Ollscoil na Gallimhe** | *University of Galway*

Your university, Ollscoil na Gaillimhe | University of Galway, was established in 1845 as Queen's College Galway. Today, University of Galway is one of Ireland's foremost centres of academic excellence. With over 18,000 students, it has a long-established reputation of teaching and research excellence. University of Galway is situated on a beautiful riverside campus right in the heart of Galway city and by now you will have witnessed for yourself the extent of the recent building and modernisation programme. Academically, University of Galway is structured around Colleges and Schools. As a Law student, you are a member of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law:



#### **SCHOOL OF LAW**

Established in 1849, the School of Law at the University of Galway delivers innovative legal education in a dynamic school dedicated to impactful, high quality legal research.

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It hosts the internationally renowned <u>Irish Centre for Human Rights</u> and the <u>Centre for Disability Law & Policy</u>; both centres with established reputations as world leaders in their fields. The School is passionate about research that meets the highest standards of scholarship, informs student learning and engages with current societal challenges, impacting public debate and informing government policy.

#### LLB PROGRAMME CONTACTS

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE

College semesters are short and it is easy to fall behind. Regular attendance and participation in lectures and tutorials is the best way to avoid this and to get the most out of your education. The School of Law aims to support students to succeed in their degrees. Consequently, and in line with the university's attendance policy, the School does engage in some targeted attendance monitoring in lectures and tutorials. The purpose of this is not to be punitive but supportive. We are acutely aware of the difficulties students may face when it comes to attendance (illness, care responsibilities, lack of accommodation etc). If we are aware of these issues, we can put in place supports to address them. Attendance monitoring is one way of doing this.

Related to this, students are advised to note the following extracts from the university's attendance policy (full details here: <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/centre-excellence-learning-teaching/teaching/earning/attendance/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/centre-excellence-learning-teaching/teachinglearning/attendance/</a>):

"(1) Enrolment on a full-time programme means a commitment to 40-50 hours of total **student effort** per week throughout all the weeks of each semester.

- The scheduled classes (lectures, tutorials, laboratories, etc) are only one component of the total effort that is required in order to succeed.
- Assessments and assigned coursework are designed on the basis that students are undertaking the full effort required and are not just based on material covered in scheduled class time alone.
- Students should make sure that they timetable in their own diaries adequate time for study, reading, coursework and revision across the semester. Success at university level is not possible through cramming at the last minute.

- Such levels of engagement and activity will make it more likely that students will acquire a
  high level of knowledge and understanding of their chosen subjects, feel confident in their
  abilities and experience less stress during assessments and be better prepared for
  subsequent years.
- (2) Enrolment on a university module or programme means a commitment to active participation and engagement, which includes **attendance** at all scheduled classes.
  - Attendance is not optional, but an obligatory requirement. Non-attendance may be considered de facto withdrawal from a course and students may be unable to proceed to examination or subsequent registration. It is essential that first-year students are made aware of this requirement.
  - The student grant (Student Universal Support, Ireland) scheme requires that attendance is monitored and reported on.
  - Similarly, fees are paid by the State on behalf of students on the implicit understanding that the students are fully participating in the programmes for which they are registered.
  - Many Schools and programmes already register attendance at each class and this should be continued. It is necessary, at the very least, to take attendance at key (or random) stages in the semester which can be reported for each School to Colleges and then to Academic Council.
  - Research has shown convincingly that poor attendance results in lower levels of achievement and a higher chance of failure and withdrawal from programmes.
  - If students have any concerns regarding the quality of the teaching or learning experience in any of their scheduled classes (or other components of their modules) they should provide feedback using the various channels at their disposal (for example, module questionnaires, Class Reps, Liaison committees) so that any issues may be resolved or considered, as appropriate. Non-attendance is not a means of raising any such issues and may be interpreted, rather, as a reflection of student commitment levels.
  - Clearly, there will be extenuating circumstances faced by students from time to time, such as illness and other personal difficulties. Students in these situations should notify the appropriate person responsible for their course (this may need to be clarified in handbooks, websites, etc) so that appropriate measures can be taken.

# Academic Year 2023/2024 - Important Dates

### Academic Year 2023/2024

Semester 1

Start of teaching Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

End of teaching Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (12 weeks of teaching)
Study week Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Semester 1 Exams Start Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Semester 1 Exams End Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (10 days exam)

Christmas Holiday Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Semester 2

Start of teaching Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

End of Teaching Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March (12 weeks of teaching)
Easter Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Field Trips Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Study Week Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Semester 2 Exams Start Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Semester 2 Exams End Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (13 days of exams)

Autumn Repeat Exams Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August (9 days of

exams)

Bank Holidays: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 / Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 / Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 / Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 / Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 / Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## SCHOOL SUPPORT

The School Administration Office is your first point of contact for general queries relating to programmes, modules, examinations, etc and staff are available for contact from 9.30am – 4.30pm, Monday – Friday throughout the academic year, unless otherwise indicated. Queries should be raised in the first instance by emailing law@universityofgalway.ie. For urgent queries, call 091 492389 or 0860674744.

The School of Law administration offices are located on Floor 2, Tower 2, Arts/Science Building. Please contact the Office by email to arrange an in-person appointment.

If you are seeking support and guidance for personal or academic concerns, <u>School of Law Student Support Officer</u>, AnnMarie Gilchrist, is available to all Law students in need of assistance:

# Student Support Officer- School of Law: AnnMarie Gilchrist

My name is AnnMarie Gilchrist and I am the Student Support Officer for the School of Law in University of Galway.

My role is to support students who may be at personal or academic risk. I offer a confidential, non-judgmental service to students, and can offer advice on time management, structuring study plans, financial assistance, exam preparation, and general welfare.

I also support students who are feeling overwhelmed or experiencing personal difficultly which impacts their academic success. I can offer advice and information on various supports which are available to students of University of Galway and no problem is too big or too small, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

I work full-time, and you can contact me on annmarie.gilchrist@universityofgalway.ie



## **Useful Contacts**

School of Law T: +353 (0) 91 492389 law@univerit.ie	Career Development Centre T: +353 (0) 91 493589 careers@universityofgalway.ie	Student Registry Helpdesk T: +353 (0) 91 495999 askregistry@universityofgalway.ie
Registration Office T: +353 (0) 91 494329 reghelp@universityofgalway.ie	Disability Support Service T: +353 (0) 91 492813 disabilityservice@universityofgalway.ie	Fees Office T: +353 (0) 91 492386 fees@universityofgalway.ie
Chaplaincy Centre T: +353 (0) 091 495055 chaplains@universityofgalway.ie	Student Counselling Service T: +353 (0) 91 492484 counselling@universityofgalway.ie	

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When contacting with a question or concern, please do not address your query to multiple members of School of Law staff unless directed to. When submitting a query, please include your student ID number and course instance within your message.

#### Who should I contact if.....

#### ...I have a registration query?

If you have a registration query during the open registration period at the start of each semester. Please contact Registration in the first instance: <a href="mailto:registration@universityofgalway.ie">registration@universityofgalway.ie</a> Outside of these periods, it is best to contact the School Office: <a href="mailto:law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a>

#### ...I have a timetable query?

Timetables for Law programmes are available here <a href="https://www.universityofgalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/students/timetables/">https://www.universityofgalway.ie/business-public-policy-law/school-of-law/students/timetables/</a>

Semester timetable queries should be directed to the School Office:

law@universityofgalway.ie

Exam timetables are released by the Examinations Office in the weeks prior to the relevant exam period. Issues with exam timetables should be directed to <a href="mailto:askregistry@universityofgalway.ie">askregistry@universityofgalway.ie</a>

## • ...I have a specific academic query?

- Contact your relevant module leader if your query relates to a particular module.
- Contact your programme director is the query relates to the wider programme.
- Contact the School Office for general academic queries or in the event that the relevant academic staff member is not available.

#### ...I have a query about fees?

All queries regarding fee payment should directed to the Fees Office: fees@universityofgalway.ie

Details on fee payment processes and deadlines are available <u>here</u>.

#### • ... I have a query about module assessments?

It is best to contact the relevant module leader in the first instance.

# • ...I am experiencing issues accessing my UG student CASS account?

The Information Solutions and Services (ISS) unit is the primary contact for any issues regarding your University of Galway Campus Account and related applications. If you have any issue, you can contact the Library & IT Service desk for assistance. For advice and support contact the ISS Service Desk on 091 495777 or the <u>Library & I.T. Service Desk</u> on 091 495399.

## • ...I am experiencing personal/financial/ academic difficulties?

Please contact School of Law Student Support Officer, AnnMarie Gilchrist: <a href="mailto:annmarie.gilchrist@universityofgalway.ie">annmarie.gilchrist@universityofgalway.ie</a> and/or the School Office: <a href="mailto:law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a> in the first instance for guidance on the supports available.

• ...I am considering a Leave of Absence from my studies?

Leave of Absence is an authorised and temporary break away from your programme. You can apply for Leave of Absence for numerous reasons, including medical or financial.

Should you be considering applying for Leave of Absence, please contact your College/School Office and Programme Director. The <u>Leave of Absence Policy</u> contains all relevant information, please read it carefully. Also take a look at <u>the Leave of Absence workflow diagram</u>, it steps you through the process involved.

- ...I have a query about Winter/Summer/ Autumn examinations and procedures?

  If you have a query regarding examination procedure, particularly regarding deferral of assessment, you must contact the School of Law Office: <a href="mailto:law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a>
- ...I require a letter confirming my registration or attendance at university?

  The Student Registry Helpdesk provide registration statements on request. Please contact <a href="mailto:askregistry@universityofgalway.ie">askregistry@universityofgalway.ie</a> in the first instance.
- …I require a transcript of my academic results from previous exam sessions?
   The Student Registry Helpdesk provide transcripts by online request form: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-registry-helpdesk/our-services/transcripts/
- ...I require my current class ranking?
   Please contact the School of Law Office, at law@universityofgalway.ie
- ...I am not sure who to contact about my query?
   Please contact the School Office at <a href="law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a>, in the first instance, so that your query can appropriately addressed by and directed to relevant staff members.

## **LIBRARY**



library@universityofgalway.ie



http://www.library.universityofgalway.ie

Effective use of the library is a crucially important part of legal education. Students should take advantage of every opportunity to familiarise themselves with the library and the services it offers. Nowadays, many excellent services are available through electronic sources (located on the ground floor of the library). Training sessions are available and details may be found at the information desk located in the library.

https://libguides.library.universityofgalway.ie/Law

# **CAREERS IN LAW**

The Careers Development Centre, in collaboration with the School of Law and the University of Galway Law Society is delighted to announce details of the 'Careers in Law Events 2023'.

The highlight of the week is the Law Fair which takes place in Bailey Allen Hall **on Tuesday 10**<sup>th</sup> **of October.** The Law Fair gives students an opportunity to network with representatives from Ireland's major law firms and other organisations and to explore exciting career opportunities both in and beyond the legal profession.

Some of the employers and organisations already confirmed to attend the Law Fair on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of October include A&L Goodbody, Arthur Cox, Cúirt Bhreithiúnais an Aontais Eorpaigh, Dechert, Eversheds Sutherland, Flynn O'Driscoll Business Lawyers, Galway Solicitor's Bar Association (representing Galway Law firms), Kennedys - Dublin, KPMG, Legal Aid Board, Maples Group, the Law Society, LK Shields, McCann FitzGerald LLP, Philip Lee, RDJ LLP, Walkers

Further firms are to be announced with BDO, Deloitte, EY (Ireland), Holmes Law LLP, Matheson, Pinsent Masons LLP, PwC, and William Fry having attended in 2022.

During the fair, several employers will deliver presentations, and give advice and tips for CVs, application forms and Interviews. If you are planning to apply **for graduate programmes, professional work placement or summer internships**, these events are not to be missed!

Watch out for more details about the Law Careers Fair and other events planned during the academic year. Presentations on Qualifying as a Solicitor or Barrister, alumni panel events on Alternative Careers for Law Students and presentations from Galway Solicitors Bar Association will take place throughout the academic year. The fair, seminars and employer presentations will give you insights into what it is like to work in a variety of sectors and careers.

Students will find full details on <u>Careers Connect</u> over the coming weeks and will receive emails and notifications through the Career Development Centre and Law School.

#### **Career Tips**

The team at the Career Development Centre are here to support law students throughout their studies. For students in their final year, this is a very important year for you from a career perspective. You do need to get a good degree and you also need to start career planning. If you are confused about your career options or unsure of what might suit you, be sure to use the resources available to you on the <u>Careers Sharepoint</u> including our dedicated <u>page for Law Students on the Careers Sharepoint</u>.

You are encouraged to attend the event **Your Degree in Law – What Next,** which will take place on **Tuesday 12**<sup>th</sup> **September at 6pm.** At this event, your Career Adviser, Aisling Conroy will share information and advice as you plan the next step after your degree. Whether you are uncertain about what you want to do next, or have a career plan and need some information, this event is a good starting point. Register on <u>Careers Connect</u>

You can send a query or request an appointment with a Career Development Adviser in the Career Development Centre during the year through <u>Careers Connect</u>

# **FURTHER EDUCATION**

# **Professional Legal Qualification**

Students who intend to seek entry to the Law Professions must inform themselves of the current requirements of the professional bodies, which are subject to change. At the time of print, the table below outlines the modules in which students are required to sit entrance examinations for the professional legal bodies:

Law Society of Ireland	The Honorable Society of King's Inns
(Solicitor)	(Barrister)
Contract Law I & II	Contract Law I & II
Constitutional Law I & II	Constitutional Law I & II
Tort Law I & II	Tort Law I & II
Criminal Law I & II	Criminal Law I & II
EU Law I & II	EU Law I & II
Equity Law I & II	Equity Law I & II
Company Law I & II	Company Law I & II
Land Law I & II	Land Law I & II
	Evidence I & II
	Administrative Law I
	Jurisprudence

### POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AT UNIVERSITY OF GALWAY

The School of Law offers a number of full-time and part-time post graduate programmes as follows:

- International and Comparative Business Law (LLM)
- International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy (LLM)
- International Criminal Law (LLM)
- International Human Rights (LLM)
- International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy (LLM)
- General (LLM)
- Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict (LLM)
- Disability Law & Policy (PhD)
- Human Rights (PhD)
- Law (PhD, LLM)
- Structured PhD (Law)

Full details of programme content and entry requirements can be found online:

Postgraduate Taught programmes - University of Galway

Postgraduate Research programmes - University of Galway

#### LLB EXAM REGULATIONS

Full details of University Marks and Standards can be found on the NUI Galway Examinations website. Please note that revisions to the Marks and Standards may occur during the year. The most up-to-date revisions can be found on: Student Policies and Procedures - NUI Galway

#### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- The full-time Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree is a full Law degree offered over two or three years. The LLB degree can also be studied on a part-time basis over four years. Applicants for admission to the first year of the programme must indicate if they intend to complete it over two, three, or four years. Students in the two-year mode cannot take any optional modules; the structure of this mode is set out on page 13.
- All students may apply for entry to either mode. The primary difference between the full-time and
  part-time mode of study is the number of modules undertaken per year: 60 ECTS per year for fulltime, 45 ECTS per year for part-time.

	ECTS				
Mode of Study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Full Time (2Yrs)	60	60	-	-	
Full Time (3Yrs)	60	60	60	-	
Part Time (4Yrs)	45	45	45	45	

- While all students will eventually take the same number of modules (ECTS), the pace at which they
  take them will vary in accordance with the chosen mode. Otherwise, academic standards, course
  requirements, contact hours and so forth will remain the same.
- Where a full-time student enrolled in the first year of the LLB does not successfully pass all 60 ECTS in that year, approval can be sought from the School of Law to transfer to the second year of the part-time LLB, thereby completing 180 ECTS over the duration of the four-year programme, provided the candidate is not deficient in more than 10 ECTS.

#### **ACADEMIC YEAR & ECTS**

- The academic year is divided into two periods, called semesters, which are of approximately 12 weeks each. Programmes are organised into modules and carry a credit unit weighting (ECTS), or value, which reflects the extent and difficulty of the module concerned. Modules are normally examined at the end of the semester in which the module was completed.
- Students must pass core obligatory modules specified in each year of the programme. Typically, year-long modules have a credit weighting of 10 ECTS and semester-long modules have a credit weighting of 5 ECTS.
- Students cannot fulfil their academic requirements by presenting for a module which they have already passed and received credit for in previous years.

- Students who have taken and passed Law modules in some other institution may read the same modules in the LLB only if the modules taken differ substantially in content from the modules offered by the school.
- A student will be given credit for modules passed and will not have to re-present for examination in any module in which a minimum mark of 40% has been returned within the time limit set out in regulations for the successful completion of the particular semester. The normal time limit for carrying forward of marks to subsequent examination sessions is two academic years.
- Exemptions: In the case of students who fail in the examination as a whole, credit units for individual modules will be awarded where the pass standard of 40% has been achieved.
- A two-year time limit shall operate in which the examinations of any LLB year must be passed.
- A student may be approved to take more than the required ECTS in the final year of their LLB, up
  to a maximum of 10 ECTS. The Programme Director must approve the additional ECTS on a caseby-case basis and such approval will be granted only when the additional modules are required for
  professional purposes. The credits relating to the additional modules will be discarded in the
  calculation of the overall degree award.
- Students are required to submit one essay of 5,000 words in the final year of the programme. This
  essay is a stand-alone component, weighted at 5 ECTS, and must be passed in order for the
  examination as a whole to be passed. The essay regulations can be found on Blackboard and the
  School of Law website.

#### **EXAMINATION & COMPENSATION**

- Following registration, students of the programme shall be required to pass examinations in each of the academic years of the programme in succession before proceeding to the following year.
- The first year of examination must be passed within two academic years from the date of entering the programme.
- Students must present for the first sitting of their examinations unless they have received permission to defer an examination.
- A student will normally be examined at the end of the semester in which the module has been completed. Some modules extend over two semesters and may be examined at the end of the second semester only. Some modules may be examined entirely by continuous assessment, the details of which will be communicated by the lecturer.
- Marks of 40% and above are carried forward to the next session and the modules in which such marks were gained are not repeatable.
- Compensation will only be applied in cases where its application enables the student to successfully complete the examinations as a whole. The pass standard for a module is 40%. However, a student with marks of less than 40% in one or more modules will be deemed to have passed the programme provided:
  - the aggregate mark for all modules is at least 40% and
  - the mark in every module is 35% or more and
  - the module(s) with marks in the range 35-39% total;
- not more than 5 ECTS in the case of programmes with an ECTS weighting of 30–55

<u>OR</u>

- not more than 10 ECTS in the case of programmes with an ECTS weighting in the range 60 – 85. The carrying forward of marks does not invalidate this compensation provision.

#### REPEAT EXAMINATION & CAPPING

- Repeat Examinations in the modules of the first and second semesters will be held in the Autumn Examination Session, typically in August.
- The maximum mark which may be awarded for an Autumn Repeat Examination of a module at postgraduate level, will be 40%. This is known as capping.
- Capping will be applied to the Autumn Examination Session of the postgraduate programmes as follows:
  - Capping will apply to all years of postgraduate programmes.
  - Capping applies to students who are repeating any module of a programme, regardless of when the first attempt at the module was made.
  - Capping will apply in all cases unless a Deferral has been granted.

#### **EXAMINATION DEFERRAL**

- Repeat examinations are confined to those who fail at the first attempt or who have permission to defer.
- Deferrals are only permitted at the discretion of the Head of School, on bona fide grounds of ill-health, bereavement of close family members, or serious personal circumstances which can be verified independently.
- Requests for exam deferral must be made on a special <u>online Deferral Application Form</u>. Students can request this form by emailing the School of Law office at <u>law@universityofgalway.ie</u>. Students must provide documentary letters, medical certificates or other support material from medical doctors, student counsellors or others along with their application. The School reserves the right to verify the stated grounds for deferral.
- Only the modules listed on the form will be considered for deferral and students should contact <a href="mailto:law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a> to be informed of the outcome of their application.

#### **DEGREE AWARDS**

 Honours are awarded in individual subjects and for the overall programme according to the following table:

H1	70% on the aggregate
H2.1	60% on the aggregate
H2.2	50% on the aggregate
H3	40% on the aggregate

- Honours awarded for the overall LLB is calculated based on the number of years of the LLB programme a student completes, as outlined below:
  - Where students are not eligible for any exemptions, Honours are calculated equally across the three years of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

	% Result				
Mode of Study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	TOTAL
Full Time (2Yrs)	50.00%	50.00%	-	-	100%
Full Time (3Yrs)	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	-	100%
Part Time (4Yrs)	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	100%

Where a full-time student has been deemed exempt from year one of the LLB, Honours are calculated equally across the two remaining years of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

	% Result				
Mode of Study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	TOTAL
Full Time (3Yrs)	-	50%	50%	-	100%

Where a full-time student has been deemed exempt from years one and two of the LLB, Honours calculated are equally across the final remaining year of the programme and awarded to the LLB programme as follows:

	% Result				
Mode of Study	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	TOTAL
Full Time (3Yrs)	-	-	100%	-	100%

# **MODULE SELECTION**

# 1<sup>st</sup> LLB - 1BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Туре	
Year-long				
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Core	
LW118	Contract	10	Core	
LW262	Tort	10	Core	
Semester 1				
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Core	
LW3120	Understanding the Law	10	Core	
Semester 2				
LW3121	Critical Thinking for Lawyers	10	Core	
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Core	

# 2<sup>nd</sup> LLB - 2BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Туре
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Optional
LW118	Contract	10	Optional
LW262	Tort	10	Optional
LW323	Public International Law	10	Optional
LW3150	Family and Child Law	10	Optional
Semester 1			
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Optional
LW3104	Applied Legal Theory	5	Optional
LW229	Company Law I	5	Optional
LW333	Comparative Competition Law	5	Optional
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Optional
LW357	Environmental Law I	5	Optional
LW3151	Equality and Law	5	Optional
LW263	Equity I	5	Optional
LW3130	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Optional
LW513	Evidence I	5	Optional
LW339	Independent Research	5	Optional
LW383	Information Technology Law	5	Optional
LW3127	International Protection of Human Rights I	5	Optional
LW212	Labour Law I	5	Optional
LW225	Land Law I	5	Optional
LW3159	Lawyering, Technology and Innovation	5	Optional
LW3156	Revenue Law I	5	Optional

Semester 2			
LW371	Alternative Dispute Resolution	5	Optional
LW3158	Animal Law	5	Optional
LW231	Company Law II	5	Optional
LW370	Comparative Disability Law	5	Optional
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Optional
LW365	Criminology	5	Optional
LW358	Environmental Law II	5	Optional
LW265	Equity II	5	Optional
LW3131	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes II	5	Optional
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Optional
LW514	Evidence II	5	Optional
LW419	Health and Safety Law	5	Optional
LW232	Housing Law & Policy	5	Optional
LW356	Industrial and Intellectual Property Law	5	Optional
LW3128	International Protection of Human Rights II	5	Optional
LW364	International Trade Law	5	Optional
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Optional
LW216	Labour Law II	5	Optional
LW226	Land Law II	5	Optional
LW3152	Law and Analytics	5	Optional
LW3157	Revenue Law II	5	Optional
LW3153	The Protection of Prisoner Rights under International Law	5	Optional

# Final LLB - 3BL1

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Туре
Year-long			
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Optional
LW118	Contract	10	Optional
LW262	Tort	10	Optional
LW323	Public International Law	10	Optional
LW3150	Family and Child Law	10	Optional
Semester 1			
LW3129	Guided Research Essay	5	CORE
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Optional
LW3104	Applied Legal Theory	5	Optional
LW229	Company Law I	5	Optional
LW333	Comparative Competition Law	5	Optional
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Optional
LW357	Environmental Law I	5	Optional
LW3151	Equality and Law	5	Optional
LW263	Equity I	5	Optional
LW3130	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes I	5	Optional
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Optional
LW513	Evidence I	5	Optional

LW339 LW383 LW3127 LW212 LW225 LW3159 LW3156	Independent Research Information Technology Law International Protection of Human Rights I Labour Law I Land Law I Lawyering, Technology and Innovation Revenue Law I	5 5 5 5 5 5	Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional Optional
Semester 2			
LW371	Alternative Dispute Resolution	5	Optional
LW3158	Animal Law	5	Optional
LW231	Company Law II	5	Optional
LW370	Comparative Disability Law	5	Optional
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Optional
LW365	Criminology	5	Optional
LW358	Environmental Law II	5	Optional
LW265	Equity II	5	Optional
LW3131	European Human Rights Law - Systems & Themes II	5	Optional
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Optional
LW514	Evidence II	5	Optional
LW419	Health and Safety Law	5	Optional
LW232	Housing Law & Policy	5	Optional
LW356	Industrial and Intellectual Property Law	5	Optional
LW3128	International Protection of Human Rights II	5	Optional
LW364	International Trade Law	5	Optional
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Optional
LW216	Labour Law II	5	Optional
LW226	Land Law II	5	Optional
LW3152	Law and Analytics	5	Optional
LW3157	Revenue Law II	5	Optional
LW3153	The Protection of Prisoner Rights under International Law	5	Optional

# 2 Year LLB

# **Year 1 – 1BOL1**

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Туре	
Year-long				
LW117	Constitutional Law	10	Core	
LW118	Contract	10	Core	
LW262	Tort	10	Core	
Semester 1				
LW301	Criminal Law I	5	Core	
LW103.I	Irish Legal Systems	5	Core	
LW427	European Union Law I	5	Core	
LW107.I	Legal Methods and Research	5	Core	
Semester 2				
LW428	European Union Law II	5	Core	
LW304	Criminal Law II	5	Core	

**Year 2 – 2BOL1** 

Module Code	Module Description	ECTS	Туре		
Semester 1					
LW225	Land Law I	5	Core		
LW3129	Guided Research Essay	5	Core		
LW229	Company Law I	5	Core		
LW263	Equity I	5	Core		
LW513	Evidence I	5	Core		
LW337	Administrative Law I	5	Core		
Semester 2					
LW3159	Lawyering Technology and Innovation	5	Core		
LW3119	Jurisprudence	5	Core		
LW226	Land Law II	5	Core		
LW231	Company Law II	5	Core		
LW265	Equity II	5	Core		
LW514	Evidence II	5	Core		

<sup>\*</sup> Students are obliged to complete Core modules as part of their 60 ECTS for the year

Every effort will be made to offer the modules as listed, each module may not be available every year. Modules are offered subject to availability of staff and sufficient demand.

Please note that your timetable may change during the year. The most up-to-date timetable can be found on <a href="https://www.nuigalway.ie/law/timetables">www.nuigalway.ie/law/timetables</a>

#### REGISTRATION FOR MODULES VIA SCHOOL OFFICE

If registering for the following modules students must register through the School Administration Office. Please email <a href="mailto:law@universityofgalway.ie">law@universityofgalway.ie</a>

#### **LW420 Clinical Placement**

This optional one-semester module requires that students utilise their legal training in suitable work placements for ten weeks. Students should generally expect to work for 8-10 hours each week (i.e., the equivalent of two half days or one full day). It is preferable that students be engaged to the extent possible in substantive work (i.e., legal research, working with case files, observing court proceedings, etc.). The module will open with an introductory seminar in which students will be informed generically as to the nature and scope of their responsibilities, and close with an interactive seminar in which students will share their individual experiences. Assessments will be predicated on a final reflection paper. Also, satisfactory written evaluations from supervisors are a prerequisite to successfully completing the module.

Placements will be allocated on the basis of academic merit. To be eligible to apply to take the module, LLB students coming from the BA (Joint Honours) Law programmes must have at least a H2.1 average in their primary degree results. LLB students coming from the BA (Public & Social Policy) and B Comm programmes must have at least a H2.1 average in their results from year two of the LLB. BCL students and LLB students pursuing a three- or four-year degree must have at least a H2.1 average in their degree results to date. In the event that the number of students desiring to take the module exceeds the number of available placements, a selection process incorporating a number of relevant factors such as overall academic profile and interest level as demonstrated in the application will determine entry.

#### **LW437 Mooting**

This module provides students with an opportunity to develop practical skills in legal drafting, advocacy and litigation. It includes a taught element with a concentration on the drafting of documents and written submissions. The majority of the module is devoted to guided student participation in moot court exercises which may involve domestic, European or International law. Students will be assessed on the basis of written and/or oral submissions and other such assessments.