

Law with Philosophy

BCL [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



CAO Code **DN600 LPY**

CAO Points Range 2013	500 — 615
Length of Course	4 Years
DN600 Places	125

Entry Requirements	English • Irish • A third language • Three other recognised subjects
Leaving Certificate	Passes in six subjects including those shown above, of which two must be minimum HC3
A-Level/GCSE 2013	A*A*A (A-Level) & a [AS] or equivalent Passes [GCSE Grade C or above] in six recognised subjects including those above, of which two must be minimum Grade C at A-Level Irish Language Exemption applies, see p175
Other EU Applicants	See www.ucd.ie/myucd/eu

Non-EU Applicants	See www.ucd.ie/myucd/noneu
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Level 5/6 FETAC Entry Routes — None

Level 6/7 Progression Routes — None

Mature Entry Route — Yes, see p178

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. An understanding of law is fundamentally enhanced by a deeper knowledge of philosophical theory. This course offers you a highly respected degree in law combined with an enriched appreciation of its philosophical underpinnings.

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 modern, moral and continental philosophy.

In second year, you'll take modules in:

EU Law • Property Law • Criminal Law

At the same time, you'll also take modules that engage with the ideas of Hume, Kant, Aristotle and Hegel.

Third & Fourth Year

With a wide choice of law and philosophy modules available, you can pursue particular areas of interest. The choice of modules includes:

Jurisprudence • Media Law • Human Rights Law • Philosophy of Law • Critical Theory • Medieval Philosophy

You may also be interested in taking modules offered by our Clinical Legal Education Centre (CLEC), such as Advocacy & Mooting, and The Lawyer, Professional Ethics & Legal Practice.

You'll attend lectures and tutorials, in addition to engaging in study and preparatory work. A sample timetable can be viewed at www.ucd.ie/myucd/law.

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



2014 Ad Astra scholars in Law, Claire Mohan and Katie Donnellan

Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

BCL [Law with Philosophy] students can choose to study the modules necessary for legal professional recognition, which enables them to pursue legal careers as solicitors or barristers.

Graduates are also ideally suited to careers in:

- Legal research (e.g. at the Law Reform Commission)
- Politics
- Media
- Diplomatic service
- Academia

Relevant graduate study programmes include LLM degrees in: International Human Rights • European Law & Public Affairs • Legal Philosophy

International Study Opportunities

Students can apply for places on our exchange programmes with partner universities including the University of New South Wales, Sydney and the Université de Fribourg, Switzerland.



Dr Oonagh Breen
SENIOR LECTURER

Where will your law degree take you? As Academic Career Adviser, I'm delighted to help you find the answer to this question. With the support of UCD Careers Development Centre, we offer you skill-building workshops, careers talks, on-campus engagement with legal employers, information on internship opportunities and an annual Law Careers Fair. 2013 saw the launch of a week-long corporate law study trip to London, where students visited leading corporate city law firms and met UCD Law graduates now based in London. With a dedicated Law Careers Electronic Portal, one-to-one meetings and active alumni mentors, I look forward to helping you in your career decisions ahead.

Dr Oonagh Breen, Senior Lecturer & Career Development Liaison Officer, UCD Sutherland School of Law

KEY FACT

All final year UCD Law students can apply for US externships in the federal courts and the federal defender's office.

Find out more

www.ucd.ie/myucd/law



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Other courses of interest

Law	→76
Law with Social Justice	→85
Law with History	→82
Law with Politics	→84