



Masters in Common Law (MCL)

(Two years Full-Time)

Introduction

The Masters in Common Law is an intensive graduate entry programme providing non-law graduates with a university legal education. In addition to covering the core law subjects required by the legal professions, the course also provides students with the opportunity to select a small number of more specialist subjects of their choice. The programme is taught through lectures and dedicated seminars led by the principal lecturer in the subject.

The Masters in Common Law is designed to provide students with the relevant recognitions as part of the process of becoming a barrister or solicitor in Ireland. MCL graduates will be equipped with an appreciation of the principal branches of the discipline of law so that they can work effectively as a member of a legal team and possess the skills for presentation of legal reports and assignments.

Programme Highlight

A law degree for graduates in non-law disciplines

This is a unique two-year programme offering non-law graduates the opportunity to obtain a law degree as part of the process of becoming a barrister or solicitor.

Please note further training is required upon graduation to become a barrister or solicitor.

Programme Content and Structure



Year 1:

Students select 60 credits worth of core modules which include:

- Property Law
- Criminal Law
- Contract
- Tort
- Constitutional Law
- EU Economic Law

Please see online for a full list of modules.

Year 2:

Students select 40 credits worth of core modules which include:

- Administrative Law
- Company Law
- Equity
- Evidence
- Trusts

Option modules in Year 2 include:

- International Human Rights Law
- Data Protection and Privacy
- Family & Child Law
- Migration Law
- Copyright Law
- Principles of Jurisprudence

Why study at UCD?



Graduate Education

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



Graduate Employability

Ranked no. 1 in Ireland in QS Graduate Employability ranking



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

This degree offers you the relevant recognitions as part of the process of becoming a barrister or solicitor in Ireland. The depth of legal knowledge provided also offers graduates the possibility to pursue careers as in-house counsel in the commercial world. The Masters in Common Law from UCD is one of the Kings Inn's approved degrees thus offering graduates a pathway on the route to qualification as a barrister.

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.

Graduate Profile



Margaret Heavey,
Barrister-at-law

The Masters in Common Law at UCD is more than a degree and more than a masters. It is a full law degree, pitched at masters level and taught by some of the best law lecturers in Europe. The course work is challenging but the educational supports are terrific, particularly the seminars, which give a more intensive insight into key aspects of the curriculum. Much of the success of the MCL is down to the small class size and the varied backgrounds of participants.

My primary degree was in civil engineering. I commenced the MCL programme having spent more than two decades working in engineering and business. My MCL class included art historians, philosophers and a neuroscientist. Some of my modules were shared with business graduates and legal practitioners. This mixture of experiences, backgrounds and nationalities created a rather unique and dynamic learning environment.

Law reaches into all corners of life. There's a lot to be said for studying core legal principles from a shared vantage point of diverse life experiences. The MCL offers this and more.

Applicant Profile

- This programme is intended for applicants with a degree in any discipline. An upper second class honours, or international equivalent is required.
- 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 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

- MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice
- MSc International Law & Business
- MSc Environmental & Climate Law

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