



UCD Sutherland
School of Law

Course code:

B820

B821

LLM EU Law & Governance

(One Year Full-Time or Two Years Part-time)



Introduction

This programme offers a genuinely interdisciplinary approach to European legal studies. Graduates gain an enhanced understanding of how law and politics shape the European Union, and the skills required to analyse and predict the future development of this unique polity. The LLM programme requires at least one module in political science to ensure a broad understanding of the EU.

Faculty at UCD Sutherland School of Law and across the university have strong profiles in researching the EU, its law and politics and

impact on societies. Specialisations comprise the EU's institutional structure, rule of law, human rights, environmental law and policy, EU and social justice, migration, competition law, economic freedoms and economic and monetary union.

The programme is ideal for graduates in law and cognate disciplines, including political science, sociology and European studies, and also offers those already in employment the opportunity to gain intellectual inspiration and enhance their career.

Programme Highlight

This programme offers extraordinary opportunities. Its sibling programme in political science, the 2-year MSc European Governance, shares two compulsory modules in semester one. This generates excellent networking opportunities. UCD faculty members teaching on this programme have been successful in securing European Research Council projects in the field. The ongoing projects on EU integration through rights (2024-2028) and on Refugee policy (2025-2029) offer related opportunities to current LLM students and future PhD students.

Programme Content and Structure

90 credits
Taught Masters

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60 credits
Taught Modules

+

30 credits
Dissertation

Core modules:

Students study the following two core modules:

- Law and Governance of the EU
- Politics of European Governance

*A full list of modules can be viewed online.
The modules shown here are correct at time of printing but can be subject to change.*

Optional modules include:

Four modules to be chosen:

- Foundations of Environmental Law
- International Competition Law
- Adv Issues in European Competition Law
- Law of the ECHR
- Climate Change Law and Policy
- Law of Armed Conflict
- Natural Resources Law
- International Migration Law
- International Refugee Law
- EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Policy
- Theory of Human Rights

Programme offered in September and January. This programme can also be studied part-time - see

www.ucd.ie/graduatestudies

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

12,000 graduate students; 17% graduate research students; structured PhDs



A Leading Global University

Ranked within top 1% of higher education institutions world-wide



Global Careers

Dedicated careers support; 2 year stayback visa to work in Ireland



Global Community

9,500 international students and 300,000 alumni network across 184 countries



Global Profile

UCD Sutherland School of Law is ranked in the Top 100 Law Schools in the World



Bespoke Law School

The Sutherland School of Law offers a world-class university experience in a modern, state-of-the-art building



Career Opportunities

The LLM EU Law & Governance is an ideal starting point for a career in the EU institutions, such as the Commission and Court of Justice of the European Union, and EU agencies such as the Fundamental Rights Agency. It will also be highly relevant for those aiming at a career in law firms specialising in European Union law.

Further, graduates will be well equipped to advise law and policy makers in European Union matters, as well as finding opportunities with think tanks and other non-governmental organisations influencing the European Union. It also is an excellent starting point for an academic career.

Several UCD careers events are held throughout the year, including dedicated law careers fairs which are attended by top employers from Ireland, the UK and international markets.

In addition to the unrivalled Careers Network in UCD, Sutherland School of Law has its own dedicated faculty member with responsibility for careers.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a Law degree, or an interdisciplinary degree in which law was a major component. An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- Applicants holding a Graduate Diploma in Law can be considered.
- Exemption may be given to those with significant, relevant, practical experience or those with a relevant graduate qualification.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must also demonstrate English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (no band less than 6.0 and 6.5 or above in reading and writing), or equivalent.

Fees and Scholarships

Tuition fee information is available on www.ucd.ie/fees. Please note that UCD offers a number of graduate scholarships for full-time, self-funding international students, holding an offer of a place on a UCD masters programme. Please see www.ucd.ie/global/scholarships for further information.

Related Masters

- LLM General
- LLM Intellectual Property & Information Technology
- MSc International Law & Business
- MSc European Governance

Graduate Profile



Graham Butler
Full Professor of Law

As a graduate of Business and Law, I took a keen interest in EU affairs and sought to pursue this programme in UCD in 2012. It is an ideal graduate programme for those interested in law, political, international relations, the EU and current affairs. The course offers a healthy mixture of legal subjects pertaining to the European Union, in addition to politics and international relations, which perfectly complement each other. Studying EU law in all its various forms really enhanced my education and the formulation and application of EU law throughout the EU member states. At UCD, time spent outside the lectures is just as important as the ones inside. This masters degree offers students the opportunity to develop the edge that is vital for competing in a competitive graduate environment. Having previously worked as a parliamentary assistant in Dáil Éireann, and pursued a doctorate in law at the University of Copenhagen, I am now a Full Professor of Law at the University of Southern Denmark.

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