

Law & Chinese Studies

BCL [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



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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



Why is this course for me?

The new BCL [Law & Chinese Studies] 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'll gain comparative insights which inform an enhanced critical perspective on Irish law. The third year is spent at a leading Chinese law school.

What will I study?

First & Second Year

First year focuses on the core Irish law modules of: Constitutional Law • Contract Law

This is combined with intensive Chinese language training and an introduction to Chinese culture and society.

In second year, you'll continue to build your knowledge of the foundations of Irish law, covering:

Tort • Property Law • Criminal Law

You'll also advance your Chinese language skills and gain an insight into Chinese politics and the Chinese economy.

Third Year

You'll spend your third year at a partner university in Beijing, China (Renmin University or the China University of Political Science and Law [CUPL]), where you'll take all modules through Chinese. You'll also study EU Law.

Fourth Year

On your return to UCD for the last year of the degree, you'll be required to complete a number of modules in Chinese law and to continue your Chinese language training. You'll also choose modules from a wide range of Irish law modules including clinical modules from the School's Clinical Legal Education Centre [CLEC].

Note: Some modules on this degree are taught through Chinese. The intensive nature of this degree means that you will not have time to take extra modules as part of *UCD Horizons*.

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

Graduates obtain a recognised degree in Irish law and are also particularly well placed to pursue legal careers with:

- International law firms
- European and international institutions
- NGOs

BCL [Law & Chinese Studies] graduates may wish to pursue further studies, including: LLM [International Human Rights], LLM [International Commercial Law] or LLM [Intellectual Property & Information Technology Law], all in UCD Sutherland School of Law. Both Renmin and CUPL have excellent graduate programmes and are among the best law schools in China.



Imelda Maher
PROFESSOR

I came to UCD in 2006 – an academic homecoming as I am a BCL graduate. I had the rewarding experience of being academic director for the UCD Sutherland School of Law project. I worked closely with the architects and project team so the design of the building reflects what we actually do in the School. This is a long way from my usual day-to-day work of research and teaching. EU Law and Governance, especially competition law, is my area of expertise.

I introduce first years to EU Law, teach a master's course to law and politics students and I supervise a number of PhD students. My most recent research has led to a book: *Asian Capitalism and the Regulation of Competition*, published by Cambridge University Press, and edited by myself, John Gillespie [Monash University, Australia] and Michael Dowdle [National University of Singapore].

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Other courses of interest

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Law with Politics	→80