

Law with Politics

BCL [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



Law with Politics **LWW3**

Length of Course 4 Years

Guideline Entry Requirements

IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma	IB Total 36 A high level of English language competency is normally required
Cambridge A Level [+ GCSE O Level]	BBBB/ A*AA + A AS Level A high level of English language competency is normally required
Other Examinations	For country specific information see page 157
UCD International Foundation Year	Yes, see www.dublinisc.com/university-college-dublin



UCD Law students win Gael Linn Bréagchúirt Uí Dhálaigh

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. 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?

First & Second Year

First year focuses on core Irish Law modules, including: Constitutional Law • Contract Law • Tort Law

In addition, you're introduced to political theory and Irish and international political systems.

In second year, you'll study:

EU Law • Property Law • Criminal Law

You'll also take modules that engage with political theory, comparative politics and international relations.

Third & Fourth Year

With a wide choice of law and politics modules, you can choose to pursue your own areas of interest. These include: Jurisprudence • Media Law • Human Rights Law • Contemporary Issues in Law & Politics • Foreign Policy • Political Economy • Middle East Politics

Clinical Legal Education Centre (CLEC) modules are also available, including Advocacy & Mooting, Alternative Dispute Resolution and The Lawyer, Professional Ethics & Legal Practice.

Law students are often very active in university politics and in the Students' Union. As a BCL [Law with Politics] student you may be interested in developing your practical skills through participation in the legal information clinics of the UCD Student Legal Service.

You'll attend lectures and tutorials, in addition to engaging in study and preparatory work.

Assessment is through a combination of end-of-semester examinations, essays and group work projects.

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

BCL [Law with Politics] graduates are well equipped to pursue careers in:

- Legal practice
- Politics
- Broadcasting
- Journalism
- Legislative drafting (e.g. in Office of Parliamentary Counsel)
- Academia

Relevant graduate study programmes include:

International Human Rights • European Law & Public Affairs • International Relations

International Study Opportunities

Many students apply to spend time abroad during their third year at partner universities including the University of Minnesota, the Université de Fribourg, Switzerland and the University of Queensland, Brisbane.



Peadar Ó Lamhna
STUDENT

UCD's Law with Politics degree is a great choice for those of you who are interested not only in how the law works in practice, but also in how our country and continent are governed. There is a great sense of collegiality not only between my classmates but between all the law school staff and students. Being a Bord na Gaeilge Scholar for the past four years and spending a year as Vice-Auditor of An Cumann Gaelach have helped make my time in UCD a truly engaging experience. Not many can say that they have mooted through Irish in the Supreme Court, helped organise a 5km run around campus and even organised an intervarsity Countdown quiz! I've also welcomed the President of Ireland and European Commissioner for Science and Research to speak at An Cumann Gaelach events.

Find out more

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