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.
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.

**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.

**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.

**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.
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.

Sample Capstone themes
- Constitutional Relationships / Constitutional Change
- Content Regulation and Democracy / Criminal Defences
- Defamation Law / Fintech / Freedom of Expression / Emergency Law
- Equality Law / International Human Rights / Issues in Tort Law
- Law and Empire / Law and Happiness / Law and Literature
- Law and Technology / Law and Sustainability / Prison Law
- Property and Constitutions / Public Law / Public International Law
- Trends Intellectual Property Law

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.

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.

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.
Law Single Honors at Trinity College Dublin

Number of Places: 90
Duration: 4 years
Degree Awarded: Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

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” (TE).

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

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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.

3rd and 4th Year Modules

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

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

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**Course Quotas**
- TR018 - 15 places
- TR019 - 15 places

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

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**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.

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**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.

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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 3rd 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.

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 Students

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

Law and French / German Students: 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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