



**Trinity College Dublin**  
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin

# Law



## Undergraduate Programmes for 2019/20





*Trinity College Dublin, home to 17,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students across all the major disciplines in the arts and humanities, and in business, law, engineering, science, and health sciences is Ireland's highest ranked university.*

The College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, is based on the general pattern of the ancient colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. Trinity is larger, with a campus extending over fifty-one acres in a unique site in the centre of the city. The campus comprises five quadrangles or squares, many with buildings constructed in the eighteenth century. The Old Library, located in the heart of the campus, is home to the priceless 8th Century manuscript, the Book of Kells, which, like the university in general, is one of Ireland's leading tourist attractions. Today's campus sees many state-of-the-art libraries, lecture theatres, laboratories, IT facilities and recreational facilities standing alongside these historical buildings.

Trinity College is an intimate part of the city at whose heart it stands, crossed by hundreds of Dubliners who use it as a daily thoroughfare. Trinity is central to Irish life. Many of the famous people of Irish letters and history were educated at Trinity – writers such as Swift, Goldsmith, Wilde and Beckett, and Ireland's first President, Douglas Hyde, as well as the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson. No stranger to controversy, Trinity has often provided an independent and liberal voice in the affairs of the state.

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**Founded in 1740, Trinity School of Law is one of the leading Law Schools in the world. We are a scholarly community of staff, students and alumni, dedicated to the pursuit of legal knowledge and critical engagement with the legal challenges that confront modern communities.**

Our Faculty members are thought-leaders in their fields, all grappling with contemporary legal challenges. Through a number of research groups, staff and postgraduate research students collaborate in research projects, the organisation of conferences and the publication of academic papers. Staff are currently engaged in many national and international collaborations and research projects funded by the European Research Council, the Irish Research Council and Horizons 2020. Each year, we welcome a number of visiting academics to conduct research in Trinity. The School publishes one of Ireland's leading peer-reviewed journals, the Dublin University Law Journal, and engages in interdisciplinary scholarship through its membership of the Trinity Long Room Hub and Trinity Research in Social Sciences. The School is home to the Irish Centre for European Law and the Irish Jurisprudence Society.

Our undergraduate degree programmes are distinguished by research-based and research-led curricula, in which all subjects are taught by leading academics expert in those fields. Over four years, 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. 175 students in each year study for degrees in law, law and business, law and french, law and german and law and political science.

In all of our activities, we respond to the rapidly changing technological environment for legal education and scholarship, while striving to meet our responsibilities to ensure equal access to law and to justice.



The information contained herein was correct at time of print. The programme structures referred to in this document are valid for 2019/20 entry. The School of Law and partner schools reserve the right to alter programmes and modules on offer.



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Trinity Law School provides five undergraduate degree programmes, each of which takes four years to complete: **law, law and business, law and French, law and German, and law and political science.**

Our undergraduate programmes are research-based and research-led. Leading subject-experts teach modules, challenging students to develop their own critical understanding of law. The programmes are designed to equip students with critical and analytical skills. Through their study of diverse areas of law, students develop their own ability to research the law, make legal arguments, critically evaluate the role that law plays in society, and present legal analysis in coherent form, both written and oral.

In the first two years, students take compulsory foundational modules such as constitutional law, criminal law and contract law, mostly taught by senior professors. These building blocks of a legal education equip students with the core skills of legal research, case analysis and legislative interpretation. In the third and fourth years, students choose from a range of modules that develop those core skills. Smaller classes, mostly taught through a seminar format, compel students to develop new perspectives, articulate their own analysis and defend their own arguments.

Students on our joint degree programme study fewer law modules but have the opportunity to relate their legal knowledge and skills to disciplines such as business and political science. Students on our law and language programmes must go on exchange in their third year. For all other students, there is an optional exchange programme in third year, subject to meeting the requisite academic standard. Trinity Law School has links with many of the leading Law Schools in the world, such as the Sorbonne, Bologna, Fudan (Shanghai), Hong Kong University, Sydney University and Notre Dame.



Law is an exciting, dynamic subject which governs every aspect of our lives, from food labelling and football transfers to elections and crime. The study of law involves learning legal rules, interpreting, applying and critiquing legal principles. This requires the development of the skills of argument and advocacy as well as critical analysis and reasoning. Legal training requires the ability to think logically and critically, precise and careful use of language, good writing skills and a facility for articulate expression are key attributes for legal scholars.

The study of 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.

**The values of academic freedom and social inclusion animate all aspects of our undergraduate programmes. Students are facilitated to think for themselves while always cognisant of the potential for law to be used both as a tool of oppression and as a means of achieving justice.** Some students undertake placements with community law centres and the provision of legal research to NGOs, allowing them to put their legal knowledge and skills to the service of the greater good.



### How much studying and teaching is involved?

Studying law at university involves a large amount of independent learning, including reading and research. This can be done in the library or at home using library databases available to current law students. Essays and other written work are assigned on a regular basis, and contribution in class is expected.

The academic year is divided into two terms (semesters): one in the autumn and one in the spring. Students complete modules to the value of 30 credits in each term. Modules are normally either 5 or 10 credits, so typically a student will be completing three or four modules each term. The volume of teaching depends upon the credits attached to each module, but a 10 credit module in the Law School would typically be composed of 3 hours of lectures per week. A student following three 10 credit modules would therefore have around 9 hours of lectures each week. Lectures are a large group teaching format, but they include opportunities for student participation, e.g. discussing questions with the lecturer.



### European Transfer Credit and Accumulation System (ECTS)

Students reading for any law degree at Trinity College Dublin must study 240 ECTS over the duration of the four years. Generally, this entails 60 ECTS per year. The ECTS weighting for a module is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on factors such as the number of contact teaching hours, the number and length of written or orally presented assessment exercises, class preparation and private study time, and examinations. In Trinity College Dublin, 1 ECTS unit is defined as 20-25 hours of student input so a 10-credit module will be designed to require 200-250 hours of student input including class contact time, private study and assessments.

In the first year, we have a special programme of weekly seminars to accompany our Foundations of Law module. These are small group teaching sessions that are designed to support you as you develop basic legal skills. In addition, during years one and two of the law programme, other modules are delivered by a combination of weekly lectures and four seminars per term. Seminars are focused upon active student participation, e.g. discussion, presentation, group work. Seminars are taught by academic staff, postgraduate researchers or by practising solicitors or barristers with particular expertise in the area.

While the average weekly teaching hours will depend on your individual combination of modules, you will normally have around 10-11 hours of teaching per week. The remainder of your week is devoted to independent study to accompany the teaching, but also to the pursuit of other activities, such as participation in the wide range of student societies, both within the Law School and beyond.

### Assessments

Assessment takes place on a continuous basis across the academic year. There are examinations at the end of each term, but modules are often assessed also by other means, such as written assignments.

### Careers

Trinity College Dublin's LL.B. degrees prepare students not only for life as 'lawyers' but also enables them to enter many career fields such as business, journalism, accountancy, banking, insurance, politics, foreign affairs and diplomacy and public services.

The skills learned through studying law are useful in all walks of life. A law degree teaches students to think logically and analytically. It also equips students with the ability to carry out research, to apply relevant information to problems, to use language precisely, carefully and objectively.

A law degree does not entitle a person to practise law as a barrister or solicitor without further study. Our five undergraduate law degree programmes are designed to allow students who would like to pursue careers in the legal profession meet the requirements currently laid down by the professional bodies in Ireland. See: [www.lawsociety.ie](http://www.lawsociety.ie) and [www.kingsinns.ie](http://www.kingsinns.ie)

### Clinical Placements

Building on the School's strong tradition of civic engagement, the School launched its Clinical Legal Education (CLE) programme in 2013. The CLE module is currently offered to 30-40 final year students who undertake a practically focused lawyering class in the School and attend a placement in legal practice settings in partner organisations in the not-for-profit, private and public sectors. Partner organisations include leading law firms in Dublin, public sector organisations including the Office of the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions, and independent law centres based in Dublin. Students and partner organisations alike found the placements to be an extremely positive experience. We are hugely grateful to our partner organisations for supporting the development of this programme.

### Personal Tutor

Trinity College Dublin has in place a tutorial service. Each student (tutee) is assigned to a tutor who is a particular member of academic staff. In the case of law students, tutors tend to be members of the Law School. That staff member is available to advise and offer guidance to students throughout their studies. This confidential service is designed to offer support to tutees on personal and academic matters.

### Peer Mentoring

The School of Law has, for many years, organised a mentoring programme for its undergraduate students. Senior students are paired with first year students who act as 'mentors'. Mentors offer friendly assistance and are there to help new students settle into College, familiarise them with the library and all other aspects of College life. The School of Law is committed to the mentoring programme and supports its activities throughout the year.

### Internships

Each year, leading law firms (both domestic and international) offer students an opportunity to apply for internships during the vacation period. This affords students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience before graduation. Students can also apply to participate in internship programmes in US Federal Courts and the Irish Courts system.

### Gradlink - Alumni Mentoring Programme

In the third year of studies, students are invited to participate in a mentoring programme. This programme, assigns students a mentor of his/her choice. This programme aims to develop students' knowledge of the labour market and career paths, through supportive career learning relationships with alumni mentors working in a range of career areas. Students benefit enormously from the exchange of ideas with alumni and the programme also helps to develop their confidence and social skills.



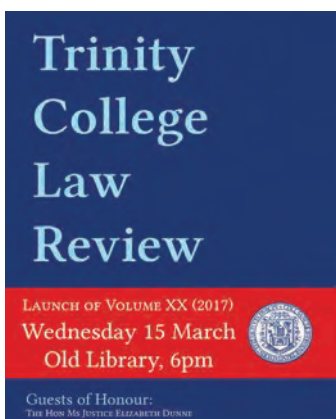


**The Law School prides itself on its close relationship with its student body. We recognise that the student experience is not exclusively classroom based.** In addition to supporting the activities of the College’s many societies and student activities, the Law School arranges social events in which staff and students participate.

We encourage our students to participate in the many student organisations that focus on law-related activities. The Law Soc is the general society for all law students. The Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) society helps to provide free legal advice to those who cannot afford to pay for it. The European Law Students Association (ELSA) provides a network for interaction with law students from other universities. The Trinity College Law Review (TCLR) is Ireland’s oldest student-edited law journal. The Trinity Law Student Colloquium organises an annual conference at which students from all around the world present their research. Through participation in these events, along with the other great clubs and societies in College, you will greatly enhance your educational experience.



**Dublin University Law Society:** The Law Soc., as it is affectionately known, has been at the very heart of students’ social lives for over 75 years. It hosts weekly social and law-related events to ensure students have the best possible college experience. It is renowned in College for having two of the best Balls in Trinity. The Law Soc also seeks to give back and annually runs “Law Day”, a day where students head out to the streets of Dublin and raise money for a chosen charity. The society has a designated Careers Liaison Officer whose job it is to make sure members are aware of all the best available career opportunities. In essence, the Law Soc forms an essential part of the Trinity Law experience and provides a group of people whose very goal is to make sure students’ time in Trinity is an enjoyable one.



**F.L.A.C. (Free Legal Advice Centre):** Trinity’s branch of FLAC is a student society. At the heart of FLAC’s existence is the concern that the law is accessible to all in society, not just to the privileged few. FLAC has played a key role in shaping the changing landscape which eventually saw the Government’s introduction of the first ever civil legal aid scheme. Trinity FLAC runs free legal advice clinics on a weekly basis throughout the year for all students, given by a fully qualified barrister or solicitor. No advance notice is required in order to attend a clinic. In addition to the clinics, FLAC runs numerous awareness and information campaigns to highlight areas in need of reform and unravel the mystery of law for those whom it affects. Trinity FLAC co-ordinates a number of research projects on various social justice and human rights issues, with research completed by students. The society also holds both an intervarsity and an internal public interest law moot court competition.



**ELSA:** ELSA is the world’s largest independent law students association operating at nearly 300 law faculties in 42 countries across Europe with in excess of 30,000 members. ELSA’s core purpose is to contribute to legal education and to promote social responsibility amongst students and young lawyers. ELSA provides its members with the opportunity to become internationally minded and professionally skilled and to learn about other cultures and legal systems. Some distinguishing features of ELSA are its International Moot Court Competition (EMC2); its publications, including Selected Papers on European Law (SPEL) and Synergy Magazine, and STEP (Student Trainee Exchange Programme), which offers students the unique opportunity to undertake a legal internship abroad.



**The Hist and the Phil**

The Hist and Phil are the two most active debating societies in College as well as being amongst the oldest in the world. The weekly debates (the Hist on Wednesday nights and the Phil on Thursday nights) in the GMB provide a forum for discussion of topical ideas as well as hearing the opinions of thought-leaders. Normally, weekly debates attract a regular crowd but for the big events, it is better to turn up early. Private Business starts at 7.30pm with public business at 8.00 pm.

**The Law Student Colloquium**

The Colloquium is a prestigious student conference at which law students of all levels present their work to their peers. It is held annually at Trinity College and organised by a committee of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Law School. It has become usual for over 100 delegates to attend the conference, at which dozens of student speakers from Ireland and abroad contribute to all aspects of legal scholarship. In previous years the Colloquium has been addressed by Mr. Justice Ronan Keane, Mr. Peter Sutherland, Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness and Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan. The encouragement of undergraduate speakers is a core mission of the organising committee and prizes are awarded to the best undergraduate participants.

**Societies and Sports Clubs**

The societies above aren't all the College has to offer. Trinity has over 130 societies and clubs, catering for all interests. There are approximately 50 sports clubs governed by Dublin University Central Athletics Club (DUCAC). The College has a state-of-the-art Sports Centre on campus which includes a swimming pool, sauna and steam rooms, basketball, badminton, volleyball courts and 5-a-side soccer pitch. Also located on campus are squash courts, tennis courts, rugby, football and cricket pitches and a summer athletics track. See [www.tcdlife.ie](http://www.tcdlife.ie) for more information.



**Trinity College Law Review (T.C.L.R.)**

The Trinity College Law Review is a law journal published entirely by the students of the Law School. Annual submissions to each volume come from students and recent graduates from around the world. We publish the review in February of each year. We also publish during the year via our internet platform, TCLR Online. In addition to producing a respected journal, the TCLR prides itself on promoting discourse by means of its Distinguished Speaker Series. Former guests include Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, Lord Hoffman, Mary McAleese and former Chief Justice Susan Denham.





**Have you ever wanted to live abroad, discover a new culture, improve your language skills and study in depth the laws of a different legal system? If so then the Erasmus/exchange programme might be exactly what you are looking for.**

The Law School has an extensive exchange programme with over 30 prestigious Law Schools across Europe, North America, Australia and the Far East. Law students are permitted to study abroad in their third (Junior Sophister) year.

Students continue to pay Trinity fees, in so far as these are required, but pay no fees to the host university. An Erasmus mobility grant is provided for students studying in a European university. There is no financial support for students attending universities outside the EU. Language skills are also taken into consideration if required. Interviews are only organised for Indiana University to select the best candidate. **Studying abroad is demanding and requires high levels of academic ability and dedication in order to adapt, succeed and reap the rewards.**

### Current Law School Exchange Partners

Europe		
<p><b>Belgium</b> Louvain Leuven</p> <p><b>Denmark</b> Copenhagen</p> <p><b>Finland</b> Helsinki</p> <p><b>France</b> Paris Bordeaux Strasbourg Toulouse</p>	<p><b>Germany</b> Berlin Erlangen-Nürnberg Würzburg Universität Hamburg Mainz Marburg Jena Tübingen München Freiburg</p> <p><b>Italy</b> Bologna Padova</p>	<p><b>The Netherlands</b> Leiden Groningen</p> <p><b>Spain</b> Granada Barcelona Madrid</p> <p><b>Sweden</b> Uppsala</p>
Rest of the World		
<p><b>Australia</b> University of Sydney</p> <p><b>Canada</b> Osgood Hall Law School, York University Queen's University, Kingston</p> <p><b>China</b> Hong Kong University Fudan University</p>	<p><b>United States of America</b> Boston College, Law School</p> <p>Emory University, Law School</p> <p>Indiana University, Bloomington</p> <p>University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Washington and Lee University</p> <p>Fisher College of Business, Ohio State University</p>	<p><b>College-wide Exchanges</b></p> <p>In addition to the partner universities above, students may choose to apply to spend their JS year (or part thereof) in a College-wide exchange. Students reading for Law programmes may choose from (amongst many):</p> <p>Australian National University (Canberra) University of Queensland National University of Singapore and University of Toronto</p>





### Programme Overview

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. 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.

<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>TR004</b>
<b>Course Quota:</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>CAO Points 2018:</b> (Round 1 offers only)	<b>533</b>

The law degree will appeal to you if you are interested in society and how it works, how we regulate the relationships between people. Given the wide range of legal subjects, the degree attracts students with a broad range of interests. Those interested in politics are attracted to subjects such as constitutional law. Those interested in business are attracted to subjects as company law and commercial law. Those concerned about injustice, whether at an international or national level, will be attracted to subjects such as international human rights, environmental law, and public interest law. In truth, most students have overlapping interests. There is no single ability that identifies a good law student. However, the programme involves a large amount of independent work, mostly consisting of reading and analysis. An ability to self-motivate is therefore important.





## Programme Structure

Law at Trinity College Dublin is a four-year honours degree programme. The first two years are largely given over to the study of core legal modules (many of which are required for those who wish later to train to become a solicitor or a barrister). In years one and two of the programme we ensure that there is an appropriate balance between the academic and practical aspects of law. In particular, you will be supported in developing your legal skills through the Foundation of Law module. In the third and fourth years, students take modules at a more advanced level. This is a combination of those modules that are currently required in order to continue into the professional stage of training to be a solicitor or barrister (e.g. EU Law) and the opportunity to choose amongst a wide choice of optional modules. The latter allows students to tailor their studies to their particular interests, e.g. Employment Law or Medical Law and Ethics.

A distinctive feature of the Trinity Law degree is that you will also complete some modules outside of the School of Law during the second and third years of the programme. This will give you the opportunity to choose to study modules in a related discipline, as well as a choice of modules addressing broad themes relevant to all students across the entire University. This feature of our programme ensures that you leave with broad horizons and a flexible range of skills that go beyond those that are purely legal in nature.



This is relevant both if you choose to pursue a career in the legal profession or if you follow an alternative career path. For example, those who enter a career in commercial law will benefit greatly from also having some understanding of business studies.

In your final year of study, one-third of your credits will be devoted to the completion of a research project, which we call the 'Capstone'. This allows you to apply and enhance the research skills that you have developed in the previous three years of the programme. Being part of a research group with other students, you will work independently and collaboratively to explore in-depth a topical issue.

Year 1 / Junior Freshman	Year 3 / Junior Sophister	Optional Law Modules (Years 3/4)
<p>Constitutional Law I Contract Criminal Law Torts Foundations of Law Legislation and Regulation Jurisprudence</p>	<p>Administrative Law EU Law Evidence 20 credits of optional Law modules (including Company Law) and; 10 credits of optional modules from outside the School of Law</p> <p>Students may also apply to spend either one or two terms of their Junior Sophister year abroad, on a Erasmus or international exchange programme, at any university with which the Law School has links. See page 11 for further information.</p>	<p>The following modules are currently provided by the School of Law in either Year 3 or Year 4, but please note that this list changes over time.</p> <p>Advanced EU law Clinical Legal Education Collective Labour Law Commercial Law Economic and Legal Aspects of Competition Policy Corporate Governance Criminology Critical Perspectives on law Employment Law English Land Law Environmental Law European Human Rights Family and Child Law Financial Services Law Food Law Insolvency Law Intellectual Property law International Human Rights International Trade Law Legal Philosophy Media Law Medical Law and Ethics Penology Public Interest Law Public International Law Tax Law Refugee and Immigration Law</p>
Year 2 / Senior Freshman	Year 4 / Senior Sophister	
<p>Constitutional Law II Equity Land Law Private Law Remedies and 20 ECTS of modules from outside the School of Law</p> <p><b>For detailed descriptions of these modules please see <a href="http://www.tcd.ie/law/programmes/undergraduate/modules">www.tcd.ie/law/programmes/undergraduate/modules</a></b></p>	<p>20 ECTS: ‘Capstone’ research project module 40 ECTS of optional modules from within the School of Law.</p> <p>Where a student has spent one or two terms abroad in their third year, then they will have the opportunity to choose to follow the relevant part of the third year syllabus upon their return to Trinity College. This ensures that such students are able to complete all the modules currently required in order to fulfil the pre-requisites for entry to the professional stage of training to become either a solicitor or barrister in Ireland.</p>	





### Programme Overview

Ireland's membership of the European Union, combined with globalisation, makes it more important than ever that lawyers are able to understand other legal systems and cultures. A key global distinction is between 'common law systems', such as Ireland, England, and the USA, and 'civil law systems', found in France, most other European jurisdictions, and beyond. The Law and French programme will provide you with the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding of French language and culture. You will spend one year of your studies at a partner university in France, where you will be able to learn more about the French legal system. This appreciation of French language, law and culture provides an invaluable gateway to a broader understanding of civil law systems around the world. The French legal tradition has exercised particular influence on the European Union, so the skills that you develop in this programme provide an excellent basis for pursuing a career within the EU, e.g. working in a global law firm or within one of the EU institutions.

The Law and German programme, taught in collaboration with the German Department, provides a unique opportunity to study, not just the Irish legal system but also German language, culture and political system. In addition, you will spend one year of your studies at a partner university in Germany, where you will be able to learn more about the German legal system.

\* not all applicants on these points received offers.

[www.tcd.ie/french](http://www.tcd.ie/french) or [/germanic\\_Studies](http://www.tcd.ie/germanic_Studies)

<b>Law and French Course Code:</b>	<b>TR018</b>
<b>Course Quota:</b>	15
<b>CAO Points 2018: (Round 1/2)</b>	567/566*
<b>Entry Requirements: Leaving Cert /Advanced GCE (A-Level)</b>	H3 / C French



<b>Law and German Course Code</b>	<b>TR019</b>
<b>Course Quota:</b>	15
<b>CAO Points 2018 (Round 1 offers only):</b>	509
<b>Entry Requirements: Leaving Cert / Advanced GCE (A-Level)</b>	H3 / C German



### Programme Structure

Law and French/German are a four-year honours degree programme. The first year entails studying core legal modules in conjunction with modules in French/German language, culture and political systems. In particular, you will be supported in developing your legal skills through the Foundations of Law module.

At the end of the first year of your programme, you will have several options in relation to the balance between Law and French/German modules. You can choose to focus more on Law, more on the language, or an equal combination of the two disciplines. If you wish to complete the modules that are currently pre-requisites for the professional stage of training to become a solicitor or barrister in Ireland, then you will have to choose to focus on Law: this is Law as a Major subject in your degree programme and French/German as a Minor subject in your degree programme.

In all variations of the programme, you will spend the third year at a partner university in France/Germany and then return to Trinity to complete your studies in the fourth year. During this final year of study, one-third of your credits will be devoted to the completion of a research project, which we call the 'Capstone'. This allows you to apply and enhance the research skills that you have developed in the previous three years of the programme. If you choose Law as a Major, then you will complete your Capstone within the School of Law. You will be part of a research group with other students where you will work independently and collaboratively to explore in-depth a topical issue.

#### Year 1: Junior Freshman

<p><b>Law modules:</b> Contract Torts Foundations of Law</p>	<p><b>French modules*</b> Students will take 30 ECTS of modules in: French language and French Civilisation Skills</p>	<p><b>Germanic Studies modules</b> German language German area studies German literature</p>
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#### Year 2: Senior Freshman

<p><b>Law modules: Major</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law Equity Land law, and <i>French or German modules:</i> 20 ECTS of modules from French or Germanic Studies</p> <p><b>Law modules: Joint</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law Land law, and 30 ECTS of modules from French or Germanic Studies</p> <p><b>Law modules: Minor Law - Major French/Germanic Studies</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law, and 40 ECTS of modules from French or Germanic Studies</p>	<p><b>French modules:* Major</b> Students will take 40 ECTS of modules in: French language and French Civilisation Skills</p> <p><b>French modules*: Joint</b> Students will take 30 ECTS of modules in: French language and French Civilisation Skills</p> <p><b>French modules Major:</b> Students will take 30 ECTS of modules in: French language and French Civilisation Skills</p>	<p><b>Germanic Studies modules:</b> Major: German language German legal language Law and literature German cultural history German literature history German literature seminar</p> <p>Joint: German language German legal language Law and literature German literature history German literature seminar</p> <p>Minor: German language German legal language Law and literature</p>
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**Year 3: Junior Sophister Year**

Compulsory Year Abroad in a French/German university: this will include studying EU Law if majoring in Law.

**Year 4: Senior Sophister**

**Law modules: Major (Law)**

20 ECTS: ‘Capstone’ research project module in Law  
 Evidence  
 Administrative Law  
 Company Law  
 Legal Philosophy (unless an equivalent module has been completed during the Year Abroad) or  
 40 ECTS of Senior Sophister law modules (see page 11)

**Law modules: Joint**

20 ECTS ‘Capstone’ in either Law, French or Germanic Studies and  
 20 ECTS of Senior Sophister law modules (see page 11) and  
 20 ECTS from French or Germanic Studies

**Law modules: Minor Law - Major French/Germanic Studies**

20 ECTS ‘Capstone’ French/German  
 20 ECTS of Senior Sophister law modules (see page 11)  
 20 ECTS of French/German modules

**French modules:\* Major**

Students will take 40 ECTS of modules from\*:  
 French language and Society  
 French report writing  
 French cinema  
 le monde est mon language  
 The enlightenment and the origins of humanity

**French modules\*: Joint**

Students will take 30 ECTS of modules from\*:  
 French language and Society  
 French report writing  
 French cinema  
 le monde est mon language  
 The enlightenment and the origins of humanity

**French modules Minor:**

Students will take 30 ECTS of modules from\*:  
 French language and Society  
 French report writing  
 French cinema  
 le monde est mon language  
 The enlightenment and the origins of humanity

**Germanic Studies modules:**

Major:  
 German language  
 German legal language  
 Law and literature  
 German cultural history  
 German literature history  
 German literature seminar

Joint:  
 German language  
 German legal language  
 Law and literature  
 German literature history  
 German literature seminar

Minor:  
 German language  
 German legal language  
 Law and literature

\*All modules referred to herein relate to current modules offered in 2018-19. Modules on offer may vary from year to year. The Schools of Law and Languages, Literature and Cultural Studies reserve the right to substitute, remove or add to the offerings on offer each year.





In our global economy, businesses now deal with more complex issues concerning government regulations and international trade policies. Conversely, the law has had to grapple with constantly evolving commercial organisations and business practices. With the growth in the size of legal practices and the expansion of the work of the legal profession into areas of mergers, acquisitions and taxation, the work of legal graduates and business graduates has blended in many aspects.

This joint degree aims to give students a firm grounding in the disciplines of law and business and to develop a critical understanding of both the legal framework of business activity and the economic and commercial context in which law operates. Students will have the opportunity to focus upon the many areas of overlapping interest between the two disciplines, for example, the structure of companies and other forms of business organisation, competition law and regulation of markets, consumer law, labour law, finance and financial markets, taxation, the protection of intellectual property and international perspectives on law and business.

### Programme Structure

Law and Business is a four-year honours degree programme. The first year introduces you to core topics in law and business. This includes developing your legal skills through the Foundations of Law module.

At the end of the first year of your programme, you will have several options in relation to the balance between Law and Business modules. You can choose to focus more on Law, more on Business, or an equal combination of the two disciplines. If you wish to complete the modules that are currently pre-requisites for the professional stage of training to become a solicitor or barrister in Ireland, then you will have to choose to focus on Law: this is Law as a Major subject in your degree programme and Business as a Minor subject in your degree programme.

In the final year of your programme, one-third of your credits will be devoted to the completion of a research project, which we call the 'Capstone'. This allows you to apply and enhance the research skills that you have developed in the previous three

years of the programme. If you choose Law as a Major, then you will complete your Capstone within the School of Law. You will be part of a research group with other students where you will work independently and collaboratively to explore in-depth a topical issue.

### Graduate skills and career opportunities

The programme will provide students with strong management skills and an in-depth specialisation in law. Graduates will be well prepared for demanding and rewarding careers in both the legal and business professions; particularly in areas where the two disciplines coincide. We expect graduates to accept positions in law, business, taxation, finance and accounting, general management, employment relations and the civil service. In particular, students will have the option of studying all the law subjects required for a qualifying law degree, which will enable them to apply for entrance to the professional legal institutions to qualify as barristers and solicitors.

<b>Course Code:</b>	<b>TR017</b>
<b>Course Quota:</b>	25
<b>CAO Points 2018</b> (Round 1 offers only):	577
<b>Entry Requirements:</b> <b>Leaving Cert /Advanced GCE (A-Level)</b>	O4/H6 or B Maths

This course is aimed at individuals seeking a career defined by the application of legal principles and management practices.

The programme will provide students with a firm grounding in law along with strong management skills, enabling students to choose from a wide range of career opportunities or further study.

Both schools enjoy a strong international profile, with excellent relationships with Irish and global organisations in both the private and public sectors.



Students will have the opportunity to focus upon the many areas of overlapping interest between the two disciplines, for example, the structure of companies and other forms of business organisation, competition law and regulation of markets, consumer law, labour law, finance and financial markets, taxation, the protection of intellectual property and international perspectives on law and business.

Year 1: Junior Freshman		
<p><b>Law modules:</b> Contract Torts Foundations of Law</p>	<p><b>Business modules:</b> Economic policy Management and organisation Optional modules (choose 1): Quantitative methods for business or Language – French / German / Polish / Spanish / Russian or Central, East European and Russian area studies</p>	
Year 2: Senior Freshman		
<p><b>Law modules: Major</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law Equity Land law</p> <p><b>Business modules:</b> 20 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p>	<p><b>Law modules: Joint</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law Land law</p> <p><b>Business modules:</b> 30 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p> <p><b>Law modules: Minor Law - Major Business</b> Constitutional law I Criminal law <i>Business modules:</i> 40 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p>	<p><b>Optional Business modules*:</b> Organisational behaviour Principles of marketing Accounting Finance Operations management Creative thinking, innovation and entrepreneurial action.</p> <p>*All modules referred to herein relate to current modules offered in 2018-19. Modules on offer may vary from year to year. The Schools of Law and Business reserve the right to substitute, remove or add to the offerings on offer each year.</p>
Year 3: Junior Sophister		
<p>Students may also apply to spend either one or two terms of their Junior Sophister year abroad, on an Erasmus or international exchange programme, at any university with which the Law School or Business School has links.</p>		
<p><b>Law modules: (Major)</b> Evidence Administrative Law EU Law Company law</p> <p>20 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p>	<p><b>Law modules: (Joint)</b> Administrative law EU law Company law</p> <p><b>Business modules:</b> 30 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p> <p><b>Law Modules (Minor)</b> Administrative law EU law <i>Business modules:</i> 40 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School</p>	<p><b>Optional Business modules*:</b> Business in Society / Contemporary Marketing Management / Consumer Behaviour Corporate Finance and Equity Valuation / Digital Technology in Operations / HR Management / Innovation, Entrepreneurship &amp; Business Modelling Introduction to Fixed Income Securities and Alternative Investments / Organisational Theory and Organisational Analysis Social Entrepreneurship / Services Management</p>
Year 4: Senior Sophister		
<p><b>Law modules: (Major)</b> Capstone (Law) 20 ECTS of optional Law modules (see page 11) and 20 ECTS of optional Business modules</p>	<p><b>Law modules: (Joint)</b> 20 ECTS of optional Law Modules <i>Business modules:</i> 20 ECTS of optional modules from the Business School Capstone in either Discipline</p> <p><b>Business modules: (Major)</b> Capstone (Business) 20 ECTS of optional modules from both Law and Business</p>	<p><b>Optional Business modules*:</b> International Business and the Global Economy Exploring Organisational Experiences Financial Reporting and Analysis Advances in Marketing Theory and Practice Managing New Product Development Social Innovation and Social Impact Economic Policy and Business History Derivatives and International Finance</p>



### Programme Structure

Law and Political Science is a four-year honours degree programme. The first year introduces you to core topics in law and political science. This includes developing your legal skills through the Foundations of Law module.

At the end of the first year of your programme, you will have several options in relation to the balance between Law and Political Science modules. You can choose to focus more on Law, more on Political Science, or an equal combination of the two disciplines. If you wish to complete the modules that are current pre-requisites for the professional stage of training to become a solicitor or barrister in Ireland, then you will have to choose to focus on Law: this is Law as a Major subject in your degree programme and Political Science as a Minor subject in your degree programme. This ensures, if you so wish, that you can seek entry into a legal career (subject to any change in the entry requirements as determined by the professional bodies).

In the final year of your programme, one-third of your credits will be devoted to the completion of a research project, which we call the 'Capstone'. This allows you to apply and enhance the research skills that you have developed in the previous three years of the programme. If you choose Law as a Major, then you will complete your Capstone within the School of Law. You will be part of a research group with other students where you will work independently and collaboratively to explore in-depth a topical issue.

<b>CAO Code:</b>	<b>TR020</b>
<b>Course Quota:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>CAO Points 2018:</b> Round 1 offers only	<b>578</b>



Law regulates every aspect of social life. From the contracts that we make when we buy products or services to the laws that determine when people can be jailed for committing criminal offences, to significant political decisions, such as the referendum to provide for marriage equality. The two disciplines of Law and Political Science are intrinsically linked and directly impact every aspect of our daily lives. The role and power of the constitution and judiciary, human rights and international law, the impact of the EU and Irish law are best understood when both subjects are considered. This course provides the opportunity to learn about Law and Political Science and better understand their relation to each other.

As a student of law and political science, you learn about laws - what they are, how they work and how they change - in their broader political context. As well as learning the skills of a lawyer, you learn the skills of a social scientist. The Law and Political Science degree trains students to be self-motivated, ethically aware and critically reflective citizens. If your career or intellectual interests lie in politics and public service, you will be greatly strengthened by knowledge of the law. If you are interested in pursuing a legal career, your study of law will be informed by a wider political understanding. Either way, the Law and Political Science degree may be the course for you.

**First Year 1: Junior Freshman**

**Law modules:**

Contract  
Torts  
Foundations of Law

**Political Science modules\*:**

Introduction to Political Science  
Introduction to Economic policy  
Introduction to Sociology

**Year 2: Senior Freshman**

**Law modules: Major**

Constitutional law I  
Criminal law  
Equity  
Land law

**Political Science modules:**

20 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Law modules: Joint**

Constitutional law I  
Criminal law  
Land law  
*Political Science modules:*  
30 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Law modules: (Minor)**

Constitutional law I  
Criminal law  
*Political Science modules:*  
40 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Optional Political Science modules\*:**

History of Political Thought (Parts A and B)  
International Relations (Part A and B)  
Comparative Politics (Part A and B)

**Year 3: Junior Sophister**

Students may also apply to spend either one or two terms of their Junior Sophister year abroad, on an Erasmus or international exchange programme, at any university with which the Law School or Department of Political Science has links.

**Law modules: (Major)**

Evidence  
Administrative Law  
EU Law  
Company law

20 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Law modules: (Joint)**

Administrative law  
EU law  
Company law  
*Political Science modules:*  
30 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Law Modules (Minor)**

Administrative law  
EU law  
*Political Science modules:* 40 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Optional Political Science modules\*:**

Research Methods (Parts A and B)  
Political Violence  
Democracy and Development  
European Union Politics  
Irish Politics

**Year 4: Senior Sophister**

**Law modules: (Major)**

Capstone (Law)  
20 ECTS of optional Law modules (see page 11) and  
20 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science

**Law modules: (Joint)**

20 ECTS of optional Law Modules  
*Political Science modules:*  
20 ECTS of optional modules from the Department of Political Science  
Capstone in either Discipline

**Political Science modules: (Major)**

Capstone (Political Science)  
20 ECTS of optional modules from both the Department of Political Science and Law

**Optional Political Science modules\*:**

Political Institutions of the United States  
Public Opinion  
Contemporary Issues and Controversies in US Politics  
Political Participation

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**For general information on admissions and the applications process, applicants should contact the Academic Registry.**

Entry to programmes at Trinity is competitive, and based on academic merit. The information contained in the website below will give you guidelines on assessing whether your qualifications and experience will meet the admissions standards required for entry into your preferred course.

[www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/study](http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/study)

## Mature Students

All undergraduate law courses in Trinity are open to mature applicants. A “Mature student application” has a specific definition at Trinity - generally applicants over the age of 23 are considered “mature” applicants.

Mature student applicants are not required to satisfy the normal matriculation requirements and are not required to meet competitive academic entry levels (e.g. Leaving Certificate points), but are considered in the first instance on the basis of how relevant their life, work and educational experiences are to the course(s) that they wish to pursue. In addition, all applicants should demonstrate an interest in and a knowledge of their course choice(s).

In order to apply to Trinity as a mature applicant you must:

- be an EU applicant
- be at least 23 years of age on 1st January of the year of admission
- submit a CAO application form to the Central Applications Office (CAO) by 1 February of the year of admission
- submit an online Mature Student Supplementary Application Form to Trinity (required for all CAO courses with the exception of nursing and midwifery) by 1 February of the year of admission.

The online application link is contained in the individual course pages on [www.tcd.ie/courses](http://www.tcd.ie/courses).

Applications must be made through the online application system **not** through the School of Law. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Mature students are advised, when completing the supplementary application form, that they should complete all sections and provide as much information as possible. Supporting documentation is welcome.

The information contained herein was correct at time of print. The programme structures referred to in this document are valid for 2019/20 entry. The School of Law and partner schools reserve the right to alter programmes and modules on offer.



## Visits to the School

If you would like to arrange to attend a first or second year law lecture, please contact [law.school@tcd.ie](mailto:law.school@tcd.ie)

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