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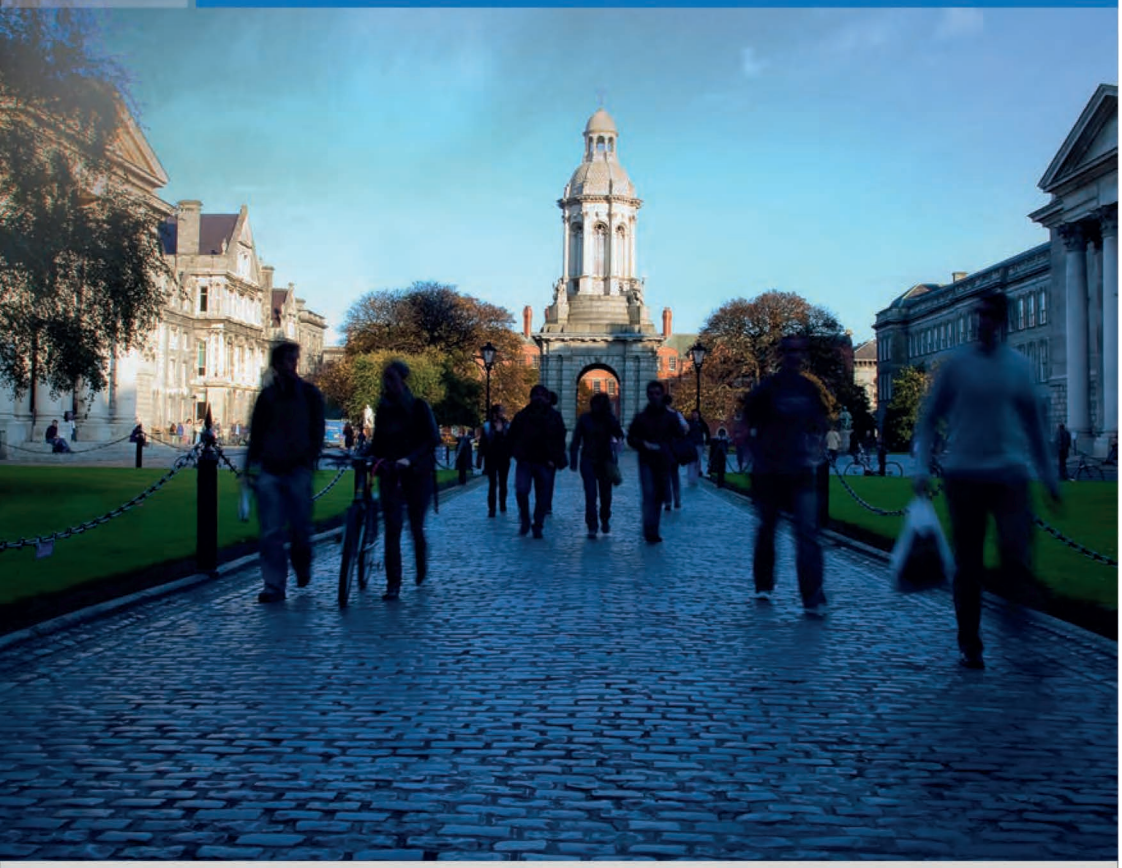

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Law at Trinity College Dublin

Small-group teaching, offering innovate teaching methods and assessments

Ireland's oldest and highest ranking university and top-ranking Law School

Research-led teaching by a faculty of leading subject experts

Law at Trinity College Dublin

As a law student, you learn what these laws are, how they work and how they change. You learn the skills of a lawyer – how to research the law, how to make legal arguments, how to use the law to protect and serve your clients. As importantly, though, you also learn to be critical of law. Law can control power but it can also concentrate power, in the hands of large political and commercial organisations. In our increasingly globalised world, it is more important than ever that people understand the huge potential of law to aid the common good but also the potential for its misuse. The Trinity law degree inculcates this perspective in students. It trains them to be self- motivated, ethically aware and critically reflective citizens.

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What is Law?

Law regulates every aspect of social life. This ranges from the contracts that we make when we buy products to the laws that determine when people can be jailed for committing criminal offences and through to significant political decisions, such as constitutional reforms on marriage or abortion or emergency law such as the introduction of Covid-19 measures.

Is Law the subject for me?

Law will appeal to you if you are interested in society, governance and current affairs. If you like to be challenged and intellectually stimulated then one of our law degrees may be for you.

A general interest in history and political developments will be an advantage, as the law is deeply linked to its historical and political context. Studying law involves learning legal rules, interpreting, applying and critiquing legal principles. It requires the development of the skills of argument and advocacy as well as critical analysis and reasoning.

Community:
We are immensely proud of our diverse, inclusive study body and enjoy a staff-student relationship built on mutual trust and respect.

Employer Reputation in Ireland:
The Law School is the highest ranking Irish law School.

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Law at Trinity College Dublin

We offer a number of programme options: **Law (Single Honors)**, and **Joint Honors Law** - with **Business, History, Political Science** or a language (**French or German**).

The degree awarded will be Bachelor in Laws (LL.B) for Single Honors / Law Major Joint Honors or Bachelor in Arts (BA) for Law Minor, Joint Honors or Single Honors in your second subject.

Over four years, our students become self-directed learners, mastering both the discipline of legal thought and the skills of critical analysis necessary for a reasoned appraisal of law's role in society.

Professional Practice

All our LL.B. programmes offer students the option to take the modules required for entry into the Irish professional legal bodies.

Study Abroad

In the 3rd year, students have the opportunity to apply to study abroad for a semester or year in one of our partner universities in Europe, North America, South Africa, Asia and Australia.

Careers

Legal Practice
Media: journalism, social media
Public Services: Policy Makers, politics, diplomacy, NGOs
Finance: accountancy, banking, insurance, financial services

Internships/Placements

LL.B. students may apply to take a module (See CLE in Single Honors) in place of a regular module in their 4th year.
Internships and other career opportunities are available.

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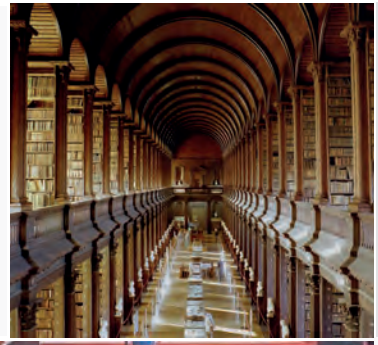
Assessments

Range of innovative assessments used including:

- blogposts
- mooting and judgment writing
- case-notes



Workload / European Credit Transfers (ECTS)

Each year you will study modules totalling 60 ECTs.

An ECTS is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on eg contact hours at lectures, seminars, private study, assessments, exams etc. 1 ECTS unit is defined as 20-25 hours of input.

Peer Mentoring

S2S mentoring offers 1st year students an opportunity to be mentored by continuing Law students.

Tutorial Service

Each student is assigned a "Tutor" who is an academic member of staff. Tutors assist students if problems arise during their studies.

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Capstone Project

Every undergraduate student must complete a Capstone Project. This is a piece of independent research work, undertaken in your final year of studies. Students following the LL.B. degrees, will take their Capstone in Law. Students will learn to demonstrate specialised, self-directed knowledge of an area of law through examination of a 'real-life' legal research problem or a theme within a research group.

Collaborate with peers and act in leadership roles.

Constructively evaluate the work of others.

Effectively communicate research findings.

Consult with and respond to the needs of research users.

Critically analyse an area of law through independent research.

Sample Capstone themes

Constitutional Relationships / Change

Content Regulation and Democracy

Rethinking Freedom of Expression

Criminal Evidence / Emergency Law / Judicial Review

Issues in Tort Law / Property and Constitutions

Law and Happiness / Literature / Technology

New Trends in Intellectual Property Law

Prison Law: (Penal Reform Trust)

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Clinical Legal Education (CLE)

This legal practice module is available to LL.B. (Single Honors and Law Major Pathway) students. Students will develop some of the core professional skills essential for a lawyer whilst gaining valuable practical experience in a professional legal setting.

Under the supervision of experienced professionals, you will gain first-hand experience of legal practice, observing, assisting and, where appropriate, participating in the organisations' work.

Core elements of CLE

Students are placed in a variety of organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Students attend a lawyering class, which will focus on developing professional legal skills and fostering an understanding of legal ethics, the legal profession and the role of the lawyer in society.

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Law Single Honors at Trinity College Dublin

Number of Places: 90
Duration: 4 years

Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Law (TR004)

Single Honors students will study more law than Joint Honors students You will also have the opportunity to take modules offered by other Schools in your 2nd and 3rd years, these modules are referred to as "Open Modules" (OM) and "Trinity Electives" (OM).

In the first 2 years, your Law modules will be compulsory. These mostly comprise modules required by the professional legal bodies. In the final 2 years you can opt to specialise in areas of specific interest – for example, human rights law, corporate law, or continue to follow a general path. You will also be required to complete a "Capstone Project" (research project) in your final year of studies.

1st and 2nd Years

Modules	Year	Modules	Year
Constitutional Law I	1	Constitutional Law II	2
Contract Law	1	Equity	2
Criminal Law	1	Land Law	2
Foundations of Law I and II	1	Mooting	2
Jurisprudence	1	Private Law Remedies	2
Legislation and Regulation	1	Students will also take	2
Torts	1	20 credits of OM and TEs.	

Semester/Year Abroad: After successful completion of the 2nd year, students may apply to spend a semester or year abroad in one of our partner universities.

Law Single Honors at Trinity College Dublin

Our historic and beautiful campus is located in the centre of Dublin city, in close proximity to the Four Courts and Leinster House

3rd and 4th year modules

Administrative Law (Compulsory)	Evidence
EU Law (Compulsory)	Family and Child Law
Advanced EU Law	Financial Services Law
Clinical Legal Education	Food Law
Collective Labour Law	Insolvency Law
Commercial Law	Intellectual Property Law
Company Law	International Human Rights Law
Conflicts of Law	International Trade Law
Corporate Governance	Information Technology Law
Critical Perspectives on Law	Legal Philosophy
Current Issues in Constitutional Law	Media Law
Employment Law	Medical Law and Ethics
English Land Law	Penology
Environmental Law	Public Interest Law
EU Competition Law	Public International Law
European Human Rights	Refugee and Immigration Law

SH Students will also take 10 credits of OM and TEs.

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Law (Joint Honors), Law and French/German

Business (TR580)

History (TR581)

Political Science (TR582)

Course Quota: 45 places (total) for JH with Business, History and Political Science
Subject Requirements: Business (TR580): Maths (Leaving Certificate (LC)- O4/H6) / GCSE - B6)

Law and French (TR018)

Law and German (TR019)

Course Quotas

TR018 - 15 places
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Subject Requirements:

TR018: French (LC - H3*)
TR019: German (LC - H3*)
*Advanced GCE - C

Degrees Awarded and Pathways:

Bachelor in Laws (LL.B.)
Law Major / Single Honors - from 2nd year onwards.

Bachelor in Arts (BA)
Law Minor / Single Honors (Business, French, German, History, Political Science), or continuing with both subjects equally.

Law (Joint Honors), Law and French/German

Pathways / Award
Major Law, Minor (Business/French/German/History/Political Science) / **LL.B. (Law and ..)**
Single Honors Law / LL.B.
Minor Law, Major (Business/French/German/History/Political Science) **BA ...**
Joint (Law - Business/French/German/History/Political Science) / **BA ...**
Single Honors Business/French/German/History/Political Science / BA ...

Students will study less Law than those who enter the Single Honors programme.

1st and 2nd years modules and pathways

Module	Major/SH	Minor	Joint	SH (Other subject)
Foundations of Law I & II	1	1	1	1
Law of Torts	1	1	1	1
Contract Law	1	1	1	1
Constitutional Law I	2	2	2	2
Criminal Law	2	2	2	2
Equity	2	-	-	-
Land Law	2	-	-	-
Trinity Electives / Open Modules	2 / SH Only	-	2	2

Those seeking entry into the legal professional bodies in Ireland should pursue a Bachelor in Laws (LL.B.) degree - Law Major / Single Honors Law) from the 2nd year onwards.

Depending on your chosen Pathway, you will be required to take a number of ECTS of Law in your 3rd and 4th year. Students following the Joint Honors Pathway will also take TEs and OMs in their JS year.

Law Major and Single Honors will have access to **all** modules referred to on the Single Honors course page. Administrative Law and EU Law will be compulsory for those following the LL.B. awards. Law Minor and Joint Honors students will have limited access to Law modules in their 3rd year and in some cases, none in their 4th year.

Law (Joint Honors), Law and French/German

Year Abroad

Law and French / German Students

The 3rd year of studies is a compulsory year spent in a French/ German university.

Joint Honors Law Students

Students may apply to spend their 3rd year, or a part thereof, in a partner university.

Business / French / German / History / Political Science - what will I study?

In the first year you will take both law and your second subject equally. From your 2nd year onwards you can choose a Pathway and the weighting of your subjects will vary.

Law and French / German Students: Regardless of the Pathway, you will take modules in French / German language and cultural studies of French or German.

Joint Honors law with Business, History or Political Science: In the first year you will take foundational modules in your second subject. You may choose to focus your studies on specific areas of interest from your 2nd year onwards.

Further information on Partners

www.tcd.ie/Business
www.tcd.ie/French
www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies
www.tcd.ie/History
www.tcd.ie/Political_Science

Further information on Law

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