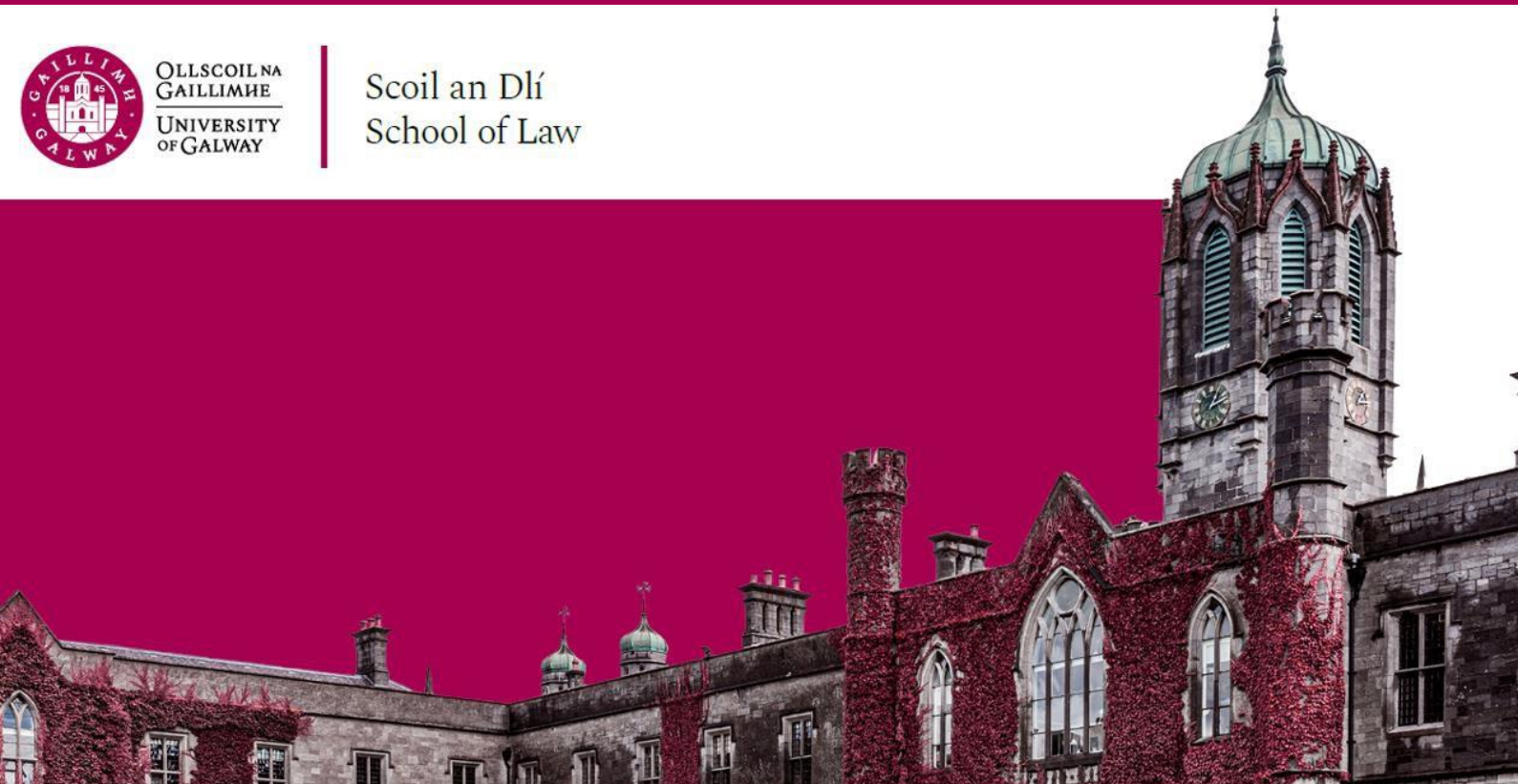




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MODULE SELECTION

First Year – BA Law

| Code | Module | Semester | ECTS |
|--------|---|----------|------|
| LW3160 | Introduction to Law (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW126 | Legal Skills (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |
| LW3109 | Tort (Obligatory) | 1 & 2 | 10 |

Note:

1. As the number of places in Second BA Law is limited to a maximum of 100, students who wish to progress to study Law as one of their degree subjects are required to pass the above First BA Law modules **and** First Year overall in order to be eligible to progress to Second Law.
2. BA (Connect) Students do not take Legal Skills

Second Year – BA Law

| Code | Module | Semester | ECTS |
|--------|--|----------|------|
| LW227 | Constitutional Law I (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW202 | Contract I (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW3158 | Animal Law (optional) | 1 | 5 |
| LW383 | Information Technology Law (optional) | 1 | 5 |
| LW357 | Environmental Law I (optional) | 1 | 5 |
| LW415 | Law of the Sea (optional) | 1 | 5 |
| LW3161 | Advanced Legal Skills (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |
| LW228 | Constitutional Law I (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |
| LW205 | Contract II (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |

Note:

1. Students must take and pass in Second Arts the 5 obligatory modules plus 1 optional module from the above list.
2. Students should note that the module *Advanced Legal Skills* is examined by means of assignments. Students must complete and submit the assignments as directed by the lecturer in the course of the first semester lectures in this module.

LW3158 Animal Law: The aim of this module is to give students an understanding of law relating to animals in context. It will cover both animal welfare and animal rights. Students will become familiar with Irish legislation, the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013, which governs the area in Ireland along with its legislative predecessors and relevant case law. It will also cover UK law for comparative purposes and European law. It will consider the status of animals in their historical context and in the contemporary world, engaging with ethical and political debates on the treatment of different animals as farm animals, companion animals, wild animals, and so on. Students will gain an appreciation of the historical, theoretical and global setting of animal law. The emergence of technological innovations such as the creation of human-animal hybrids will be studied as a means to interrogate the manner in which animals are used in comparison with humans. The emergence of debates on personhood for animals and court cases in the Americas and other jurisdictions shall be scrutinised. By the end of the module students will have gained a knowledge of literature and arguments in law and in other disciplines, such as philosophy, where appropriate.

LW383 Information Technology Law: This module examines the use of computers and other aspects of information technology in legal research and practice and in the administration of justice generally. The legal problems created by the use of such technology are also examined, such as data protection, computer crime, legal problems of Electronic Data Interchange, legal protection of interests in software, integrated circuits and other related topics.

LW357 Environmental Law I: This module treats the legal regime regulating planning and development in Irish Law. The Irish planning code and issues of statutory interpretation and public law arising therefrom are examined. The module looks at the institutions of planning control, the application for planning permission, participation by objectors, the appeal process and judicial review of planning decisions and compensation for refusal of development.

LW415 Law of the Sea: This course explores international regulations of the ocean. The course aims to equip students with fundamental knowledge concerning the use of the sea and ocean. It explores history and development of the maritime usage and how the law of the sea has evolved through the history of mankind. In addition, it covers the study of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOSC) with the aim to educate students with necessary maritime zones, features as well as rights and obligations of States in relation to the sea. Having touched upon the fundamental parts of the LOSC, the course takes students through thematic issues ranging from the protection and preservation of marine resources and the environment, the regulation of marine scientific research, and other new emerging concerns such as the South China Sea issues, human rights at sea, and climate change and the ocean.

Study Abroad

It is possible for students to spend their third year studying abroad as part of an Erasmus (within the EU) or international (outside the EU) exchange. There are three categories of students who can study abroad and the procedure is different for each category.

1. For students taking French, German, Italian or Spanish, their exchange will be arranged by their language department co-ordinator.
2. BA (Global Experience) students not taking a language will be contacted by the College mobility co-ordinator in October, and invited to an information session to explain the application process. Places will be allocated in early December.
3. BA Government students and BA Law students who do not take a language will be contacted by the College mobility co-ordinator in January, and invited to an information session to explain the application process. This is highly competitive, as there is a limited number of places available. Second year Semester I results will be the deciding factor.

Final Year – BA LAW

| Code | Module | Semester | ECTS |
|--------|---|----------|------|
| LW503 | European Union Law I (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW4103 | Administrative Law I (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW409 | Criminal Law I (Obligatory) | 1 | 5 |
| LW504 | European Union Law II (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |
| LW4104 | Administrative Law II (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |
| LW413 | Criminal Law II (Obligatory) | 2 | 5 |

Entry to the LLB

The LLB is a three-year programme. However, [completing BA Law exempts you from the first and second years of the LLB.](#)

University of Galway BA Law graduates are automatically eligible for direct entry to third/final year (3BL1) of the university's LLB programme upon completion of your BA degree programme.

During this year, you will have the opportunity to complete the remaining core law modules so as to meet the entrance and examination requirements of the legal professions - solicitor training with the [Law Society of Ireland](#) and Barrister-at-Law training with [Kings' Inns](#).

You are not required to make an application for the programme via the Postgraduate Applications System.

The School of Law Administration Office will be in contact with all final year BA Law students in Spring with details of how to accept a place on the LLB programme via direct entry.

To be eligible for the intake, you must complete your undergraduate Bachelor of Arts programme in full (i.e. passing all subjects including Law) prior to commencing study on the LLB programme.