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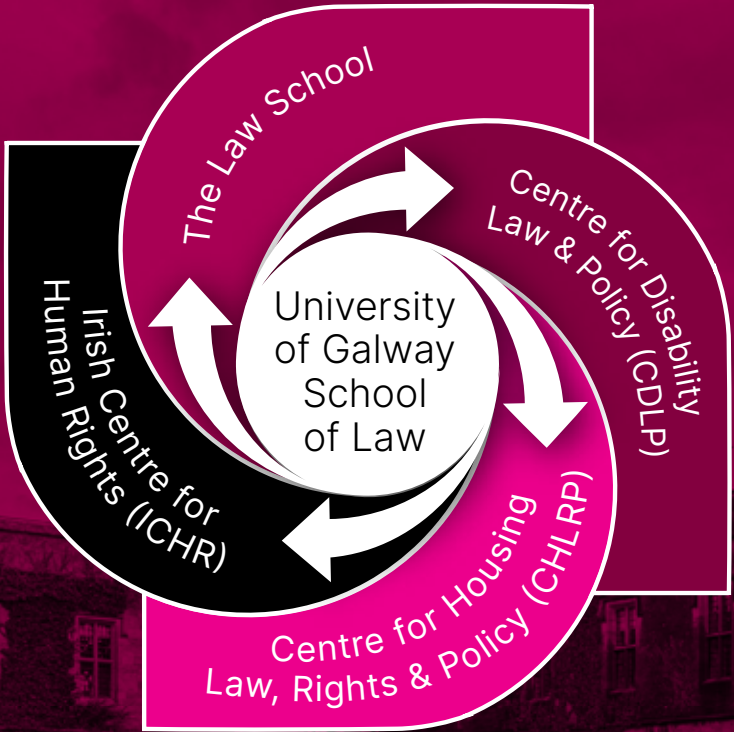
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Study Law at University of Galway



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World class *teaching*

The emphasis on innovation, practicality and professional preparation apparent from the first days of the university continue to guide our teaching of law. We go beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries to ensure our students graduate as well-rounded, ethical legal professionals.

Experienced staff

Our academic staff are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields and many are also industry experienced. Their invaluable knowledge and experience gives students a unique learning experience, ensuring that they develop the skills necessary to put theory into practice. The School of Law is also a centre of excellence in research with our internationally recognised research centres. Our students have access to academics who lead research projects and influence national and international policy making.

Career focus

Our careers and employment team provide quality career guidance to help students gain clarity, connect with employers and compete for the best jobs.

Clarity in your career journey through:

- One-to-one career guidance
- Career seminars and events
- Psychometric testing
- Drop-in sessions

Connect with prospective employers through:

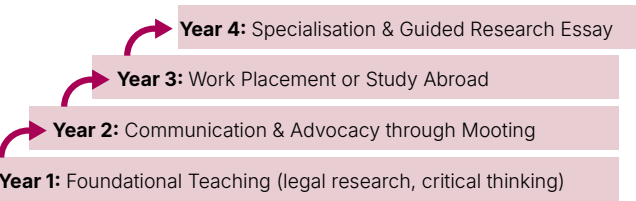
- Jobs fairs and employer events
- Jobs vacancy system

Compete in the jobs market through:

- CV & interview skills workshops
- Job application review

Skills

Skills-based modules are an essential part of our degrees, equipping students with both the academic and practical skills required for successful careers and for life. Our academics work with students to develop competencies including logical and critical thinking, communication and advocacy skills, project management skills and the ability to construct complex legal arguments. University of Galway law students become highly skilled, employable graduates confident to progress to professional qualification and to pursue a range of other careers locally, nationally and globally. Development of skills is advanced every year of the degree:



Guest lectures from experts

Our close links to the legal profession and industry mean we regularly host guest lecturers with leading expertise in law, the legal profession, human rights, disability, business and beyond. Guest lecturers give students insight into current trends in law and society, and inform their future career choices.

A rounded student experience

Beyond the lecture hall, there is a wide variety of extra-curricular activities with over 100 student societies, including a very vibrant student Law Society, excellent sports facilities and clubs, volunteering through the ALIVE programme, and the community knowledge initiative. The University also offers a range of supports for students and scholarships such as the Excellence Scholarships and Sports Scholarships.

Terence O'Malley DLA Piper Scholarship



We are delighted to partner with global law firm DLA Piper for the Terence O'Malley DLA Piper Scholarship. The scholarship supports Scholars throughout their four-year degree to the value of €2,500 annually (total value of €10,000 per Scholar). Each year the scholarship is awarded to two first year students who are enrolled in one of our four law degrees (GY250, GY251, GY252 and GY254) and is awarded based on financial need and academic merit. The Scholars will preferably have a home address in Mayo but consideration is given to applicants with a home address in the West of Ireland (all counties in Connacht plus counties Donegal and Clare).

Terms and conditions apply, visit our website for full details:
www.universityofgalway.ie/dlapiperscholarship

"I am extremely proud to be a recipient of the Terence O'Malley DLA Piper Scholarship. The Scholarship has had a significant impact on my third level education and experience. It has allowed me to focus on attaining my degree in Law at University of Galway without any financial strain."

Ava Cullinan
Law (BCL) Student



International focus

Studying law at University of Galway will give you an insight into the global legal system that is driving change in the world today, both nationally and internationally. Our modules have an embedded international emphasis so our students have an understanding of the globalisation of legal practice. Students will also have the opportunity to study abroad with prestigious partner institutions, transforming their university degree into a truly global experience.

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Professional Work placement

Our Law programmes aim to position students with the skills and graduate attributes needed for employment post-graduation. We partner with leading global, national and local firms, as well as other organisations, to support student development and work placement.

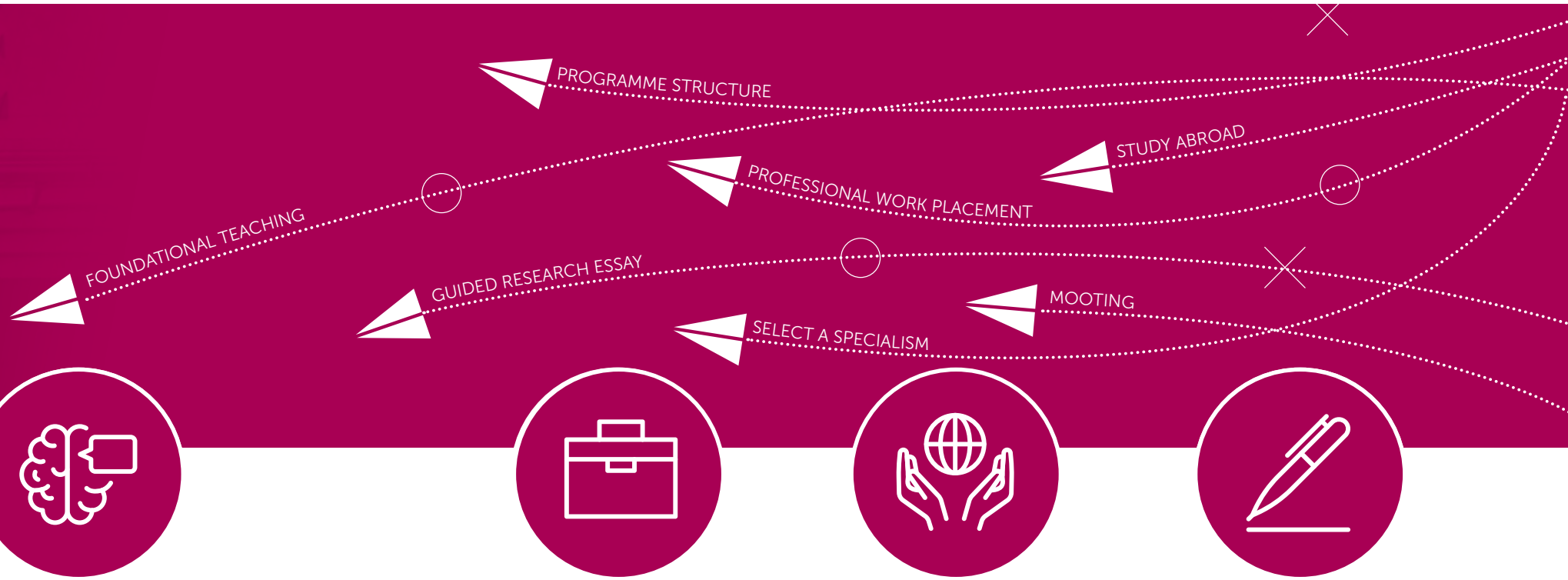
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| • Matheson | • KPMG | • Barnabus |
| • A&L Goodbody | • The Irish Refugee Council | • Damien Tansey Solicitors |
| • Arthur Cox | • Philip Lee | • Maples Group |
| • LK Shields | • Department of Justice | • Grant Thornton |
| • Ronan Daly Jermyn (RDJ) | • William Fry | |
| • Eversheds Sutherland | • Berwick Solicitors | |
| • AMOSS Solicitors | • MacSweeney & Company Solicitors | |
| • CIE | | |
| • Irish Water | • PwC | |

National and International Internships

Our students are in a unique position to apply for a limited number of high profile national and international legal internships. Our school has established links with a number of prestigious organisations that offer summer internship opportunities.

Our innovative approach

(GY250, GY251, GY252, GY254)



Programme Structure

Our programmes are designed to maximise student potential by providing a balance of foundational law modules, critical legal skills and a specialism in different subject areas. Students also have the opportunity to either study abroad or to avail of professional work placement. Throughout the degree, students will develop a comparative understanding of the law and an appreciation of law in practice. Students will become highly skilled, employable graduates able to progress to professional qualification and to pursue a range of other careers locally, nationally and globally. Our law programmes incorporate the modules examined as part of the Law Society of Ireland entrance examinations (solicitor qualification) with opportunities also to take the modules examined as part of the Honorable Society of King's Inns entrance examinations (barrister qualification).

Foundational Teaching

University of Galway is driving innovation in the teaching of law through the concentration of skills at every stage of our degree programmes. The key to this approach is strong foundational teaching. Our module, Understanding the Law, allows students to explore the foundation structures and operations of the Irish legal system while introducing students to the basic skills of case analysis, statutory interpretation, legal citation and writing, and developing capacities for independent research and writing. We teach this module intensively in the opening weeks of the first semester: doing so will (i) support students to transition to the expectations of a university degree, and (ii) build a platform of essential skills which will be necessary as students advance through their legal education.

Mooting

Mooting is a simulated courtroom experience. Using a hypothetical set of case facts, students learn how to identify legal issues, construct a legal argument, draft legal submissions, and effectively deliver oral arguments. All students will participate in mooting exercises. Past students described participating in mooting as 'transformative'. The module is delivered through a taught component made up of lectures and an active component where students will participate in practical seminars and a mock trial. Students will be required to work with fellow students in small groups to research and prepare arguments for presentation, and to develop written legal submissions and oral arguments. The final moot court competitions take place in the Galway Courthouse and are presided over by a sitting member of the Irish judiciary.

NEW State-Of-The-Art On-Campus Moot Courtroom

Professional Work Placement

Our students will have the opportunity to gain a professional focus and real-world experience through work placement. Professional Work Placement takes place in third year from September to April. Students gain invaluable experience by putting theory into practice and developing new skills which can support and influence career direction. We are committed to providing high quality work placements together with nationally and internationally recognised law firms and organisations. Students will have a range of CV and interview preparation supports available in advance of their work placement.

Study Abroad

We offer exciting study-abroad opportunities through ERASMUS and International Exchange. Students that choose a language stream are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to elevate their linguistic skills by studying in a partnering university that teaches through that language. Students can study through the countries native language in our partner universities in Germany, France and Spain. We have also partnered with a number of leading universities who teach through English in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Poland, Spain, The Netherlands and the United States of America. Studying abroad gives students the prospect to further broaden their studies in an equivalent world class university. It also provides the opportunity for improved language skills, an appreciation of other cultures and the development of different perspectives on law.

Guided Research Essay

The capacity to write long-form research essays is a signature ability of graduates, and is a key skill for practicing lawyers. As part of our degrees, students will complete a 'Guided Research Essay' supported by an academic mentor. Students will greatly benefit from the guidance and supervision of an assigned academic mentor who will meet with them to discuss their research essay and provide feedback on their work.

Select a specialism (GY250, GY251, GY252)

On return from professional work placement or study abroad, students will be ready to focus on the final year of their degree. This year is structured into specialised streams which aligns our wide variety of modules into related groupings or specialisms. This allows students to shape their degree and focus on an area of study that interests them and develop special expertise in their chosen field.



Course facts

CAO CODE	GY251	Leaving certificate entry requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and any three other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Minimum A-Level grades see www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions
COURSE LEVEL	8	
DURATION	4 YEARS	
MINIMUM ENTRY POINTS 2024	500	
AVERAGE INTAKE	40	

Why choose the Law (BCL) programme?

- ▶ Students can focus their studies on the law to maximise their understanding of the legal process.
- ▶ Students can tailor this degree to particular areas of law that interest them.
- ▶ Students who wish to qualify professionally as a solicitor or a barrister will have completed the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland and the Honorable Society of King's Inns.
- ▶ Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on acquiring the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Work Placement

- ▶ Students will have the opportunity to apply for a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate organisation, a public sector organisation or other suitable legal placement.
- ▶ Students on placement will see the law being applied in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.

- ▶ In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.
- ▶ Some of our work placement partners include KPMG, Callan Tansey Solicitors, Matheson, AMOSS Solicitors, Philip Lee, Berwick Solicitors and Blake & Kenny Solicitors.

Study Abroad

- ▶ Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on the law.
- ▶ Depending on the partnering institute, modules are taught through English, French or German. Students can study both law and non-law modules.

- ▶ Students who study language modules are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to improve linguistic skills.

We have established study abroad links/partners in the following countries:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada

- China
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
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- Hungary
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Career Prospects

- ▶ Graduates of the Law (BCL) programme will be well-equipped to succeed in professional studies at either the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) or the Honorable Society of King's Inns (barrister).
- ▶ This degree will also provide an excellent platform for graduates interested in working outside of the professions.
- ▶ As more and more areas of life are legally regulated, the comprehensive grounding in the law and the legal process that graduates receive during this degree will make them attractive to a wide range of potential employers in financial services, consultancy, industry and the public sector.

Degree programme structure

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	*YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
Core Law Modules	Core Law Modules	Professional Work Placement	Core Law Modules
+	+		+
Legal Skills Modules	Legal Skills Modules	OR	Legal Skills Modules
+	+		+
Optional Modules Law or Language	Optional Modules Law or Language	Study Abroad	Specialist Streams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business and Commercial Law• Public Law, Risk and Regulation• Human Rights, Crime and Equality• International, Comparative & Transnational Law• Law and Innovation• Language: Legal French/ Legal German/ Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish)• General

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Final year - Specialist streams

Students may choose one of the following specialist streams or the 'General' stream which allows students to choose 30 credits worth of law modules. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in the final year.

Business and Commercial Law

This stream focuses on law specifically in a business context. It is targeted at students with a particular interest in the legal aspects of business. Students taking this stream will take commercial law subjects with a view to preparing them to work in a commercial legal environment. This stream will be of particular benefit to students who are interested in seeking apprenticeships with large commercial law firms.

Public Law, Risk and Regulation

The modules offered in this stream focus students' attention on how State bodies operate within the State's borders. State agencies regulate numerous aspects of individuals' lives and commercial activities with a view to reducing the risk of harm to individuals, but these agencies are themselves the subject of regulation. This stream will be of interest to students who wish to work in the public sphere.

Human Rights, Crime and Equality

Students on this stream will focus on the manner in which the state and/or international government bodies deal with individuals. Many of the modules on offer will focus on how the coercive power of these bodies may be levied and controlled, while others focus on how the power of the state and international government bodies can be invoked to improve the position of marginalised sections of the community. Module content is targeted at students interested in working in the fields of criminal law and human rights.

International, Comparative and Transnational Law

Students interested in working in an international legal environment should take this stream. Some of the modules will allow students to learn about the laws that regulate how countries deal with each other, while others consider how different countries approach similar legal issues. Still other modules focus on how best to deal with legal issues that cross international frontiers.

Language

This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. Students on this stream will develop their language skills and learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

Law and Innovation

The recent rapid growth in legal information technology – often referred to as 'lawtech' – is disrupting the world of legal practice to a very significant extent. Information and communications technology has already been an important driver of change in legal research and daily practice. The deployment of tools such as machine learning are now transforming the work of lawyers. This stream allows students to develop skills which can be useful in legal practice or in new career options such as legal technologist.

GY254 Law (BCL),Criminology and Criminal Justice

Course facts

CAO CODE	GY254	Leaving certificate entry requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and any three other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Minimum A-Level grades see www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions
COURSE LEVEL	8	
DURATION	4 YEARS	
MINIMUM ENTRY POINTS 2024	501	
AVERAGE INTAKE	25	

Why choose the Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice programme?

- ▶ This is a unique law degree programme for students with an interest in crime and criminology.
- ▶ Students have the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law degree with specially developed modules in criminology, criminal justice and human rights.
- ▶ Students will have access to world-class academics that specialise in the fields of criminal justice, criminology, international criminal law, and psychology.
- ▶ Students will complete all the modules required to undertake the entrance exams for the Law Society of Ireland, should they wish to qualify as a solicitor. Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all additional modules required by the Honorable Society of King's Inns.
- ▶ Students will graduate with a firm foundation in criminology, criminal law and criminal justice, both academically and practically, which will enable them to pursue work or further study in this area.
- ▶ Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building on the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers such as legal research, understanding legislation, problem solving, legal writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Professional Work Placement

- ▶ Students will have the opportunity to apply to work in firms with a substantial practice in criminal law, a statutory agency that has a criminal justice remit or national and international non-governmental organisations.
- ▶ Students on placement will see application of the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.
- ▶ In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice along with interview support and coaching.
- ▶ Some of our work placement partners include the Policing Authority, the Department of Justice, Border Violence Monitoring Network, Eversheds Sutherland and Barnahus.

Study Abroad

- ▶ Students opting for study abroad will travel to partner institutions around the world where they will take courses relevant to criminology, criminal law and criminal justice taught through English.
- ▶ Students may also have the opportunity to study other law and non-law modules.

We have established study abroad links/ partners in the following countries:

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Degree programme structure

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	*YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
Core Law Modules	Core Law Modules	Professional Work Placement	Core Law Modules
+	+		+
Criminal Justice and Criminology Modules	Advanced Criminal Justice and Criminology Modules		Criminal Justice Modules
+	+		+
Legal Skills Modules	Legal Skills Modules	OR	Legal Skills Modules
+	+		+
	Forensic, Abnormal and Clinical Psychology		
Optional Modules • Law or Language	Optional Modules • Law or Language	Study Abroad	Optional Modules • Law and/or Language

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Career Prospects

- ▶ Graduates of the Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice programme will be well-prepared to work in policy or practice in the fields of criminal law, criminal justice and international human rights law.
- ▶ Graduates will have the foundation necessary to pursue opportunities with non-governmental organisations, international organisations, United Nations bodies or statutory agencies.
- ▶ As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) and the Honorable Society of King's Inns (barrister).
- ▶ Graduates may also wish to pursue further studies with a master's degree in criminology, criminal justice or international criminal law.

Language

- ▶ Students may study Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. Students will develop their language skills and learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

GY252

Law (BCL) and Human Rights

Course facts

CAO CODE	GY252	Leaving certificate entry requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language and any three other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Minimum A-Level grades see www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions
COURSE LEVEL	8	
DURATION	4 years	
MINIMUM ENTRY POINTS 2024	506	
AVERAGE INTAKE	20	

Why choose the Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme?

- ▶ This is a unique degree offering in Ireland that gives students the opportunity to combine the study of a full undergraduate law programme with the study of human rights.
- ▶ Students will supplement their legal knowledge with a detailed grounding in the theory and practice of human rights.
- ▶ Students will have access to world-leading researchers, writers and lecturers in human rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights.
- ▶ Students who wish to qualify as a solicitor will have completed all the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland. Students who wish to qualify professionally as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honorable Society of King's Inns through the Legal Professions specialised stream.
- ▶ Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Work Placement

- ▶ Our students will have the opportunity to apply to work with international and national organisations in the human rights field.
- ▶ Students on placement will see the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical experience.
- ▶ In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.
- ▶ The Irish Centre for Human Rights has a global network of alumni working in human rights, providing excellent links and supports for our students.
- ▶ Some of our work placement partners include A&L Goodbody Probono Practice, the Irish Refugee Centre, the ISPPC and Transparency International Ireland.

Study Abroad

- ▶ As an alternative to Professional Work Placement, students can take advantage of our links with highly prestigious international universities to spend a year studying abroad.
- ▶ Depending on the partnering institute, modules are taught through English, French or German. Students can study both law and non-law modules.

- ▶ Students who study language modules are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to improve linguistic skills.

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| • France | |
| • Germany | |

Career Prospects

- ▶ Graduates of the Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme will be well prepared to work in human rights law, policy or practice in Ireland or internationally.
- ▶ Graduates will have the foundation necessary to pursue opportunities with international organisations, United Nations bodies, NGO's, or developmental agencies.
- ▶ As this is a full undergraduate law degree graduates can also pursue professional qualifications with the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) and the Honorable Society of King's Inns (barrister).

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Core Law Modules	Core Law Modules	Professional Work Placement	Core Law Modules
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Human Rights Modules	Human Rights Modules		Legal Skills Modules
+	+		+
Legal Skills Modules	Legal Skills Modules	OR	Specialist Streams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal Professions• Human Rights, Crime and Equality• Business and Commercial Law• Public Law, Risk and Regulation• International, Comparative and Transnational Law• Language: Legal French/ Legal German/ Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish)• Law and Innovation• General
+	+		
Optional Modules Law or Language	Optional Modules Law or Language	Study Abroad	

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Legal Professions

Students will complete the modules required for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honorable Society of King's Inns to pursue a career as a barrister.

Language

This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. Students on this stream will develop their language skills and learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge

when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

Business and Commercial Law

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Public Law, Risk and Regulation

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themselves the subject of regulation. This stream will be of interest to students who wish to work in the public sphere.

International, Comparative and Transnational Law

Students interested in working in an international legal environment should take this stream. Some of the modules will allow students to learn about the laws that regulate how countries deal with each other, while others consider how different countries approach similar legal issues. Still other modules focus on how best to deal with legal issues that cross international frontiers.

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Course facts

CAO CODE	GY250	Leaving certificate entry requirements: Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/H7 level in the Leaving Certificate including Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, and any two other subjects recognised for entry purposes. Minimum A-Level grades see www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at: www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions
COURSE LEVEL	8	
DURATION	4 YEARS	
MINIMUM ENTRY POINTS 2024	500	
AVERAGE INTAKE	60	

Why choose the Law and Business programme?

- ▶ Students will study law modules as well as the principal commercial disciplines (accounting, economics, management and digital business & analytics) or a language.
- ▶ Graduates will understand not only the legal process but also the fundamentals of business. This will prepare graduates to work as lawyers in a corporate environment.
- ▶ Students who wish to qualify professionally as a solicitor will have completed all the modules required by the Law Society of Ireland.
- ▶ Students who wish to qualify as a barrister will have the option of taking all the modules required by the Honorable Society of King's Inns through the Legal Professions specialist stream in the final year.
- ▶ Throughout the programme there is an emphasis on building on the fundamental practical skills required of lawyers – legal research, writing, oral presentation and advocacy.

Work Placement

- ▶ Students will have the opportunity to apply for a professional work placement in a leading law firm, a corporate organisation, a public sector organisation or other suitable legal placement.

- ▶ Students on placement will see the law in action, thereby supplementing their academic legal education with practical exposure.
- ▶ In advance of Professional Work Placement, law students receive one-to-one CV preparation advice, along with interview support and coaching.
- ▶ Some of our work placement partners include Damien Tansey Solicitors, Grant Thornton, Eversheds Sutherland, McCann Fitzgerald and Arthur Cox.

Study Abroad

- ▶ Students can study abroad at partner institutions around the world, giving them the opportunity to experience legal and business education in an international setting and to gain a different perspective on the law and commercial services.
- ▶ Depending on the partnering institute, tuition is through English, Spanish, French or German. Students can study both Law and non-law modules.
- ▶ Students that choose a language module are encouraged to avail of the study abroad opportunity to improve linguistic skills.

We have established study abroad links/ partners in the following countries:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- China

- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- India
- Italy
- Norway
- Poland
- Spain
- The Netherlands
- United States of America

Career Prospects

- ▶ Graduates of the Bachelor of Law and Business programme will have a variety of career paths open to them, depending on the specialism they select in their degrees.
- ▶ All graduates will be well equipped to work in a corporate legal environment.
- ▶ Graduates of this degree will be ready to sit the professional entrance for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor). Graduates who have elected to complete the Legal Professions specialised stream will be ready to sit the professional entrance examinations for the Honorable Society of King's Inns (barrister).
- ▶ Graduates who have taken the commercial specialisms will be able to seek exemptions from qualifications offered by commercial professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Accountants.

Degree programme structure

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	*YEAR THREE	YEAR FOUR
Core Law Modules	Core Law Modules	Professional Work Placement	Core Law Modules
+	+		+
Business Modules	Business Modules		Legal Skills Modules
+	+		+
Legal Skills Modules	Legal Skills Modules	OR	Specialist Streams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal Professions• Accounting• Digital Business & Analytics• Economics• Management• Law and Innovation• Language: Legal French/ Legal German/ Spanish/ Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish)• General
+	+		
Optional Modules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Information Systems• Economics• Language	Optional Modules <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting• Business Information Systems• Economics• Management• Language	Study Abroad	

*YEAR THREE: Caithfidh na mic léinn a dhéanann Teanga an Dlí seimeastar amháin ag staidéar ar champas Gaeltachta Ollscoil na hÉireann Gaillimh ar an gCeathrú Rua agus seimeastar amháin eile ar shocrúchán oibre i dtimpeallacht lán-Ghaeilge. (Students who study Legal Irish will spend one semester studying at University of Galway's Gaeltacht campus in An Cheathrú Rua and one semester of professional work placement in an Irish-speaking environment.)

Final year - Specialist streams

Students may choose one of the following specialist streams or the 'General' stream which allows students to choose 30 credits worth of law modules. Certain specialist streams have prerequisite modules which must be passed before choosing the stream in the final year.

Legal Professions

Students will complete the modules required for the Law Society of Ireland (solicitor) professional entrance examinations as core modules. This stream allows students to undertake the modules required for study at the Honorable Society of King's Inns to pursue a career as a barrister.

Accounting

Students study accounting modules, positioning them for a career in accountancy.

Economics

Students can develop their knowledge of economic theory through modules as diverse as the economics of globalisation, the economics of money and finance, and health and environmental economics. With this knowledge and the associated skills, students who specialise in economics will be able to work in the private, public or voluntary sectors, as economic analysts, researchers, advocates, policy advisors or economic consultants.

Management

This specialisation focuses on management within a global business environment. It explores topics within the fields of Human Resource Management, Business Strategy and Labour Law and will appeal to a student with a focus on understanding how business organisations manage their operations within their environment.

Digital Business & Analytics

This specialisation focuses on the implementation, use and management of information systems (IS) within business. It contains practice-based modules that teach students how to create IS using database technology, web design technology and computer programming languages. It also provides modules that enable students to investigate how to manage IS within business. Students will be well positioned to secure jobs as management consultants and analysts specialising in IS or to work within the IS department of a business.

Language

This stream allows students to take Legal French, Legal German, Spanish

or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) to degree level. In addition to developing language skills, students undertaking Legal French, Legal German or Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will also learn about culture, laws and politics of the country in question. By undertaking a European language students will have a competitive edge when applying to work in international law firms that provide services in multiple languages. Studying Teanga an Dlí (Legal Irish) will open up opportunities for employment in legal departments of an Irish-language organisation, law firms which provide legal advice through the Irish-language, the public sector and legal translation and interpretation.

Law and Innovation

The recent rapid growth in legal information technology – often referred to as 'lawtech' – is disrupting the world of legal practice to a very significant extent. Information and communications technology has already been an important driver of change in legal research and daily practice. The deployment of tools such as machine learning are now transforming the work of lawyers. This stream allows students to develop skills which can be useful in legal practice or in new career options such as legal technologist.

GY101

Bachelor of Arts

(Joint Honours) in Law

Course facts

CAO CODE	GY101
COURSE LEVEL	8
DURATION	3 Years (BA Joint Honours) 4 Years (BA International)
MINIMUM ENTRY POINTS 2024	300
AVERAGE INTAKE	200

Leaving certificate entry requirements:

Minimum Grade H5 in two subjects and passes in four other subjects at O6/ H7 in the Leaving Certificate, including Irish, English, another language and three other subjects recognised for entry purposes.

Minimum A-Level grades see
www.universityofgalway.ie/alevels

EU and Non-EU applicants from outside of Ireland and the UK can find out details on entry requirements at:
www.universityofgalway.ie/undergrad-admissions

Introduction

The BA (Joint-Honours) in Law programme has a long and distinguished history at University of Galway. This programme allows students the flexibility to combine the study of law with a range of complementary subjects. In first year, students take Law as one of their three humanities subjects and they take two other subjects from the Arts group of subjects.

The BA (Joint Honours) in Law programme gives students a solid grounding in law while also providing them with a well-rounded education. There is a wide variety of subjects to choose from. Furthermore, those who wish to qualify as a solicitor or barrister may proceed into the final year of the LLB programme. Upon graduation from the LLB programme students can pursue professional legal training as a solicitor (with the Law Society of Ireland) or as a barrister (with the Honorable Society of King's Inns).

Career prospects

Not all law graduates choose to practice as solicitors or barristers. Many graduates decide to pursue careers outside legal practice. Law graduates acquire knowledge and skills through their programme that ensure that they are highly employable in many sectors.

BA (Joint-Honours) graduates may choose to work in the public sector (Government Departments, Local Government, the Law Reform Commission, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Courts Service, Office of the Attorney General, the Oireachtas etc).

Other graduates may opt for graduate training programmes or for careers in accountancy, banking, taxation, insurance, compliance or with institutions such as the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the European Commission, the Court of Justice of the European Union or the European Court of Human Rights.

Study Abroad

At the end of second year, interested students may apply to spend their third year studying abroad. Students who take a language, French, German, Spanish or Italian may study abroad in the country of the language they are studying before progressing to Final Year. Students who are not studying a language to degree level but who are interested in studying abroad in our partner universities, where modules are offered through English, will have the opportunity to apply for a limited number of places which are offered on a competitive basis.



Degree programme structure

YEAR ONE	YEAR TWO	YEAR THREE
Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Law• Law of Torts• Legal Skills	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutional Law• Contract Law• Advanced Legal Skills• Additional Law Module	Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European Union Law• Criminal Law• Administrative Law
+	+	+
Two subjects from the Arts subject groupings	One of the other Arts subjects chosen in first year	The other Arts subject chosen in second year

Students on the BA (Joint-Honours) Degree who take Law as one of their three subjects in first year, can progress with Law as one of their two subjects to degree level, if they successfully pass all of their subjects in the first sitting exams in first year and are among the top 100 students in Law in first year.

Other related degrees with law components

Bachelor of Commerce – Law stream

Students can elect for the law stream in the final year of their commerce degree. A range of law subjects are available, including Business Law, Company Law and European Union Law. Bachelor of Commerce graduates who have taken the law stream can be admitted to the post graduate LL.B programme to complete a full law degree. They can be exempt from first year of the programme provided they have completed the required number of modules through the law stream. Students should contact the School of Business and Economics for further information.

BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law)

The BA Government (Politics, Economics and Law) is a four year multidisciplinary BA degree that focuses upon public policy and how it affects people, the environment, and the economy. Students shall study a major subject, either Sociology and Political Science, Economics or Law and complement this by studying the other two disciplines as minor subjects. The focus on government and public policy across three academic disciplines will provide students with a more complete understanding of subjects that are critically important to understanding today's world. The course will include coursework that will enable students to understand and apply empirical statistical analysis in applied, real-world settings. Graduates of this degree can be admitted to the post graduate LL.B programme to complete a full law degree. They can be exempt from first year of the programme provided they have completed the required number of law

The subject of law and other related subjects can be studied through other degrees across the University. Students interested in these degrees should see the programme website for further details.

modules. Students should contact the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies for further information.

BA Human Rights

The Bachelor of Arts with Human Rights is an exciting, four year degree programme offered by the College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Celtic Studies in conjunction with the Irish Centre for Human Rights. The Irish Centre for Human Rights is recognised as a world leader in the area of human rights and has developed a global reputation for excellence in the field of human rights teaching, research and advocacy. The programme explores the human rights legal framework, along with the philosophical basis and historical development of human rights. It provides students with both theoretical and practical understanding of how the human rights system works at international, regional and national level. Students will become familiar with key concepts such as human dignity, equality and non-discrimination. The programme also covers the role of different actors in the promotion and protection of human Rights, including the human rights work undertaken by the United Nations, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and Regional and National systems. Students should contact the Irish Centre for Human Rights for further information.



What our recent Graduates say

"I chose to study a BA (Joint Honours) in Law followed by the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) because of the professional, engaged and approachable lecturing staff in University of Galway. The best part of the LL.B was getting the opportunity to take the Moot Court module which involved advocating in front of a judge of the High Court in the Galway Courthouse. This motivated and empowered me to pursue a career as a solicitor. Overall, the BA (Joint Honours) and the LL.B gave me the knowledge and skills necessary for a legal career."

Amanda Wolf
BA (Joint Honours) Law, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)



Some of our *distinguished* legal graduates

Ms Justice Máire Whelan
of The Court of Appeal
First woman to hold the office of Attorney General



"Studying Law (BCL) and Business at University of Galway provided me with an excellent basis on which to begin professional endeavours involving the law. The course is diverse, offering students a comprehensive insight into key legal and business topics, suitable for a 21st century society and economy.

Additionally, it is delivered by incredibly seasoned, and very friendly lecturers. The course also provides the invaluable opportunity to study abroad, which I gained so much from. There are many opportunities to participate in skills-enhancing, and enjoyable, extra-curricular activities connected to the course. I had a blast participating in a negotiation competition with a friend and classmate on behalf of the School of Law, for example. If you are looking for a course that brings out the best from you both academically and in terms of acquiring skills suited to the professional world, I could not recommend the course enough."

Eric Ehigie
Law (BCL) and Business



"The Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice allows students to study crime's causes and consequences. I chose this course for the unique program and modules it offered through the combination of psychology, criminology, criminal justice, and legal modules. University of Galway

is a great place to study criminal law as there is an excellent faculty here. The faculty for our course went above and beyond in organising guest lecturers on careers in both law and the criminal justice system, helping me leave university with a broad awareness of the careers routes open to me. The highlight of my degree was partaking in the Erasmus programme in my third year, where I spent the year in France. Furthermore, one of my favourite things about the course was the small class size for our criminology and criminal justice lectures, which made getting to know other students easier."

Grace O'Brien
Law (BCL), Criminology and Criminal Justice



Justice Dr Mathilda Twomey
Served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Seychelles



Prof Geoffrey Shannon
Former Special Rapporteur on Child Protection

"The Law (BCL) and Human Rights programme at the University of Galway provides a strong foundation for a wide range of career paths. The support from my lecturers was instrumental in helping me secure a George Moore Scholarship and a Northwestern University Scholarship to undertake a Master's in Journalism at Northwestern's Medill School in Chicago. Additionally, the communication, research and critical analysis skills I developed during my undergraduate degree have been invaluable for my journalistic work. With lots of extra-curricular activities on offer, I got involved in the University of Galway Law Review, student newspaper, and student radio station which allowed me to pursue my interest in journalism alongside my interest in law and human rights. The School of Law provided invaluable support during many of my extra-curricular endeavours, particularly a documentary I produced about the late human rights activist, Kevin Boyle, who lectured at the School of Law. I recommend this course for its diverse curriculum and supportive community."

Tom O'Connor
Law (BCL) and Human Rights



Harry McGee
Journalist at the Irish Times



Ms Justice Mary Faherty
Judge of the Court of Appeal
Served as the 5th President of UN Appeals Tribunal

Some of our staff *expertise*



Dr. Maeve O'Rourke

- ▶ Appointed by the Northern Ireland Executive in 2021 to recommend the framework for a state investigation into Northern Ireland's Mother and Baby, Magadene, and Workhouse Institutions
- ▶ Barrister at 33 Bedford Row, London, and previously named UK Family Law Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year
- ▶ Member of the Young Academy of Ireland



Professor Donncha O'Connell

- ▶ Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission (2012-2020)
- ▶ Member of the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland (2017-2018)
- ▶ Former member of the Legal Aid Board
- ▶ First full-time Director of the Irish Council for Civil Liberties (1999-2002)



Dr. Ciara Smyth

- ▶ Author of European Asylum Law and the Rights of the Child (2014)
- ▶ Member of the McMahon Working Group on the reform of the Irish Asylum Process
- ▶ Former Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Irish Refugee Council
- ▶ Expert witness before House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee on unaccompanied minors in the EU



Dr. Conor Hanly

- ▶ Author of the leading textbook on criminal law, *An Introduction to Irish Criminal Law*, 3rd ed. (2016)
- ▶ Lead researcher and author of the groundbreaking, *Rape and Justice in Ireland* (2009)
- ▶ Regularly works with rape crisis centres and domestic violence agencies on research and policy issues
- ▶ Award-winning legal historian, with a particular interest in the jury



Professor Siobhán Mullally

- ▶ Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights
- ▶ Irish Human Rights and Equality Commissioner
- ▶ UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially women and children
- ▶ President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
- ▶ Joint Editor in Chief of the *Irish Yearbook of International Law*
- ▶ Former Chairperson of the Irish Refugee Council



Dr. Rónán Kennedy

- ▶ Awarded SFI Public Service Fellowship in 2020 for the project "Algorithms, Big Data and Artificial Intelligence in the Irish Legal Services Market"
- ▶ Author of *Information and Communications Technology Law in Ireland* (2017)
- ▶ Former member of the Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ Former Executive Legal Officer to Chief Justice Ronan Keane
- ▶ Former editor of the *Judicial Studies Institute Journal*



Dr. Brian Tobin

- ▶ Author of *'The Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships: Emerging Families in Ireland and Beyond* (Oxford: Hart, 2023)
- ▶ Expert Witness before the Oireachtas Joint Committee on International Surrogacy (Ireland) and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Surrogacy (UK)
- ▶ Winner of the CBPPL Dean's Award for Inclusive Teaching, 2021, and the CBPPL Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2023



Ms Deirdre Callanan

- ▶ Leading expert on Health and Safety Law
- ▶ Chartered member of the Institute of Occupational Safety & Health
- ▶ Programme Director of Law (BCL) and Business and Academic Co-ordinator of professional work placement
- ▶ Member of the Clinical Research Ethics Committee at University Hospital Galway



Dr. John Danaher

- ▶ Author of *Robot Sex: Social and Ethical Implications* (2017)
- ▶ Leading authority on the legal and social implications of human enhancement, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies
- ▶ Co-convenor of the Legal and Political Theory Events Series at University of Galway



Dr. Anna-Louise Hinds

- ▶ Author of *Competition Law* (2006)
- ▶ Editor in Chief of the *Irish Journal of European Law*
- ▶ Winner of the Teresa Brannick Medal from UCD
- ▶ Leading expert on European Union Law



Dr. Connie Healy

- ▶ Author of *Collaborative Practice: An International Perspective* (2017)
- ▶ Solicitor with fifteen years professional experience CEDR accredited mediator and IACP trained collaborative lawyer



Professor Padraic Kenna

- ▶ Author of *Housing Law, Rights and Policy* (2011)
- ▶ Director and founder of the Centre for Housing Law and Policy
- ▶ Co-founder of the European FEANTSA Expert Group on Housing Rights



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