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Undergraduate Programmes 2018/2019

UCD Sutherland School of Law was ranked Number One Law School in Ireland by the QS World University Rankings 2017.

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 the unique new building and check out the facilities on offer. Sign up with www.ucd.ie/myucd now to receive notifications for the events below.

OCTOBER: 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.

NOVEMBER: UCD Open Day

UCD Open Day takes place the first Saturday in November every year 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.

JUNE: 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.

For further details see: www.ucd.ie/myucd

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 either in public life (the fourth president of India, V.V. Giri, was a law student here at the time of the 1916 Rising, more recently Peter Sutherland is formerly EU Commissioner, 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 the learning journey to that day when your name is called out and you walk up in your robes to get your parchment comes first. 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.

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 in Ireland and in business, the arts, media and public service in Ireland and internationally. We look forward to welcoming you here.



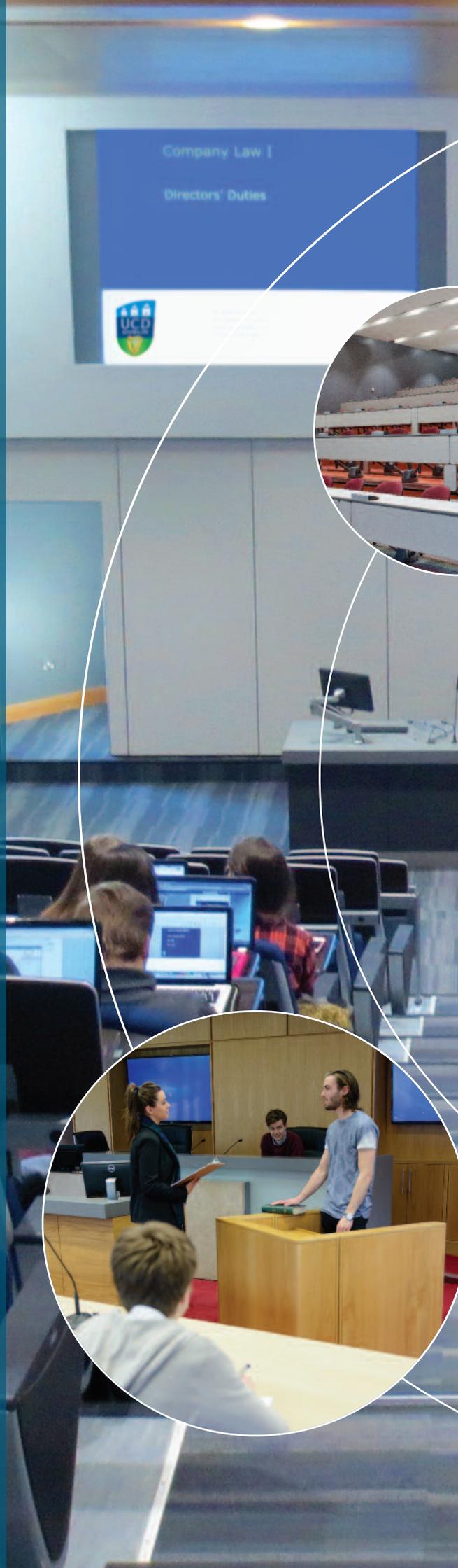
Professor Imelda Maher MRIA
*Dean and Sutherland Full Professor
of European Law*

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Our Learning Environment

In 2013, the School of Law moved to the purpose-built UCD Sutherland School of Law building. 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 building creates a modern and innovative space for the learning and practising of legal skills that did not previously exist in Ireland, and will benefit students, academics and legal professionals.





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Directors' Duties



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 (including Arthur Cox, William Fry and Matheson) 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 and in the Oireachtas.



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.

Work Placement Opportunities

With increased competitiveness in the employment market, UCD Sutherland School of Law has introduced a suite of modules that focus on clinical legal education. There is a core emphasis on developing work skills and employability and, as part of this, every year a group of students is offered the opportunity to be placed in legal and policy organisations, while also gaining course credit over the duration of their placement. Legal Placement is one such module where students undertake a placement with legal firms, public bodies or non-governmental organisations. This module provides students with the opportunity to work alongside Ireland's most highly regarded and influential legal professionals.



Ailbhe Marsh McCann FitzGerald

I decided to apply for the Legal Placement Module because of extremely positive feedback on its merit and value to a student of law. The opportunity to combine my legal education with a clinical experience in a law firm, while also being guided through the process by a series of UCD seminars, was invaluable. As a Business and Law student, whose legal training has predominantly entailed passive interaction in an academic environment, I was keen to gain some practical experience in a corporate law firm. I was fortunate to be partnered with McCann FitzGerald and assigned to their Financial Services Regulation division where I gained an insight into clients' requirements regarding compliance with the stringent stipulations within this

sector. McCann FitzGerald run a comprehensive and well formulated training programme, incorporating seminars on the various operations within the firm. The working week was broken into periods with our mentors and training sessions on several pertinent topics. This included seminars on research methodology, legal drafting, and interview and presentation skills. Our timetable was varied and challenging but due to the collegiate atmosphere which the firm embraces, an enormous effort was made to integrate the interns and provide us with access to staff from trainee to partner level. Overall, my experience with McCann FitzGerald was hugely fulfilling, and instrumental in the development of a positive and confident mindset which I will bring to my future career.



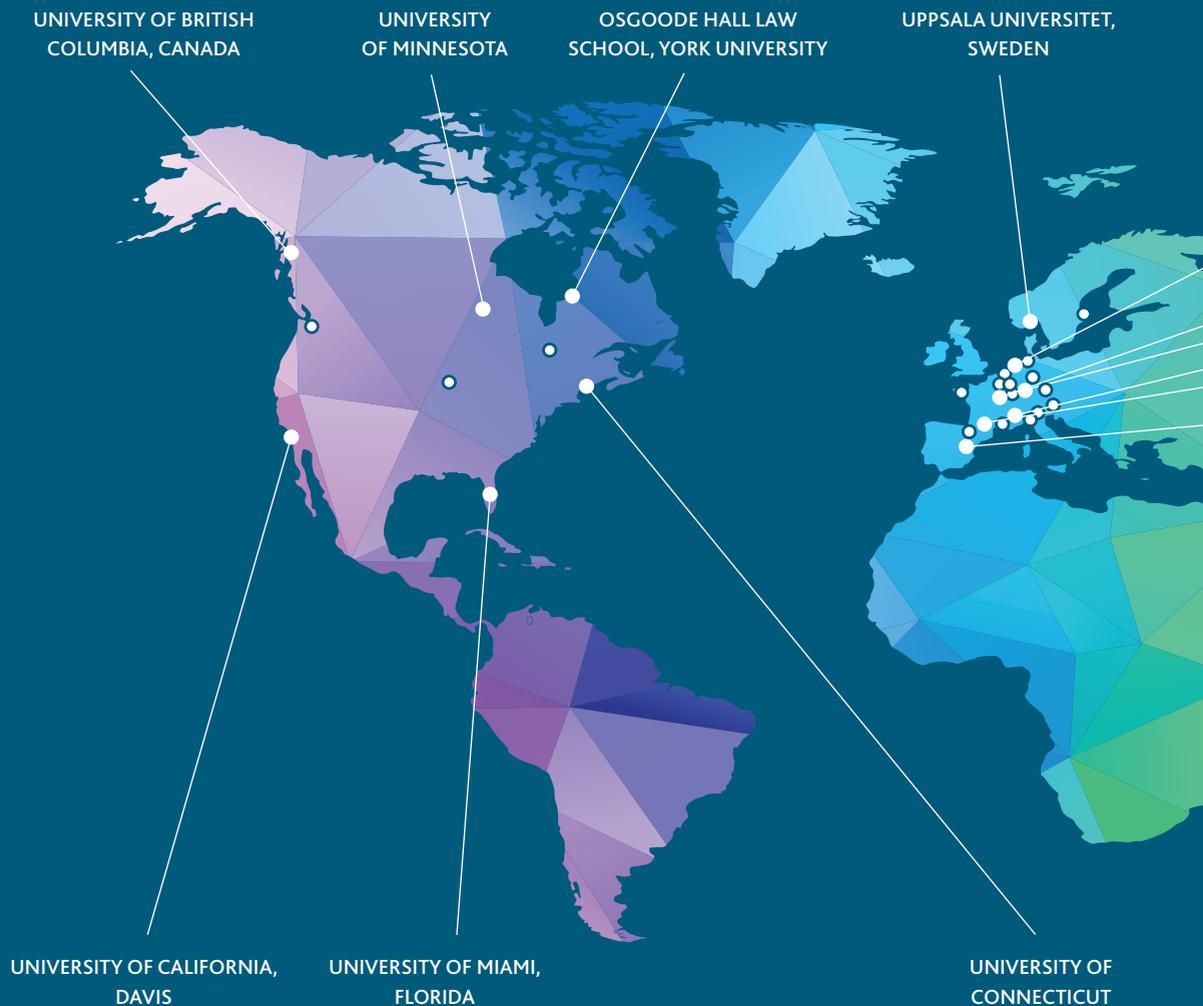
Hannah Tracey KOD Lyons

A legal placement with a human rights and criminal law firm has proven instrumental in paving the path of my legal career. The framework of this module equipped me to overcome any obstacles which arose while on placement, through student led seminars and a core emphasis on reflective learning. As a 'Law with Social Justice' student, a placement with KOD Lyons gave me total exposure to a dynamic working environment, while becoming fully immersed in the law in practice. Spending the majority of my time at the Criminal Courts of Justice was very exciting as I got to interact with clients on a daily basis

and was charged with a level of responsibility similar to that of a trainee. I was afforded the opportunity to work with some of Ireland's leading criminal lawyers on a trial, whereby one client was found not guilty of impeding a murder investigation; which was gripping. The same professionals offered me clarity and direction post-graduation. Witnessing the way in which the fabric of the criminal law is tightly woven by the threads of human rights - where access to justice for all is paramount - has inspired me to pursue a career in human rights and criminal law. I would highly recommend the legal placement module to all students in their penultimate year of study.

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.



Ciaran Sweeney Minnesota

In August 2015, 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 (pictured). Overall, I could not recommend the year-long or semester-long exchange enough, it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

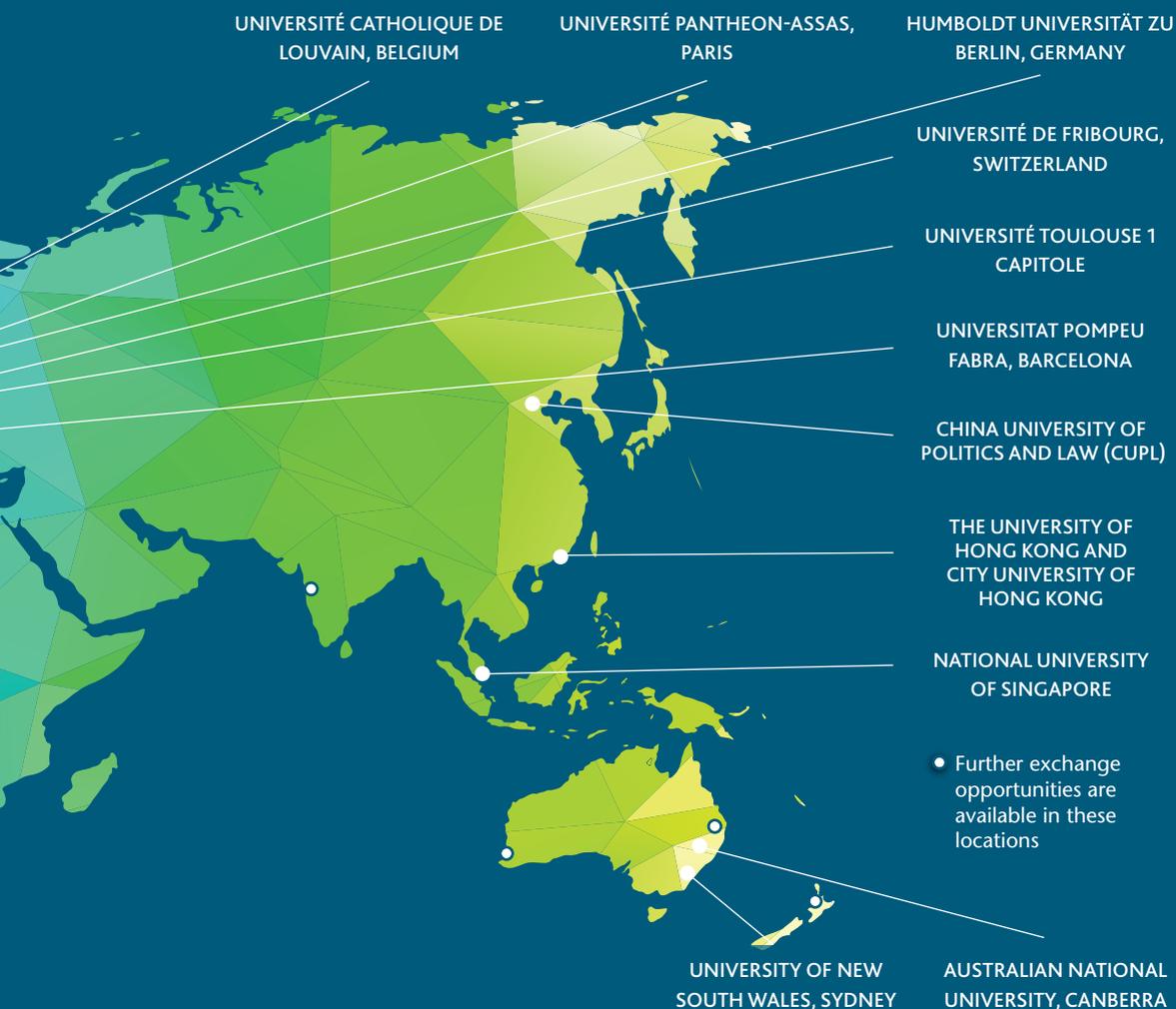
We offer our students the best range of opportunities of any Irish Law School to study abroad, including numerous partners across Europe, as well as China, Singapore, India, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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.



Kate McCarthy Louvain, Belgium



I am a final-year Business and Law student in UCD. When I learned there was an

opportunity of a semester-long Erasmus as part of this degree, I jumped at the idea. It was a perfect opportunity to develop practical language skills and

continuing my studies abroad. I chose to complete my five month Erasmus in Louvain-la-Neuve, a small university town outside Brussels. It provided the perfect environment to make new friends, gain a different perspective on my studies and improve my French, all while immersing myself in a foreign culture. The travelling opportunities were endless – we were constantly exploring new cities and visiting our other Erasmus friends. My participation in the Erasmus programme will undoubtedly be one of my best memories from my time in UCD and I encourage everyone to seek out these opportunities and grab them if they can.

Studying UCD Law

Years
1&2

Foundations of legal knowledge and specialist subjects

DN600 BCL
Bachelor of
Civil Law

DN600 LCS
Law with
Chinese

DN600 LES
BCL Law with
Economics

DN600 LFL
BCL Law with
French Law

DN600 LHY
BCL Law with
History

DN600 LPY
BCL Law with
Philosophy

DN600 LPS
BCL Law with
Politics

DN600 LSJ
BCL Law with
Social Justice

DN600 LIH
BCL Law
with Irish

DN610
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

DN600 students also take
programme-specific modules as
appropriate, for example in:

Law	History
Chinese Studies	Philosophy
Economics	Politics
French Law	Social Justice
Irish	

Years
3&4

Further Specialisation and International Study

Bachelor Degree in Law (Honours)

*Not offered in DN600 LCS

**Offered as an optional module to DN610 in Year 3



BCL (Hons) Bachelor of Civil Law

DN600 BCL

By studying national and international legal rules, develop skills and strengths that appeal to employers outside and within the legal professions.



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 Judge Síofra O’Leary, a 1989 BCL graduate, who was appointed a judge to the European Court of Human Rights in 2015.

DID YOU KNOW?

Final year students can apply for US externships in the federal courts and the Federal Defender’s Office in Los Angeles and Chicago. Internships in the Supreme Court of Ireland are also on offer (pictured is *The Hon. Ms Justice Susan Denham with 2017 intern Melissa O’Sullivan*).

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.

STUDENT PROFILE

My experience of studying law in UCD has been nothing but positive. I have developed a deep



understanding of and appreciation for law. From day one, the incredible lecturers and tutors at the law school taught in a way that was engaging and enjoyable. UCD also offer a wide range of choices which meant that I was able to tailor my degree to study things I had a real passion for. I also had a chance to get involved in extracurricular activities such as debating and moot court competitions. This was not only a good way to develop some key legal skills such as independent research and public speaking, but a way to meet people who share similar interests. I started in UCD without a clear direction for what I wanted to do with my life, and finished with a drive to pursue a career in law and all the necessary skills to make that happen. I could not recommend the BCL highly enough.

Rory Curtis
Graduate



DN600 LFL

Law with French Law

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 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The UCD Sutherland School of Law is ranked in the top 1% of Law Schools in the world and is the Number One Law School in Ireland (QS World University Rankings 2017).

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 or Aix-Marseilles 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 and to continue your French language training (whilst also taking a wide array of Irish law modules of your choosing). 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

Law with French Law offers the best of both worlds, as not only do you get an in



depth knowledge of Irish law, you also get the opportunity to study another prominent legal system. The small class size meant that I made friends instantly and the teaching staff got to know us from early on. The highlight of my degree was spending my Erasmus year in Toulouse. Although the prospect of living and studying in France is a daunting one, the French law modules you take in first and second year will have you well prepared going over. You'll come home speaking and writing French to a very high level and with a confidence you never thought possible.

Elaine Egan
Graduate



DN600 LFL

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.

BCL/Maîtrise



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. In second 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

From this programme you can go on to qualify as an avocat and practise law in France.

What will I study?

During your first two years of the dual-degree programme, 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; EU 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

The BCL/Maîtrise programme is a fantastic opportunity to study both common law and civil law and improve your French language skills. It's an intensive degree but at the end, you'll have the opportunity to qualify in both Ireland and France. During my time in UCD, I was involved in the French Society, the Peer Mentor Programme, the Student Legal Service, the Law Review and had the opportunity to visit both London and The Hague on study trips. Spending two years in Toulouse greatly improved my French and allowed me to discover a new culture. I also had the opportunity to specialise in International Law for my Master 1 and study topics like Aviation and Space Law and International Humanitarian Law. This degree is extremely rewarding and advantageous if you want to work at a European or International level. I have immensely enjoyed this four year programme!



Jaymee Cronolly
Graduate



DN600 LCS

Develop an appreciation of law, culture and language in modern China, combined with a thorough understanding of Irish, European and international law.

Law with Chinese



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 Irish 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 to gain a competitive career advantage in the increasingly globalised world.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students entering this course do not need prior knowledge of Mandarin.

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 Politics and Law (CUPL), both of which are in Beijing).

On your return to UCD for the last year of the degree, you will be offered a number of modules in Chinese Studies and will continue your Chinese language training.

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

STUDENT PROFILE

Having been attracted to studying law in UCD I was eager to pair it with a language and



Chinese, as the most spoken language in the world, seemed like a great option. The variety of the degree has proven to be what I value most. Going from a law lecture to a Chinese culture class keeps my days interesting. The UCD facilities, in particular Sutherland School of Law, are state of the art and the small class sizes in Chinese mixed with the large lecture halls for Law means I have the opportunity to learn in different ways. Having just spent a month in Beijing attending summer school, I am now hugely looking forward to third year when I will spend the year studying in China. This degree offers the opportunity to learn about a culture very different to our own and to also gain a strong law degree.

Tara Sullivan
Student



DN600 LES

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

Law with Economics



Why is this course for me?

This course allows you to acquire a highly respected degree in Irish 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Many leading UK and Irish law firms (including Arthur Cox, Matheson, Mason Hayes & Curran, William Fry and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP) host recruitment presentations on campus in UCD.

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 endeavour. 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.

STUDENT PROFILE

I came to Law with Economics through a love of making arguments, policy,



business and generally how the world works. I chose Law in UCD for the choice of modules, high standards and an exceptional building. So far, it has more than exceeded my expectations. Having two different subjects is not only really interesting but brings about two complementary ways of thinking, which is useful in every aspect of life. Outside of lectures and tutorials, I have debated in Warsaw and The Hague, mooted in front of members of the Irish judiciary and had lunch with the former President of the ECB, all with the UCD Law Society. I also travelled to London with the School of Law and visited some of the world's leading firms.

I love my degree and everything UCD has to offer; each day is different and is always equally exciting, challenging and rewarding.

Conor White
Student



DN600 LHY

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

Law 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.

STUDENT PROFILE

Law with History provides a firm basis in the law, as well as providing a wider



understanding of world events studied through the prism of history. I have found that studying law complements history and visa versa; for example both subjects put an emphasis on developing ideas, and then supporting those ideas with evidence which you have researched. Another strong point of the course is the wide variety of choice that you are given. For example, I chose comparative constitutional law and public international law plus Yugoslavian and Japanese History. I also took up debating through the main debating union, the Literary and Historical Society and I was involved in writing for the student newspaper, the University Observer. The Sutherland School of Law also helped me to participate in the National and International Negotiation competitions. After four years of study, I'm really glad I chose UCD and in particular Law with History!

Matthew Hanrahan
Graduate

DID YOU KNOW?

UCD Law students are supported and advised by a dedicated academic member of the School on their prospective career paths. They are also given access to the School's legal careers blog (with information from former graduates) and are invited to attend UCD's Annual Law Careers Fair.



DN600 LIH

Offers a cohesive set of Irish language modules which are relevant to the study and practice of law.

Law with Irish



Why is this course for me?

The BCL (Law with Irish) is a new programme starting in 2017/18. 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

- Forbairt na Gaeilge;
- Acadúla; and,
- Léamh agus Scríobh na Gaeilge.

Why Irish?

This degree offers law students with a strong interest in the Irish language a unique opportunity to pursue a degree that involves interpreting and using legal information in the context of either the Irish or English language. The high level of competence in law and in Irish achieved will ensure that graduates are well placed to pursue careers in law or other related careers such as lawyer/linguist, legal translation, the diplomatic service, media, legal research and academia.

Soláthraíonn an cúrsa seo nasc idir Dlí agus Gaeilge le cur chuige nuálaíoch, ilmheán idir theagasc ranga agus mhodúil ar líne.



Dírítear ar chruinneas teanga agus ar chúrsaí litríochta ar dtús. Forbraíonn an cúrsa ansin le hoiliúint in ardsceilleana teanga i gcomhthéacs dlíthiúil. Ag deireadh na céime beidh mic léinn eolach ar agus ábalta téacsanna dlíthiúla i gcomhthéacs náisiúnta/idirnáisiúnta a aistriú le fócas ar dhlítheangeolaithe/aistritheoirí in institiúidí na hEorpa fosta. Más spéis leat cruinneas teanga i gcomhthéacs dlíthiúil mar aon le cultúr agus litríocht na Gaeilge, soláthróidh an cúrsa rogha fhairsing de dheiseanna fostaíochta do mhic léinn Dlí agus Gaeilge.

Dr Regina Uí Chollatáin

Ceann na Scoile, UCD Scoil na Gaeilge,
an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis.



DN600 LPY

Law with Philosophy

Explore fundamental questions about society, knowledge and human existence and how they impact and influence the law.



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; and,
- Medieval Philosophy.

DID YOU KNOW?

In your third year you can avail of work placements in law firms, NGOs or Government departments.

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.

STUDENT PROFILE

I chose Law with Philosophy because I wanted to accompany the academic



challenge of law with an area that I knew really interested me. The range of choice in UCD is fantastic, and modules like "Anarchy, Law and the State" were absolutely fascinating. Studying philosophy really helped me to critically engage with arguments made, to identify the analytical links which make up claims, and to coherently respond to ideas presented. This made grappling with the concepts and arguments at the core of academic law far less intimidating, and also added another dimension to studying law. Studying at UCD is far more than the academic course you choose. I really enjoyed debating, and thanks to the coaching and support from UCD I got the chance to travel all around Europe and as far as Israel! The sheer variety of societies means that I found there was an event I really wanted to go to almost every night.

Aodhán Peelo,
Student



DN600 LPS

Engage with law in the context of international and Irish politics, political organisation, government and public affairs.

Law with Politics



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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.

STUDENT PROFILE

Law with Politics has been an eye opening study into the world around me for the past two



years. The course content is really interesting, and both subjects deal with both past and contemporary legal and political issues, with overlap between the two, for example, between Constitutional Rights and Political Theory. The course also offers a broad legal base of knowledge while also allowing for study of both domestic and international politics.

The ability to identify similarities between the two, to vocalise opinions and to make arguments, through activities like mootings has also helped me greatly outside of my studies. I've been able to use these skills in debating, representing UCD LawSoc at a European level, and also winning the Irish Times Debating Competition. The various societies in UCD have been a great way to meet new people in UCD. Whatever your interests, there will always be something for you in UCD.

Dara Keenan
Student



DN600 LSJ

Law with Social Justice

Are you concerned about injustice in society and interested in acquiring the skills and knowledge that will enable you to advocate change and to tackle social inequality?



Why is this course for me?

This course (the first of its kind in Ireland) is intended to allow you to acquire a highly respected law degree, whilst also gaining a detailed understanding of the social justice issues that are intended to be addressed by the legal system. While on this degree, you will be uniquely equipped to offer a critical perspective on the adequacy of our criminal justice system, our family court structure, our social systems and our industrial relations frameworks.

What will I study?

With a wide choice of law and social justice modules, you can pursue your own areas of interest.

Modules include:

- Human Rights Education;
- Criminology;
- Law, Gender and Sexual Orientation;
- International Human Rights;
- Racism and Anti-Racism; and,
- Childhood Inequalities.

Why Social Justice?

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.

STUDENT PROFILE

Studying Law with Social Justice in UCD has been an incredibly rewarding experience for



me. The course itself provides a wealth of module choices which allowed me to tailor my studies and combine the two disciplines of law and social justice in such a way as to broaden my perspective on prominent global issues and develop my critical thinking and social awareness. Social justice and equality issues are prevalent in Irish and global society, and this course has taught me how critical the law can be in the effort to bring about social change. In my third year of study, I took part in the Legal Placement module which was an invaluable experience, as it provided an insight into the contrasting roles of lawyers in professional workplace environments, and gave me the opportunity to develop practical legal skills which subsequently served me well during a legal internship with one of Ireland's top law firms.

Orlaith Ni Mhadagain
Graduate

DID YOU KNOW?

Throughout the four years of the programme, you will participate in a specially-designed law and social justice seminar.



DN610

Combines two vital components of the commercial world – business and law – to achieve tremendous flexibility in your future career.

BBL Bachelor of Business and Law



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can study abroad for one semester in your third year!

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 a highly regarded by employers in the fields of both business and law.

STUDENT PROFILE

Business & Law was the perfect choice for me as it allowed me to explore the key areas of



both disciplines and as such, discover a passion for law I never knew I had. The dedicated and passionate lecturers along with the support staff at UCD, go above and beyond to ensure students are provided with everything they need to build the foundations of their future careers. The Erasmus programme was a definite highlight of Business & Law for me, as not only did I get the chance to study both disciplines from an international perspective, I met interesting people from all over the world and from various fields of study, and of course had the opportunity to travel. My experience at UCD has been exceptional due to the incomparable teaching quality, the vast range of societies and facilities on campus, and of course, the opportunity to study abroad.

Rachel Coyle
Student

Student Life at UCD

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. Many law students avail of their time in UCD to pursue other interests and hobbies in addition to their studies. For example, Aly Coyne and James Ahern have made their mark in the Musical Society and UCD Choral Society respectively. The Sutherland School of Law is delighted also to have many leading sports people amongst the student body. For example, Deirdre Duke, captain of the UCD Hockey team and member of the Ireland squad, graduates this year with a Law with Social Justice degree. In the field of rugby, Rory O'Loughlin has successfully combined his Business and Law degree with playing for Leinster, as has his teammate Garry Ringrose who has also been capped many times for Ireland whilst at UCD. Leading amateur golfer, Chloe Ryan and Shane O'Connell of UCD Boat Club are other athletes combining law studies with elite sporting achievements.





Image Courtesy of Sportsfile.



Alternative Routes to Study Law

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. Second-level students who are considering studying law, and who attend a DEIS school, are invited to attend a four-day summer school to learn more about law, and how to apply to UCD Sutherland School of Law. Information on alternative routes to study law is available by contacting:

MATURE (persons over 23 years who do not already hold a degree)	lawmature@ucd.ie	www.ucd.ie/maturestudents
HEAR (Higher Education Access Route for School Leavers)	hear@ucd.ie	www.accesscollege.ie
DARE (Disability Access Route to Education for School Leavers)	dare@ucd.ie	www.accesscollege.ie
ACCESS Programmes for mature students	adult.education@ucd.ie	www.ucd.ie/adulted



Neil Coogan Mature student

Before returning to UCD, it had been twelve years since I had been in an academic environment. Returning to education as a mature student

undoubtedly has its challenges; we have different needs and responsibilities than those of our younger counterparts. However, these challenges are not insurmountable, and there is a great support network in UCD. I managed to work part-time throughout my degree and maintain a healthy home life. UCD Law opened doors for me that I previously thought impossible. I have been lucky enough to travel to London with the Law School and will be going to the UNICA Conference in

Rome in October this year. I also spent the summer of 2017 in three different law firms getting practical experience. I am now a final year Law with Politics BCL (Hons) student and will be graduating in 2018 with a Law degree from Ireland's top Law School. The social scene for mature students is very active, both in the Law School and University wide; there is no shortage of events. Academically, the content is challenging and requires dedication, but the quality and accessibility of the lecturers make all the difference.

Returning to college as a mature student has been one of the best decisions I have made, and I would encourage anyone who is thinking about enrolling to do so.



Stacey O'Neill Mature Graduate

Having never really been in love with my previous career in the insurance industry and already studying Law on a part time basis at FETAC level, under

employment during the economic downturn in 2011-2012 came as an opportunity rather than a setback. I decided to return to education full time and I began studying BCL Law in UCD in 2012 as a Mature Student. Returning to education as a mature student brings with it its own set of challenges, but also its own rewards. Thankfully I have always found UCD to be accommodating of

the difficulties that may arise whilst caring for a family and studying.

In my experience the most difficult part of returning to education was working up the nerve to actually do it. This is a decision I have not regretted once, the work is challenging and at times difficult but it is always worthwhile. UCD will give you above all, else opportunity to engage in real debate of the subject matter with lecturers and peers, rather than simply committing to a memory exercise. Since graduating I have been working in a job that I love and I intend to return to UCD to complete the LL.M in International Commercial Law in September.

Clubs and Societies

There are over 100 clubs and societies at UCD, including Law Soc, which runs both debating and social activities. The Student Legal Service runs clinics offering legal information to other students across UCD. Other societies include: DramSoc; UCD Chamber Choir; Photographic Society; St Vincent de Paul Society; and, UCD Volunteers Overseas, to name but a few.

<http://societies.ucd.ie/>

UCD Law Society



LawSoc is one of UCD's biggest and most active societies! We run weekly house debates and regularly bring in guests including Judge Judy, Cristiano Ronaldo, Bill Clinton and Noam Chomsky. We run hundred of events every year including social



events the highlight of which being Law Ball as well as regular nights out! We also send teams all over the world from Mexico to Cork to competitive debate and moot. To find out more about what we do and how to become a member visit our Facebook page or our website!

Student Legal Service



The UCD Student Legal Service (SLS) is one of the fastest-growing and most vibrant societies in UCD. Our primary function is to help students who are in need of legal information whilst also performing a career preparation role within the law school. Our volunteers, who are drawn from the UCD law student body, aim to assist students with any legal queries they might have at

our weekly legal clinics. Law students from first to final year can sign up for these clinics at our Fresher's Week stand. The SLS also runs negotiation and other competitions throughout the semester and organises various social nights for all members. We also release an annual publication, which is exclusively written by UCD students. In 2017, the title of our publication was 'The Legal Effects of the European Union', which tackled an amalgam of issues relating to how one of the world's most influential and complex institutions operates. We host talks and seminars from interesting and prominent people from the world of Law and beyond, and we also organise one of Ireland's largest student-run events, the Student Legal Convention, which invites experts to discuss the legal issues of today. We hope to meet you in September! Please do not hesitate to contact us via email or through our Facebook page if you have any questions- we're always looking to bring new people on board to help!



Our Sutherland School of Law Community

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. In addition to those who study, teach and work in the School of Law, we regularly welcome many of the wider legal community to the building for guest lectures, conferences, recruitment fairs, alumni events and receptions. Many are members of the UCD law alumni community which is

made up of leading members of the judiciary, the Bar, and practitioners in local and international law firms, in addition to politicians, human rights activists and media personalities. We encourage all law graduates to keep in touch with us when they leave UCD as we believe it is important to maintain the strong links we create with you during your time studying here. To learn more about our alumni activities, please visit <http://www.ucd.ie/law/about/alumni/>.



TOP: Reunion of BBL class of 2006. RIGHT: Recipients of the Law Alumnus of the Year awards; 2014: Maeve O'Rourke BL (2014), Miriam O'Callaghan (2015), Oscar-winner Benjamin Cleary (2016).

BOTTOM: Distinguished Alumni at events in the School of Law (clockwise from left) The Hon. Ms Justice Mary Laffoy, The Hon. Mr Justice Peter Kelly (President of the High Court), The Hon. Mr Justice Sean Ryan (President of the Court of Appeal), The Hon. Mr Justice Frank Clarke (Chief Justice), The Hon. Mr Justice Gerard Hogan with the Hon. Mr Justice Donal O'Donnell, The Hon. Mr Justice Nial Fennelly.



TOP: Award-winning students at the Fortieth Bank of Ireland Awards. ABOVE: BCL/Maîtrise students at a reception in the French Ambassador's Residence. ABOVE RIGHT: McCann FitzGerald Chair of International Law and Business, Professor James Devenney (centre) at his inaugural lecture with Professor Joe McMahon, Professor Imelda Maher and Barry Devereux, McCann FitzGerald. RIGHT: Law student, Samantha O'Brien O'Reilly with former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon after her address to the United Nations. BELOW: The class of 2017.



How to apply

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

Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL)	DN600 BCL
Law with French Law	DN600 LFL
BCL Maîtrise	DN600 LFL
Law with Chinese	DN600 LCS
Law with Economics	DN600 LES
Law with History	DN600 LHY
Law with Irish	DN600 LIH
Law with Philosophy	DN600 LPY
Law with Politics	DN600 LPS
Law with Social Justice	DN600 LSJ
Business and Law (BBL)	DN610

CAO first round entry points for DN600 in 2017 were 522 points. The first round entry points for DN610 (Business and Law) were 529.

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ONE MAJOR CODE
FOR "LAW" AND
"LAW WITH"
PROGRAMMES –
DN600

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 (DN600 LFL) 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.

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