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# 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final BA LAW *Student Guide*

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Please note that the information contained in this document is subject to change.

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## 1. MODULE SELECTION

### • Second Year – BA Law

Code	Module	Semester	ECTS
LW228	Constitutional Law II ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW202	Contract I ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW3161	Advanced Legal Skills ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW227	Constitutional Law I ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	2	5
LW205	Contract II ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	2	5
LW3162	International and Comparative Disability Rights* (Optional)	2	5
LW232	Housing Law and Policy* (Optional)	2	5
LW358	Environmental Law II* (Optional)	2	5

#### Note:

1. Students must take and pass in Second Arts the 5 obligatory modules plus 1 optional module from the above list.
2. Students should note that the module *Advanced Legal Skills* is examined by means of assignments. Students must complete and submit the assignments as directed by the lecturer in the course of the first semester lectures in this module.
3. BA (Connect) students do not take the optional modules in Semester II.

### • Optional Modules descriptors:

**LW3162 International and Comparative Disability Rights:** This module will deal with the law and policy affecting individuals with disabilities. It will take as its starting point an examination of the general concept of equality and its application in the field of disability. Specialist topics shall include consideration of the relevant portions of transportation law, education law, housing law, employment law and planning law. The scope of the module shall be comparative in nature and shall cover in particular the relevant UN, US, Canadian, Australian, Irish and European laws.

**LW358 Environmental Law II:** This module will examine the legal aspects of a number of different sources of pollution including water pollution (inland and coastal), air pollution, waste, noise etc. The Common Law nuisance principles and the Rule in *Ryland v Fletcher* will be examined, as well as recent case law in this area. Recent domestic legislation (in particular the Water Pollution Act and the Air Pollution Act) as well as EC developments will be considered, particularly from the point of view of monitoring and penalties for breach. The role of environment impact assessments will also be considered.

**LW232 Housing Law & Policy:** This new course will explore traditional housing law areas such as mortgages, property law, landlord and tenant law, succession, family law, conveyancing, planning and standards. It will also explore new perspectives in this distinct and expanding area of Irish housing law and policy including EU law, international and European human rights law and developments in consumer rights. Of particular concern will be the relationship between law reform options and the social and other policies of the EU. The course will take into account evolving European capital markets as well as the move towards Social Inclusion and rights-based approaches emanating from the United Nations and Council of Europe.

## • Study Abroad

It is possible for students to spend their third year studying abroad as part of an Erasmus (within the EU) or international (outside the EU) exchange. There are three categories of students who can study abroad and the procedure is different for each category.

1. For students taking French, German, Italian or Spanish, their exchange will be arranged by their language department coordinator.
2. BA (Global Experience) students not taking a language will be contacted by the College mobility coordinator in October, and invited to an information session to explain the application process. Places will be allocated in early December.
3. BA Government students and BA Law students who do not take a language will be contacted by the College mobility coordinator in January, and invited to an information session to explain the application process. This is highly competitive, as there is a limited number of places available. Second year Semester I results will be the deciding factor.

## • Final Year Modules – BA LAW

Code	Module	Semester	ECTS
LW503	European Union Law I ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW4103	Administrative Law I ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW409	Criminal Law I ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	1	5
LW504	European Union Law II ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	2	5
LW4104	Administrative Law II ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	2	5
LW413	Criminal Law II ( <b>Obligatory</b> )	2	5

### Note:

1. Students must take and pass in the 6 obligatory modules.
2. There aren't any optional modules in third year.

## 2. TIMETABLES

Please find your timetable for Law posted and update [here](#).

## 3. PASSING SECOND AND FINAL YEAR LAW

In second and final year, passing Law is as follows, (please note that it is very different to passing Law in first year):

1. A pass mark is 40% or more in each module. However, students can compensate in up to 15 ECTS as follows:
  - (a) Students will usually have two subjects or a major and a minor subject. Students can only compensate up to 10 ECTS (usually two 5 ECTS modules) in any one subject/major (such as Law, Economics, Geography). Students can compensate in up to 5 ECTS in the second/minor subject (one 5 ECTS module).
  - (b) In order to compensate in a failed module a student must have achieved at least 35% in the failed module.

## 4. ENTRY TO THE LLB

The LLB is a three-year postgraduate degree in law. BA Law graduates with at least 70 ECTS in law are eligible to skip the first two years of the LLB and enter the final year. Students who have taken the full BA Law will have 80 ECTS in law. Most students who have taken law as part of a Connect degree will have 70 ECTS in law.

The entry requirement for BA Law graduates is a third-class honours degree. The Law School will send out offers in early summer, there is no need to apply via the online postgraduate application system. Further information on the LLB generally is available [here](#).

## 5. CAREER PLANNING

Second and third year is a very good time to start thinking about your future career. To assist with this, students should:

1. Register with the [Career Development Centre](#) and keep up to date with relevant events through their Careers Connect link.
2. Review the information on careers on the School of Law webpage, available [here](#).
3. Attend events during the Careers in Law Week. This typically takes place in early October. Information on this will be available on the School of Law social media and through the Career Development Centre.
4. Draft and review your CV using the resources available from the Career Development Centre. Resources available [here](#).
5. Consider working towards the University of Galway Employability Award, details available here: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/employability/>

## 6. UNIVERSITY SUPPORTS

There will be times when you will face challenges that you could use support with. We have a wide range of such supports available to you including financial, health (both physical and mental), housing, and academic. Please see below some useful links for these supports and always feel free to discuss any difficulties with your [Student Support Office](#), Dr Rosemary Crosse ([rosemary.crosse@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:rosemary.crosse@universityofgalway.ie)), Class Advisor (see above), or Programme Director ([ursula.connolly@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:ursula.connolly@universityofgalway.ie)) who can advise you. Further useful supports and links are as follows:

- **Students' Union:** <https://su.universityofgalway.ie/>
- **Dean of Students:** <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/officeofthedeanofstudents/>
- **Financial support:** <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/financialaidfund/>
- **Accommodation:** <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/student-life/accommodation/>
- **Counselling (free):** <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/counsellors/>
- **Medical (generally free):** [https://www.universityofgalway.ie/health\\_unit/](https://www.universityofgalway.ie/health_unit/)

## 7. SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

Consider joining a society or club if you have not already done so, especially the Law Society and Women in Law. Details on societies can be found [here](#).