



Department of Germanic Studies

The University of Dublin, Trinity College

TR019 Law and German [LLB (Germ.)]

"In an increasingly competitive legal jobs market, a law degree alone will not set you apart from the herd. Both in terms of pure academic fulfilment and greater career opportunities, combining the study of law with German provides graduates with a sense of achievement and a set of skills and attributes which cannot be bought: rigour, adaptability, a vital understanding of the importance of Europe in all its manifestations, and, above all, a sense that anything you turn your hand to can be achieved" Kevin, graduate 2003, now working in Dublin.

"Having a Law and German degree has opened many doors that would otherwise have been closed to me had I chosen pure law. The value of understanding both the Irish and continental legal systems, combined with having a high level of professional German, is regarded as a valuable asset by employers. It demonstrates that you are capable not only of excelling in two academic fields, but also that you are able to adjust to living and studying in a foreign environment. Furthermore, it gives you a much broader range of job opportunities, particularly at a European level, where a foreign language is not only valued, but required. Given the ever-increasing ties between Ireland and the rest of Europe, the advantages of a such a qualification cannot be underestimated." Caroline, graduate 2003, now working in Brussels.

Why study Law and German?

A degree in law and a language provides excellent preparation for a career in law, international law, or business. The TCD Law and German degree programme began in 1993 and equips students with the necessary linguistic, cultural and legal skills to operate successfully in an international environment. It also provides students with the same options to access to professional training as pure Law students. Fluency in a second language such as German is no longer an optional extra. In a highly competitive job market, fluency in a second language is a necessity. Graduates of the programme work in a range of professions both in Ireland and worldwide. Some examples include international law firms, management, accounting and taxation, and PR.

How is the Course structured?

It is a four-year degree course, which incorporates a year abroad studying Law and German at a partner university in Germany. Throughout the four years, there is a strong focus on integration of the various legal and language components that make up the course. Small group teaching is central to how we deliver our courses. First and second year are foundation years: you are introduced to German Law through specially designed modules, which explore aspects of the German constitution and German civil law. Alongside this we provide you with your first exposure to legal German as well as helping you to develop your general language competence. After your year abroad, we aim to deepen your knowledge of German and EU law, whilst also further developing your skills in written and oral German. You have the option to write a final year dissertation in German on a legal topic that you select yourself. In researching and writing your seminar papers or dissertation you have the opportunity to bring together all the skills that you have learned over the four years.

What will I study?

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JUNIOR FRESHMAN (First Year)	SENIOR FRESHMAN (Second Year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Law • Constitutional Law • Law of Contract • Criminal Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law of Tort • Land Law • Private Law Remedies • Equity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Language (written, oral, aural) • German Area Studies • German Textual Analysis • German Constitutional Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Language (written, oral, aural) including a focus on legal German • German Cultural History • German Civil Law

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JUNIOR SOPHISTER (Third Year)	SENIOR SOPHISTER (Fourth Year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Courses at Host University, including German Civil Law or German Criminal Law or German Public Law; plus optional law courses such as European Law. <p>Partner Universities include: Humboldt Universität Berlin, Hamburg, Freiburg, Marburg, Mainz, Tübingen, Würzburg, Erlangen, Jena, München</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Law subjects from a choice that includes: Commercial Law, Environmental Law, Sports Law, Employment Law, Family Law, International Human Rights, Criminology and others. <p>Students may replace a Law subject with a Senior Sophister German Option (Options in recent years include: Interkulturelle Kommunikation; Kunst nach Auschwitz; Kulturwissenschaft) or a dissertation on a Law topic (in German or English)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Courses at Host University, including translation and phonetics 	<p>Courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Translation • Advanced German Language Fluency (Rhetorik) • German Law Option (on German and European Law)

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Personal and Career Development

We encourage you to think about your future career and help you to develop important transferable skills. Our **GradLink** programme puts you in touch with graduates of the Department of Germanic Studies, who can give useful advice on preparing for work. You will also have the opportunity to get to know Law and German graduates at our **Alumni evenings**. Our **Peer Learning** initiative helps you with the transition to College. We also organise a number of other activities including an annual **Careers Evening**, sessions on presentation, interview and team-building skills, not to mention the **German Play**, regular **German Film Evenings**, **Stammtisch**, and the **TCD-UCD Colours Debate**.

Find out more about the degree at

http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies/undergraduate/lg/index.php

or at <http://www.tcd.ie/Law/Courses.html>