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VISIT THE UCD SUTHERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

Visiting the School of Law is the best way to find out more about studying law and to tour our unique building and check out the facilities on offer.

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LAW OPEN EVENING
Every year, we host an Open Evening to give students the opportunity to attend talks by lecturers and students and ask questions about studying law. It is also a great chance to see the facilities on offer with a tour of the Sutherland School of Law building.

UCD OPEN DAY
The UCD Open Day takes place every year on a Saturday in November and it is another opportunity to meet with law lecturers in the O’Reilly Hall and also to visit the Sutherland School of Law building. You can also attend a series of graduate talks to hear about the diverse careers open to you when you have a law degree.

LAW SUMMER SCHOOL
In early June, we welcome fifth year students to our Summer School. This is a chance to attend sample lectures to get a feel for what it is like to be a law student in the UCD Sutherland School of Law. It is also a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the student experience in UCD for a day.

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WELCOME

The study of law is the primary focus of the UCD Sutherland School of Law for all staff and students – from our first year undergraduates arriving in September with little or no experience of law to our PhD students writing up book length theses, to our academics whose research and writing informs their teaching, is published extensively nationally and internationally and who contribute to public debates through social and mainstream media. The School has a vibrant community of scholarship and learning that informs, inspires and challenges our students in equal measure. We call on our students to be intellectually curious and we help them develop rigorous analytical skills equipping them for the next stage in their careers as UCD alumni. We welcome new students from Ireland and internationally every year, celebrating the increasing diversity of our student body. We take enormous pride in their learning and how as graduates they contribute to society in legal practice, public service, business, media and in the cultural and not-for-profit sectors. And we take particular pride in those who have gone on to make a mark in public life (the fourth president of India, V.V. Giri, was a law student here at the time of the 1916 Rising, and more recently Peter Sutherland, formerly EU Commissioner, was Director of the WTO and Chairman of Goldman Sachs, and Judge Síofra O’Leary is a judge in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg).

Graduation is the goal but learning law is the path to that day when your name is called out and you walk up in your robes to get your parchment. The Sutherland School is the only purpose-built university law school in Ireland with state-of-the-art facilities designed around a principle of community. With its bright, airy classrooms, lecture theatres and student study areas it provides a focus for all law students and staff. Undergraduate students join either as part of the Bachelor of Business and Law (BBL) or the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL). After first year, the BCL students choose from a broad range of degree programmes discussed in this booklet and there are opportunities for students to also study abroad at one of our partner Law Schools across the world. The Law curriculum introduces you to legal doctrine and analysis, legal writing, the ability to read case law, statutes and other sources of law and to analyse the role of law in society. The first two years of study introduce you to the diverse world of law with the opportunity in third and fourth year to study subjects such as commercial law, human rights law, public law, international law, family law, criminology and regulation. Our Masters and PhD programmes provide talented students with the opportunity to further develop their expertise.

Law is a challenging, robust and interesting field of study. UCD Sutherland School of Law is committed to learning and innovation with graduates who are leaders in law and in business, the arts, media and public service in Ireland and internationally. We look forward to welcoming you here.

Professor Imelda Maher MRIA
Dean and Sutherland Full Professor of European Law
Since 2013, the School of Law has been based in the purpose-built UCD Sutherland School of Law building on the Belfield Campus. The teaching facilities on offer are unrivalled and include three large lecture theatres and the unique Arthur Cox Clinical Legal Education Centre. This Centre houses a Moot Court, Judge’s Chamber, Negotiation and Arbitration Suites, as well as Client Counselling rooms. The Sutherland School of Law offers modern and innovative spaces for the learning and practice of legal skills. The building has proven to be an excellent environment for all who use it, from students and academics, to the legal professionals and distinguished guests who regularly frequent the Sutherland School of Law.
YOUR CAREER PATH

As a law graduate from UCD, you will be very well placed to pursue various careers in Ireland and abroad. UCD Sutherland School of Law graduates have a strong reputation in the legal professional marketplace. Given their exposure to multidisciplinary studies, it is no surprise that many have also developed careers outside the law in fields such as banking, taxation, journalism and broadcasting.

OUR CAREERS SUPPORT

UCD has a dynamic Career Development Centre to advise you on your future career progression. There are dedicated talks and workshops on topics such as ‘CV Writing’, ‘Completing Application Forms’ and ‘Interview Preparation’. During the year, there are various employer recruitment presentations on campus, and leading Irish and UK law firms attend the annual Law Careers Fair in O’Reilly Hall.

All students are actively encouraged to engage with the career development programme from their first year in UCD.

YOUR CAREERS ADVISOR

Brian Hutchinson, an associate professor in law, serves as the Law School’s academic careers advisor. Brian’s experience, coupled with UCD Career Development Centre support, enables him to mentor students, from first to final year, to take the next appropriate career step: from further studies and scholarships at home or abroad, to law firm recruitment, Irish or European public institution placements and other public law and private law options.

Brian Hutchinson
Associate Professor, Head of Career Development

THE LEGAL PROFESSION

You can go on to qualify as a barrister or a solicitor in Ireland, or in the UK, or as a lawyer in Australia, the USA, or in Europe.

BUSINESS

Our graduates work in corporate banking, management and tax consultancy in companies throughout the world.

PUBLIC SERVICE

We have graduates in the Human Rights Commission, the Law Reform Commission, in the Diplomatic Service, the Oireachtas and in the European Commission.

GRADUATE STUDIES

UCD Law graduates have been admitted to study for postgraduate degrees at many prestigious universities abroad, including Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge and the European University Institute.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates are also successful journalists, are employed in the technology sector, and are on the staffs of international organisations.
I was drawn to the Legal Placement Module as it offered something completely different – gaining insight into legal practice through practical experience. While I had heard extremely positive feedback from past students, it far exceeded my expectations and the experience has been one of the highlights of my degree thus far. I was lucky enough to be placed in a leading Irish law firm’s Litigation Department. While there I was exposed to the type of work that a trainee would undertake, which while challenging, was absolutely fascinating and ultimately very rewarding. There were also regular department-specific seminars as well as general skills sessions and talks throughout the placement that helped to acclimatise me to the firm itself as well as the work there. Everyone was very helpful and supportive, and every effort was made to help me integrate into the team.

Overall, this experience has been invaluable: my desire to progress into corporate law has been confirmed and I look forward to going back into the firm in the near future, having been offered a training contract after completing my placement. Additionally, undertaking the placement in conjunction with the seminars in UCD was a brilliant way of making sense of your own experience through discussion with the other students in the module.

The fact that UCD offered a Legal Placement was a deciding factor for me placing UCD first on my CAO in 2015. I had heard a lot of positive feedback about the module and the value it gave to students going forward. The seminars were an invaluable experience; being student-led, they allowed us to learn about other placement experiences and reflect on our own experiences. As a Law with Social Justice student I was focused on human rights law and so this module gave me the opportunity to undertake a placement in organisations which do not usually offer short-term placements. I was eager to gain experience in a law centre of an NGO; fortunately, I was partnered with the Irish Refugee Council. The work I completed was varied and interesting from shadowing client meetings, advising people in the Drop-in Centre to carrying out country of origin and fundraising research. I had the opportunity to interact with clients on a daily basis and was charged with a level of responsibility of a full-time volunteer. The placement and the professionals I worked with offered me guidance post graduation and showed me the varied career opportunities open to a law graduate.

My time with the Irish Refugee Council has been the most influential experience in my college career. It was incredibly fulfilling and has aided my personal and professional development.
INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

At UCD Sutherland School of Law, we actively encourage our students to travel abroad as part of their education. It is an opportunity not to be missed in today’s globalised world.

We offer our students the best range of opportunities of any Irish Law School to study abroad, including numerous partners across Europe, as well as China, Singapore, India, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Over one hundred of our students go overseas in their third year. Many of our graduates go on to practise law overseas as a result of their positive experience. UCD participates in the ERASMUS/Socrates European Exchange Programme and has extensive links with universities around the globe.

Depending on which particular programme you choose to study, you may have the opportunity to spend a semester or year at one of our partner universities. The widest range of destinations is offered to BCL students. You can find a full list of our partner institutions at www.ucd.ie/myucd/law.

Ciaran Sweeney
University of Minnesota

In August of my third year of law, I set off for my year-long International Exchange to the University of Minnesota. The year was beyond everything I expected it to be. I knew very little about Minneapolis before I headed over but within a month of arriving, I felt like I knew the city backwards. Making friends was very easy, both with the American students, and with the other international exchange students. I got involved with the law school football team and the musical society, and found both of these to be a fantastic way to make friends.

Outside of law school, the chance to travel around America was also an opportunity not to be missed. as well as travelling to the states that border Minnesota, I visited Miami and Chicago and got to see tourist attractions such as the Sears tower. Overall, I could not recommend the year-long or semester-long exchange enough; it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Mercedes Mcgovern
National University of Singapore

I would encourage anyone who is looking for a truly international experience to apply for the Exchange Programme with NUS, and to immerse yourself in the local life. Situated in the heart of South-East Asia there are so many travel opportunities to avail of – from touring Bali on horseback, to city breaks in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Australia, Malaysia and South Korea make for great trips also! Singapore hosts a really international community, and I had the pleasure of meeting some really inspiring individuals during my stay.

From an academic point of view, the Law School in NUS offers a really diverse scope of modules – from Aviation Law to Financial Regulation and Central Banking. As a result of my time there I now have a clearer vision of what I would like to pursue in the future.
Our Global Partner Universities

**Europe and UK**
- Austria: Leopold Franzens Universität Innsbruck, University of Vienna
- Belgium: Université Catholique de Louvain, University Antwerp
- Croatia: University of Zagreb
- Czech Republic: Charles University Prague
- France: Université d’Aix-Marseille, Université de Rouen, Université Panthéon-Assas, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole
- Germany: Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Universität Mannheim
- Italy: Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Università Degli Studi di Padova
- The Netherlands: Maastricht University, Universiteit Utrecht
- Spain: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Universidad de Navarra, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Stockholm University, Uppsala University
- Sweden: University of Fribourg
- Switzerland: University of Exeter, University of Sheffield

**Asia & India**
- China: China University of Political Science and Law, Renmin University
- Singapore: National University of Singapore, Singapore Management University (SMU)
- India: Symbiosis International University

**Australia & New Zealand**
- Australia: University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australian National University, Canberra, University of Queensland, Brisbane, University of Western Australia, Perth
- New Zealand: The University of Auckland

**Canada**
- University of British Columbia
- Osgoode Hall Law School York University, Toronto

**USA**
- University of California, Davis
- University of Connecticut
- University of Tulsa
- Stetson University
- University of Texas
- University of Miami
- University of Minnesota

**Australia & New Zealand**
- Australia
- New Zealand
If you choose to study law in UCD you will find a wide range of degree options open to you. The eleven degree choices are outlined on the following pages with testimonials from students who have chosen each option. By way of summary, the table to the right indicates the core law subjects (modules) that all first year law students will take plus the programme-specific subjects to choose from. Throughout the course of your degree, the School of Law Programme Managers and your Academic Mentor will be on hand to offer advice and to help you select the best module options for you.

If you have any specific queries about module selection, please email uglaw@ucd.ie.

**Years 1&2**

- Bachelor of Civil Law
- BCL Law with Chinese
- BCL Law with Economics
- BCL Law with French Law
- BCL Law with History
- BCL Law with Philosophy
- BCL Law with Politics
- BCL Law with Social Justice
- BCL Law with Irish
- Bachelor of Business and Law

**All students are offered core law modules and programme-specific subjects**

**Core law modules**

- General Introduction to Legal Studies*
- Constitutional Law
- Tort Law
- Contract Law
- General Introduction to Legal and Professional Skills *
- European Union Law
- Property Law**
- Criminal Law

**Years 3&4**

**Further Specialisation and International Study**

**Bachelor Degree in Law (Honours)**

*Not offered to Law with Chinese students.

** *Offered as an optional module to Business and Law students in Year 3.
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The BCL is a degree with a long history and an established reputation at home and abroad. The BCL degree allows you to immerse yourself in the study of law, to engage with a vast range of legal perspectives and to acquire a profound understanding of how law works in theory and in practice. The BCL degree offers students the widest range of international opportunities in your third year.

Many BCL graduates progress to distinguished careers nationally and internationally, including Gráinne de Búrca, a 1986 BCL graduate now a Professor of Law at New York University.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

With a wide choice of law modules you can tailor your BCL, with modules in:
- International Human Rights;
- Environmental Law;
- Intellectual Property Law;
- Commercial Law; and,
- Family and Child Law.

You can also choose ‘clinical’ options focussing on law in practice, e.g.:
- Advocacy;
- Competition Law in Practice; and,
- Alternative Dispute Resolution.

You may also choose some non-law modules, including a language (Spanish, French, Irish or Chinese).

The Sutherland School of Law has a moot court and trial rooms, offering you a virtual courtroom experience.

NOTE: If you are interested in later qualifying as a lawyer in the USA, the BCL programme is the recommended choice.

“Their first hand knowledge gave real life application to challenging topics.”

The BCL degree had always attracted me because of the academic respect and excellence that the Sutherland School of Law represents. My time at UCD has only strengthened this belief.

Throughout my time in college, my knowledge and understanding of the law has developed exponentially as a result of the dedicated academic staff – many of whom are practising barristers and leaders in their field. Their first hand knowledge gave real life application to challenging topics.

Outside the classroom, I also got involved with the Student Legal Service society as a contributor to their law publication and as a legal clinic volunteer. Not only was it beneficial for my academic skills, but it was a great opportunity to meet other students.

I’ve thoroughly enjoyed studying the BCL programme and my time at Sutherland School of Law.

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LAW WITH FRENCH LAW
DN600

Develop the skills and strengths that come from a thorough grounding in Irish and international law and combine these with a general education in French law.

WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
This degree allows you to undertake a degree in Irish law, whilst simultaneously acquiring a broad knowledge of French law and a very high level of competence in the French language and French legal terminology. This degree is one of two French Law Programmes offered by the Sutherland School of Law, the other being the BCL/Maîtrise on the opposite page. All students interested in the French Law Programmes enter the BCL (Law with French Law) in first year.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR
The first year of the course focuses on the core Irish law modules of:

- Constitutional Law;
- Contract Law; and,
- Tort Law.

This is combined with intensive French language training and an introduction to French public law and French private law.

In second year, you will continue to build your knowledge of the foundations of Irish law, covering:

- EU Law;
- Property Law; and,
- Criminal Law.

You will also advance your French language skills and continue your study of French public law and French private law.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR
You will spend your third year at a partner university in Paris, Toulouse, Aix-Marseille, Lyon or Strasbourg and will return to UCD for the last year of the programme. In final year, you are required to complete a dissertation on French law. You will particularly benefit from studying in a small class and from studying with both Irish and French students on the BCL/Maîtrise degree.

STUDENT PROFILE
Sarah Patton  Graduate

“The French law aspect opens up numerous opportunities on a European and International level...”

UCD’s Law with French Law degree was the perfect course for me. The French law aspect opens up numerous opportunities on a European and International level, and allows students to undertake an Erasmus.

My year abroad in Toulouse is one of my fondest memories of the degree, being immersed in the culture and developing my language skills through my studies and travels.

I have been a member of UCD Ladies Hockey Team throughout my time in college which allowed me to meet students from all different disciplines, as we competed together, winning national club championships, national intervarsities and competing for UCD at a European level.

DID YOU KNOW?
The UCD Sutherland School of Law is ranked in the top 50 Law Schools in the World (Times Higher Education Rankings).
BCL/MAÎTRISE
DN600

Pursue a unique opportunity to take two degrees at the same time. Acquire the linguistic and legal skills and qualifications to pursue exciting national and international career opportunities. Spend two years in France.

WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
This degree is one of two French Law Programmes offered by the Sutherland School of Law, the other being the BCL (Law with French Law) on the opposite page. All students interested in the French Law Programmes enter the BCL (Law with French Law) in first year. The students who have achieved the highest grades in Level I of the BCL (Law with French Law) will have the option to apply for interview to enter the BCL/Maîtrise.

The major difference between the two Programmes is that the BCL/Maîtrise allows you to undertake two degrees: a degree in Irish law and a degree in French law, the Maîtrise en Droit, from either the Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) or the Université Toulouse 1 Capitole.

Your final two years (third and fourth) are spent at either of these universities. The Maîtrise en Droit (or Master 1) is considered to be a master’s level course.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?
During your first two years of the dual-degree programme at UCD, you will study the normal range of legal subjects that are taken in the BCL, and which are required by the professional legal bodies.

These include: Constitutional Law; Contract Law; Tort; Property Law; and, Criminal Law. In addition, you will study both French public law and French private law.

Third and fourth years are spent in one of our two partner universities: Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) or Université Toulouse 1 Capitole.

The BCL/Maîtrise is an intensive programme aimed at highly motivated and ambitious students.

Graduates of the programme will have acquired an exceptional range of legal and linguistic skills.

STUDENT PROFILE
Karolina Rozhnova | Graduate

"...A precious experience of being immersed both in the common law and civil law systems"

The BCL/Maîtrise programme offers the student a precious experience of being immersed both in the common law and civil law systems. This results in a possibility to further your studies and qualify in Ireland and France, along with honing your language skills and opening doors to other European and international opportunities – such as teaching French Law in UCD, like me, this year!

Coming from France, I thoroughly enjoyed my time in UCD and experimented in various extra-curricular activities, such as being a Student ambassador, participating in the Student Legal Service’s annual Negotiation Competition, and representing the School in the all-Ireland Young Mediator Competition. This degree allowed me to gain great confidence in my language skills, and generally as a person I feel more able to adapt to a new environment. I could not recommend enough this challenging but rewarding programme!

DID YOU KNOW?
From this programme you can also go on to qualify as an avocat and practise law in France.
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
The BCL (Law with Chinese) degree allows you to undertake a degree in Irish law, whilst simultaneously acquiring a broad knowledge of Chinese law and a very high level of competence in Mandarin and Chinese legal terminology.

During this degree, you will gain comparative insights which inform an enhanced critical perspective on law. As part of the degree you will take modules in Chinese Studies and also classes in Mandarin. Your third year is spent at a leading law school in China.

Law with Chinese is a challenging but extremely valuable degree for students who wish to gain a competitive career advantage in the increasingly globalised world.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?
You will focus on the core Irish Law modules in first and second year, including:
- Constitutional Law;
- Contract Law;
- Tort;
- Property Law; and,
- Criminal Law.

This is combined with intensive Chinese language training and an introduction to Chinese culture and society.

You will spend your third year at a partner university in China (Renmin University or the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), both of which are in Beijing).

On your return to UCD for the last year of the degree, you will undertake a research module in Chinese law.

You will also choose from a wide range of Irish law modules, including clinical modules from the School’s Clinical Legal Education Centre (CLEC).

“As part of the course, students are given the chance to study in Beijing”

I chose to study this programme, in part because of its relevance in today’s world, but also because it is thoroughly engaging. It provides an opportunity for students to develop a deeper and broader understanding of both the Irish legal system and Chinese culture, through studying a range of subjects from EU law and criminal law to the Chinese language and Doing Business in China.

Lectures are extremely insightful and are taught by highly regarded individuals. In particular, the small Chinese classes allow students to interact closely with the teaching staff.

As part of the course, students are given the chance to study in Beijing, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the capital of one of the biggest expanding markets of our generation.

DID YOU KNOW?
Students entering this course do not need prior knowledge of Mandarin.
LAW WITH ECONOMICS
DN600

Study law within the context of economics and explore the relationship between two of the most critical disciplines affecting society today.

WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
This course allows you to acquire a highly respected degree in law, whilst simultaneously developing a broad knowledge of the principles of economics. Certain areas of law (competition regulation, intellectual property) are heavily influenced by economic theory, and as a BCL (Law with Economics) graduate, you will be uniquely equipped to understand these regulatory frameworks in all of their conceptual complexity. While on this degree you will embark on a field of cross-disciplinary study, which is intellectually very demanding, but also tremendously enriching, and of immense practical importance.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?
With a wide choice of law and economics modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest. Modules include:

• Employment Law;
• Competition Law in Practice;
• Banking Law;
• Intellectual Property Law;
• International Monetary Economics; and,
• Game Theory.

WHY ECONOMICS?
Economics explores how people – consumers, business people, public servants and politicians – make decisions, and how they choose between alternative ways of spending their money and using their skills, energy and time in a wide range of human endeavours. As well as standard subjects, economics can throw light on decision-making in many diverse areas of life, from love and marriage to sports and crime.

DID YOU KNOW?
Many leading UK and Irish law firms host recruitment presentations on campus in UCD throughout the year.

“...a better understanding not only of the legal system but also of the social and economic impacts law and policies have...”

Pursuing Law and Economics at UCD is one of the most rewarding decisions I have made. The degree allowed me great flexibility, enabling me to keep up my knowledge of German through the elective option whilst studying two disciplines that I enjoy.

Thanks to this I was able to spend my third year on Erasmus in Berlin, studying German law through German, which was an unforgettable experience.

The two subjects are highly complementary and allow you to develop a better understanding not only of the legal system but also of the social and economic impacts that various laws and policies have.
LAW WITH HISTORY
DN600

This law degree merges the discipline of law with a grounding in its intersection with history.

WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
There is a natural affinity between the disciplines of law and history. Each is shaped by the other. Important historical events are often interlinked with contemporary legal structures, and legal reform is often prompted by the defining events of the past. As a consequence, many lawyers are also keen historians. This course allows you to acquire a highly respected degree in Irish law, whilst also indulging a passion for history and acquiring a deeper understanding of past events which have shaped our legal system.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?
With a wide choice of law and history modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest. Modules include:
- Jurisprudence;
- History of Public Law;
- Criminal Justice History;
- Juries;
- Fascism; and,
- Russian Revolution.

WHY HISTORY?
Knowing what happened and why is essential in life. Studying history provides you with the skills necessary to understand the world we live in. Explore the past, examining a wide range of periods and topics that cover many parts of the globe. Study controversies and different ways that the past can be understood. Learn how to research, use evidence and think critically.

“Studying both subjects...has allowed me to appreciate the broader historical context of legal decisions and how they still affect us today”

The opportunity to study both law and history in a combined degree ensured that the UCD BCL programme was at the top of my CAO form. I have been able to shape my degree according to my own interests, taking classes on European Human Rights Law, The Third Reich, English Public Law and the Origins of Modern Diplomacy. Studying both subjects has enhanced my ability to argue my point of view in a convincing way and has allowed me to appreciate the broader historical context of legal decisions and how they still affect us today. The highlight of my degree was spending a semester abroad at Utrecht University where I got to further specialise in my area of interest, experience a different way of life and meet incredible new friends from all over the world.

UCD has a dedicated Law Careers Fair and students are supported and advised by an academic member of staff and have access to the School’s legal careers blog.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sarah Murphy | Graduate

STUDENT PROFILE
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The BCL (Law with Irish) programme was introduced in 2017. This programme offers you the opportunity to acquire a highly respected BCL degree whilst additionally deepening your competence in the Irish language in the context of law.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

In first and second years your studies in law comprise core modules such as:

- Constitutional Law;
- Contract Law;
- Tort Law;
- EU Law;
- Property Law; and,
- Criminal Law.

Your Irish language modules include:

- Teanga na Gaeilge

Students will study abroad at Concordia University (Montreal) for a semester in their third year. Concordia offers one of the leading Irish Studies programmes in the world. Students will experience life in a vibrant bilingual city, and will have the opportunity (optional) of taking a French language course.

WHY IRISH?

This degree offers Irish language enthusiasts the opportunity to further their language learning and to develop a unique ability to interact with legal texts in either Irish or English. Law graduates with a high level of competence in Irish are very well placed to pursue traditional careers in law as well as related careers including lawyer/linguist roles at the European Union and diplomatic service with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs.

DID YOU KNOW?

School of Law Programme Managers and your Academic Mentor are on hand to advise you with your choice of modules.
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Legal systems express and reflect the prevailing moral, political, social and economic philosophy of the State. Law and philosophy are therefore complementary fields of study and any understanding of law is fundamentally enhanced by a knowledge of philosophical theory. This course allows you to combine a highly respected degree in law with an enriched appreciation of its philosophical underpinnings.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

With a wide choice of law and philosophy modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest. Modules include:

- Jurisprudence;
- Criminology;
- Lawyers, Ethics and Legal Practice;
- Philosophy of Law;
- Critical Theory.

Cicero, a Roman philosopher and lawyer, tells us: “It isn’t enough to possess wisdom; you should be able to use it too”.

Both disciplines train their graduates to read texts closely, think independently and foster an ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity and accuracy. These attributes are essential in many professional occupations, not least the world of legal practice.

WHY PHILOSOPHY?

Are you interested in thinking for yourself? Do you like problem solving? Do you want to tackle some of the most challenging questions that have fascinated thinkers for centuries, such as: How can we know anything? Do we have free will? How should we live? Does God exist? The main requirement for studying philosophy is a capacity for clear thinking and methodical argument.

“Law and Philosophy are highly complementary subjects. Both teach you to think critically and analytically...”

Somewhat surprisingly, Law and Philosophy are highly complementary subjects. Both teach you to think critically and analytically, through reading the arguments and ideas of an author or judge and then responding with your own arguments. In addition to fostering a similar skill set, there are interesting overlaps in subject matter. You'll study both the legal side and the philosophical side of property rights, political freedoms, and criminal sanctions.

In final year, you’ll also study legal jurisprudence and the philosophy of law. I found it much more interesting and varied to study two subjects, and I would encourage prospective law students to choose one of the ‘Law with’ courses.

STUDENT PROFILE

Geoff Allen | Graduate

In your third year you can avail of work placements in law firms, NGOs or Government departments.
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

Law and politics are inextricably linked by the legislative process. Many UCD law graduates have progressed to political careers in the Dáil, and others have become high-profile political commentators. This course allows you to obtain a highly respected law degree whilst also acquiring a deeper understanding of political theory and the political process.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

With a wide choice of law and politics modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest. Modules include:

- Industrial Relations Law;
- Media Law;
- Administrative Law;
- Public International Law;
- Foreign Policy;
- Political Economy; and,
- Middle-East Politics.

You will also take a special module, entitled 'Contemporary issues in Law and Politics'. Each year, this module examines a small number of topics which are at the interface of law, politics and social policy. A key feature of the module is the central role of invited guest speakers, including lawyers and former ministers (such as Michael McDowell SC), experts on international affairs (such as Dr Paul Gillespie) and leading journalists (such as Dr Carol Coulter and Dearbhail McDonald).

WHY POLITICS?

The study of politics examines national and international political institutions, systems and forces. These include governments, parliaments, parties and elections, as well as international alliances and conflicts, human rights, global poverty, war and political violence. Studying politics will also help you to develop your analytical skills, formulate an argument and express yourself clearly in writing.

DID YOU KNOW?

Practical experience gained in clinical law modules may give you a competitive edge when applying for internships or traineeships.

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I thoroughly enjoyed my four years studying Law with Politics in UCD. The course content was always hugely interesting with the two subjects complementing each other very well. Throughout the Law with Politics degree you can expect to study a wide range of legal and political subjects, from Constitutional and Criminal Law to Political Theory and the Politics of the Middle East. A College isn’t all about lectures however. There are so many options for extra-curricular activities in UCD that everyone will find something to suit them. In my final year in UCD I was lucky enough to become Chairperson of the Student Legal Service. In this role I helped organise activities such as legal information clinics, competitions, conventions and seminars for students. The friendships, experiences, skills and which I have gained in UCD will stand to me for the rest of my life.
With a wide choice of law and social justice modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest. Modules include:

- Constitutional Law;
- Criminal Law;
- Personal Rights and the Law;
- Human Rights and Social Justice;
- Exploring Gender; and,
- Race and Racism: Critical Perspectives.

The subject areas of equality, diversity and disadvantage are increasingly topical in Irish society and on the wider global stage. This degree is designed for students who wish to combine law with an in-depth study of the social context in which law operates. Graduates of this degree often choose to pursue further study in Human Rights or Criminology with a view to pursuing a career in these areas.

UCD Law alumni have included a former Taoiseach and Tánaiste and many holders of the offices of Chief Justice, Director of Public Prosecutions and Attorney General.
WHY IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?
The BBL combines law and business into a single degree, providing you with an ideal skill set for the commercial world and offering tremendous career flexibility. As a BBL graduate, you will be uniquely equipped with the analytical and advocacy skills that arise from a legal training, combined with the numeracy and financial literacy of a business degree.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?
FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD YEAR
During your first three years, you will study both business and law equally, learning how these two disciplines interrelate.

You will focus on core law degree subjects, including:
- Contract Law;
- Tort Law; and,
- EU Law.

You will take a range of modules across business areas, including:
- Accountancy;
- Management;
- Finance and Economics; and,
- Marketing.

FOURTH YEAR
You will have the option to take more business or law modules, depending on your preference and career plans.

The intensive nature of the BBL degree means that you will not have time to take extra modules as part of UCD Horizons.

WHY BUSINESS?
Students with strong numeracy and mathematical skills will find that business is a very complementary subject to study alongside law. The flexibility of module choices means that during your degree you may choose subjects that will enable you to pursue a future qualification as a solicitor or barrister, or alternatively in accountancy, finance, banking or tax. This degree is highly regarded by employers in the fields of both business and law.

DID YOU KNOW?
With the Bachelor of Business and Law Degree you can choose to study abroad for one semester in your third year.
The UCD campus has unrivalled facilities for students, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a full gym and a 90-seater cinema. The university also offers a wide variety of sports clubs and societies for students to really enjoy their college experience.

We are very proud of the outstanding extra-curricular success of many of our students and graduates – some achieving great things on a national and international level. The School is also equally proud of those students who participate in activities in UCD and make a contribution to the larger community while studying here. Worth a special mention are our Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholars, Carla Fucciardi Wallace and harpist Grainne Ni Fhriighil. Also Grace Oladipo who founded the UCD Gospel Choir in partnership with UCD Music Society.

In the sporting sphere we are delighted to celebrate the achievements of students and graduates - Deirdre Duke, Anna O’Flanagan, Nikki Evans and Gillian Pinder of the 2018 Ireland World Cup Hockey Team. Also leading golfer, Chloe Ryan and in rugby, Dan Leavy, Rory O’Loughlin, Garry Ringrose and Alice O’Dowd, one of the stars of the UCD Women’s Rugby squad.
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Now in its 109th year, LawSoc is UCD’s biggest and most active society! Despite being the law faculty society, LawSoc is open to all students whether or not they study law and caters to a wide range of student interests.

Every Tuesday, we host house debates and invite speakers in to answer the most pressing questions. Should we unite Ireland? Do we want four more years of Trump? Was the last season of Game of Thrones the worst thing ever made? From comedy to hard-hitting topics, each debate is unique and is always followed by free pizza and slushies.

We also bring in regular high-profile guests to address our members. In recent years, LawSoc has welcomed the likes of The Script, Cristiano Ronaldo, Donald Tusk and Bill Clinton, bringing in the best from the worlds of law, politics, sport and arts to speak in front of packed crowds.

Socially, LawSoc runs some of the best events on campus, with the Law Ball being a fixture of the UCD calendar. Our social presence doesn’t stop there, as we also organise regular nights out and large events, from a Hallowe’en Gala to first year movie nights and mixers.

Finally, we pride ourselves on debating success, sending students to debating competitions around Ireland and Europe. LawSoc also runs mooting (mock trial) and careers events for law students, helping make student life that bit easier and way more interesting. So whatever you’re into, LawSoc is a society for you!

For more information, see our Facebook page UCD LawSoc, our website www.lawsoc.ie and our Twitter @ucdlawsoc. When you arrive at UCD, the first thing to do on Freshers Week is to find the iconic red LawSoc hoodies and make yourself a member!

Calem Martin
Auditor, LawSoc, 2019 - 2020
UCD Sutherland School of Law is committed to ensuring a diverse student body and therefore welcomes applications from candidates with a disability, mature students, and those who, for socio-economic reasons, might find the traditional application process difficult. During their degree, law students can also avail of a programme of funding and assistance – see details in the panel opposite of the UCD Sutherland Opportunity supported by Mason Hayes & Curran.

Information on alternative routes to study law is available by contacting:

**MATURE** (persons over 23 years who do not already hold a degree)
- e: lawmature@ucd.ie
- w: www.ucd.ie/maturestudents

**HEAR** (Higher Education Access Route for School Leavers)
- e: hear@ucd.ie
- w: www.accesscollege.ie

**DARE** (Disability Access Route to Education for School Leavers)
- e: dare@ucd.ie
- w: www.accesscollege.ie

**ACCESS**
Access and Lifelong Learning at UCD.
- e: all@ucd.ie
- w: www.ucd.ie/all

**QQI-FET ENTRY ROUTES TO LAW**

As part of our commitment to ensure a diverse student body, we are delighted to offer a number of places to students who have obtained the desired QQI-FET qualifications. Application for these places is through the CAO system. There are ten first year places on offer to students who obtain the required QQI-FET results, details of which are listed in the table on the right. Six of the places are in the BCL and Law ‘With’ degrees and four in the Business and Law (BBL) degree. Admission is available on a competitive basis to students who hold the accepted QQI-FET level 5/6 awards with Distinction (80% or above) in at least 5 of the modules outlined. Students are not required to have studied specific modules for the majority of degrees except for the following:

**Law with French Law:** applicants are required to hold a Grade H3 in Leaving Certificate French, or equivalent (in addition to meeting the criteria of distinctions in five of the modules listed to the right).

**Business and Law:** applicants must have a distinction (80% or better) in the 5N1833 Mathematics module or alternatively a Grade O2/H6 in Leaving Certificate Mathematics.

**Law with Economics:** it is strongly recommended that candidates have at least a grade of H6 in Leaving Certificate Maths (or its equivalent).
Weronika Nowak

Law with Social Justice Graduate

When I got offered a place in UCD Law School I was very excited about this opportunity but also anxious whether I could manage four years of studies financially and also anxious about the high standard of teaching in UCD. As I went to a DEIS school and lived in an economically disadvantaged area I was afraid I would not ‘fit in’.

Being part of the Access Centre as a HEAR (Higher Education Access Route) student definitely helped me to find friends, gain new personal and interpersonal skills important for my future career, such as public speaking or team work, and receive personal support in moments of need. The Access Centre works with students with disabilities, from low income families and mature students in order to make sure that their college experience is the same as other students.

I was offered a position as Access Leader and Mentor to work with incoming students while still in second level and during their first days of college, so that their transition would be easier. I also was responsible for co-ordinating learning grinds, giving campus tours and providing a helping hand during the university festival and college conferences.

I have just graduated with a Law with Social Justice degree and could not be happier with the choice I made. The people I have met and the knowledge I gained will stay with me for my lifetime. UCD was a great choice.
The Sutherland School of Law community is made up of over one thousand students at undergraduate and graduate level plus a highly engaged group of teaching and support staff.

The school is a dynamic and busy environment for students and staff. Guest Lectures, Alumni Reunions, Career Events, Conferences and Seminars are a regular part of the calendar. Every year, numerous leading academics, members of the judiciary, barristers, solicitors and politicians attend events hosted in the School. Students are actively encouraged to attend these events and to take the opportunity to network with guests.

Pictured at recent events (anti clockwise from top): BCL Class of 1978; Class of 2019; Orientation BBQ; Former President, Mary Robinson; Student Lucile Nasiff; Dr Catherine Day, Rory Godson and Judge Garrett Sheehan; Bank of Ireland Prizewinners; Mr Justice Liam McKechnie; Students at JM Kelly Lecture; Prof Imelda Maher and Prof Andrew Deeks with Vincent Keaveny; Graduating law students.
FURTHER STUDY
IN SUTHERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

The Sutherland School of Law has established an international reputation for the quality of our graduate degrees and doctoral programmes in addition to our reputation for excellence in undergraduate education.

If you undertake one of the undergraduate law degrees outlined in this brochure, there will be many options open to you when you graduate. One of these is to further your education with a one-year Masters degree (LLM) in the Sutherland School of Law. Some of our students choose to do this so that they can specialise in a specific area of law.

This can be as a means to a career in academia or to progress in a specific career direction – for example digital law, a career with the European Commission or in the NGO area. It is also common for qualified solicitors or barristers to return to UCD to undertake further education in an area of law in which they have chosen to specialise – generally undertaking a two-year, part-time Masters or a specific Diploma.

If your ultimate degree choice takes you in a direction other than law, you may be interested to learn that we also offer programmes to graduates from other disciplines, including the Masters of Common Law conversion degree.

- **LLM Degrees**: Six taught Masters for law graduates: LLM General, LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Technology, LLM in European Law and Public Affairs, LLM in International Commercial Law, LLM in International Human Rights, LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- **Masters of Science**: MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice, MSc in International Law and Business.
- **Research Masters in Law**: A full-time or part-time supervised Masters incorporating a substantial research project.
- **Professional Certificate in Law**: A means of undertaking single Masters level modules.
- **Masters of Common Law**: An intensive two-year conversion programme whereby graduates from disciplines other than law obtain an equivalent law degree qualification.
- **PhD/Doctoral Studies**: An intensive doctoral programme supervised by one of the School’s leading researchers across a wide variety of legal fields.
- **Professional Diplomas**: Part-time Diplomas are currently offered in Arbitration, Professional Regulation, Data Protection and Governance and International Financial Services.

*These options are open to graduates in non-law disciplines.

Details at: www.ucd.ie/law/study/graduateprogrammes
Email: lawpostgraduate@ucd.ie
HOW TO APPLY

When choosing which law stream you want to study, you must choose as follows:

DN600
- Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)
- Law with French Law
- Law with Chinese
- Law with Economics
- Law with History
- Law with Irish
- Law with Philosophy
- Law with Politics
- Law with Social Justice

DN610
- Business and Law (BBL)

CAO first round entry points for DN600 in 2019 were 522 points. The first round entry points for DN610 (Business and Law) were 521.

Please note that you can only apply for DN600 once.

Students interested in studying the Dual Degree BCL/Maîtrise now apply to study Law with French Law in first year. Subject to achieving sufficiently high grades in first year, you may then apply for interview to enter the BCL/Maîtrise from second year onwards.

The CAO Handbook will provide you with further guidelines on the application process.