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Law



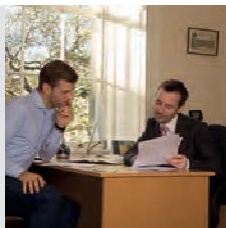
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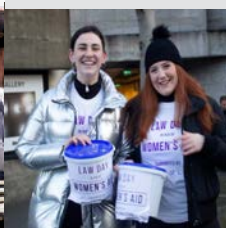
Small-group teaching, offering innovative teaching methods and assessments



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



Research-led teaching by a faculty of leading subject experts



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?

Is Law the subject for me?

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.

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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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 will 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.

Peer Mentoring

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

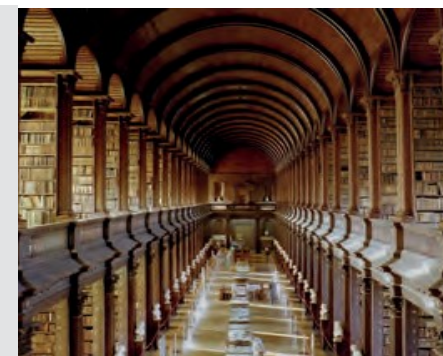
Tutorial Service

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

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.



Internships/Placements

LL.B. students may apply to take a module (See CLE in Single Honours) in place of a regular module in their 4th year. Internships and other career opportunities are available years 1 – 4.

Careers

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

Assessments

Range of innovative assessments used including:

- **blogposts**
- **mooting and judgment writing**
- **case-notes**



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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.



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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.



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.

Capstone themes (sample)

Comparative Constitutional Law / Conceptualising Constitutional Relationships / Criminal Defences

Defamation Reform / Equality, Diversity and the Law / Emergency Law / Evidence

Fintech / International Humanitarian Law / International Law / Judicial Review of Administrative Law /

Law and Empire / Law and Happiness / Law and Literature / Law, Sustainability and Finance

Trends in Intellectual Property / Property and Constitutions / Property Law and Theory



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.

Law Single Honours at Trinity College

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Number of Places: 90
Duration: 4 years

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

Law (TR004)

Single Honours (SH) students will study more law than Joint Honours 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

| Module | Year | Module | Year |
|----------------------------|------|--|------|
| Constitutional Law I | 1 | Constitutional Law II | 2 |
| Contract Law | 1 | Equity | 2 |
| Criminal Law | 1 | Land Law | 2 |
| Foundations of Law I & II | 1 | Mooting | 2 |
| Jurisprudence | 1 | Private Law Remedies | 2 |
| Legislation and Regulation | 1 | Students are currently required to take 20 ECTS of | |
| Torts | 1 | Open Modules and Trinity Electives | 2 |

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.



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 for LL.B.) | EU Law (Compulsory for LL.B.) |
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| 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 |
| Environmental Law | European Human Rights Law |
| Equality Law | Evidence |
| Family and Child Law | Financial Services Law |
| Housing Law and Rights in Context | Insolvency Law |
| Industrial Property Law | Industrial Property Law |
| International Human Rights Law | Legal Philosophy |
| Media Law | Medical Law and Ethics |
| Public Interest Law | Public International Law |
| Refugee and Immigration Law | Responsible Business, ESG and Ethics |

Law (Joint Honours), Law and French/German

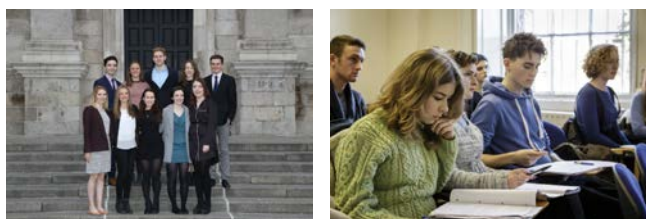


Business (TR580)

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)



French (TR018)

German (TR019)

Course Quotas:

French: 15

German: 15

Subject Requirements:

TR018 – French (LC – H3*)

TR019 – German (LC H3*)

*Advanced GCE - C

Degrees Awarded and Associated Pathways:
(Students choose pathways from the 2nd year onwards)



Bachelor in Laws / LL.B.* – Law Major and Business/French/German/History, /Political Science Minor (S2) OR Single Honours Law

*Those seeking access to professional practice should follow this pathway.

Bachelor in Arts / BA –

Law Minor and S2 OR Single Honours (S2) OR Joint (both)

Law (Joint Honours), Law and French/German

Course Structure

In your 2nd year onwards, you will be allowed to select the focus/Pathway of your degree ie specialise in one subject, minor in the other, drop one subject entirely or continue taking both subjects. In your 1st and 2nd years, your law modules will be compulsory – as set out in the table below. Those choosing to continue with Joint Honours (BA – taking both subjects), will be required to take Open Modules and Trinity Electives in your 2nd year.

Depending on the Pathway you have selected in the 2nd year, you will select from a range of modules available to those reading Single Honours Law (see our entry above). BA students (Law Minor / Joint Honours) will have access to a smaller number of modules in the 3rd and if permitted the 4th year.

Students may still apply to spend a semester/year abroad in their 3rd year.

| Module | Major / Single Honours (SH) Year | Minor Year | Joint Year | S2 Major Year |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Foundations of Law I & II | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Torts | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Contract | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Constitutional Law I | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2* |
| Criminal Law | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2* |
| Equity | 2 | - | - | - |
| Land Law | 2 | - | - | - |
| Open Modules / Trinity Electives (20 ects) | 2** | - | 2 | 2* |

*Please check with partner School for course specific requirements.

** Single Honours only.

Joint Honours – Study Abroad and Subject 2

Semester / 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.



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