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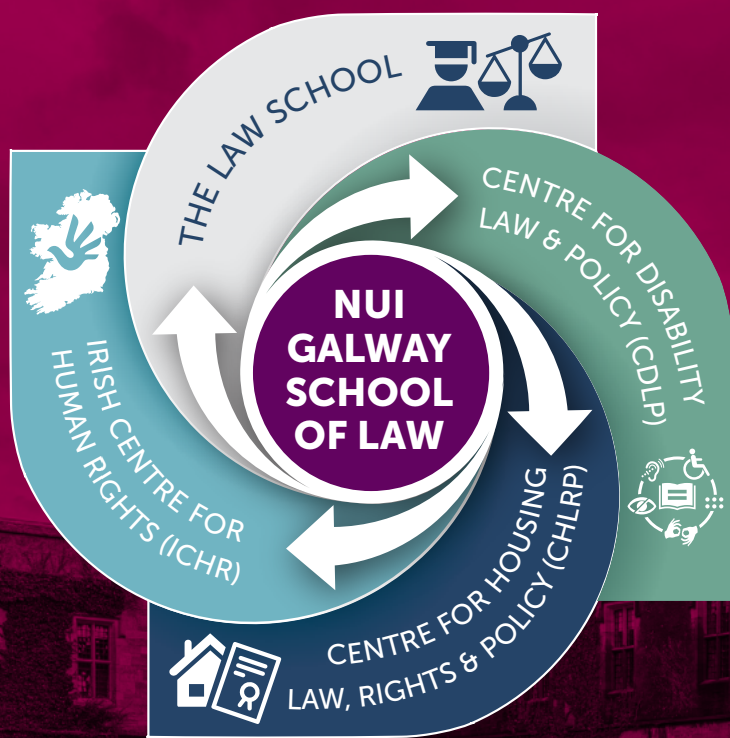
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Who we are...

The School of Law comprises four academic units, the Law School and three world-class research centres: the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, and the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy.

Our academic staff are nationally and internationally recognised experts in their fields of research. Their knowledge and experience provides students with a stimulating research-led learning experience.

We have an established reputation of excellence in public law, commercial law, human rights law, disability law and housing law.

Developing graduate skills and enriching the student experience has always been at the heart of our teaching ethos and law programmes. We offer a diverse range of postgraduate programmes, delivered in a stimulating and supportive environment with exciting opportunities for specialised qualifications, international field trips, internships and legal placements.

There are a variety of extra-curricular activities, such as workshops, seminars and conferences to enhance the student experience and to focus on career pathways and skills. We also engage with the law professions and our community, sharing our expertise and scholarship locally, nationally and globally.

University of Galway has been teaching law since 1849 and we are very proud that our alumni are luminaries in judiciary, government, academia, advocacy, NGO and business. Our alumni are leading national and international change around law, policy, business, disability and human rights.

If you are considering joining our vibrant student body, please do not hesitate to contact us at **lawpostgrad@universityofgalway.ie**. We invite you to visit our website for detailed information on our law programmes, staff, students, events and innovative research. You can also follow us on social media via Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Why choose Law at University of Galway

94%

of University of Galway postgraduates are in employment, additional education or research within six months of graduating.

THE TIMES
THE SUNDAY TIMES

**GOOD
UNIVERSITY
GUIDE
2022**

**UNIVERSITY
OF THE
YEAR**

The University of Galway is
Top 2% of universities
and **Top 125 in Law**
in the QS World Universities
Rankings 2022



World class research centres

- Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR)
- Centre for Disability Law & Policy (CDLP)
- Centre for Housing Law, Rights & Policy (CHLRP)



Expert
Academics



Key
Skills



Career
Pathways



Global
Focus

Global Outlook





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World class *teaching*

The emphasis on innovation, practicality and professional preparation apparent from the first days of the university continue to guide our teaching of law. We go beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries to ensure our students graduate as well-rounded, ethical legal professionals.

Employment & Careers

Our postgraduate law programmes are taught by research-led academics who are driving thinking, global policy and activism in the fields of commercial law, public policy, human rights, disability rights and housing. Such expertise ensures that our postgraduate programmes provide an exceptional learning experience and equip you with the skills to achieve your career goals.

University of Galway is one of Ireland's top universities for employability with 94% of postgraduate students in employment, additional education or research within six months of graduating.

Our careers and employment team provides students with a quality career guidance and information service focused on facilitating and empowering you to manage your own career development and make effective career transitions. The team helps you gain clarity, connect with employers and compete for the best jobs.

The School of Law runs an annual Careers In Law Week with expert talks and workshops around traditional and alternative careers in law. The highlight of the week is the Law Firms' Fair where students meet and network with representatives from Ireland's top law firms and learn about law careers through interactive panel sessions with partners and trainees from the firms.

CLARITY in your career journey through:



- ONE-TO-ONE CAREER GUIDANCE
- CAREER SEMINARS AND EVENTS
- PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING
- DROP-IN SESSIONS

CONNECT with prospective employers through:



- JOBS FAIRS AND EMPLOYER EVENTS
- JOBS VACANCY SYSTEM

COMPETE in the jobs market through:



- CV AND INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOPS
- JOB APPLICATION REVIEW

Galway

Galway is a place like no other, a medieval city and Ireland's cultural heart (*Croí Chultúrtha na hÉireann*). It is vibrant, cosmopolitan, rich in folklore and famous for its cobble-stoned streets, quaint shops and contemporary vibe.

Set on the Wild Atlantic Way and on the doorstep of Ireland's largest Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking) region, Galway is as distinctive as it is beautiful. From this position on the edge of Europe, University of Galway has a proud history of reaching out and connecting with the world.

Galway combines the energy of a young and diverse population with the authenticity of a place steeped in history and tradition. The city is celebrated for its culture, theatre and arts with festivals and fringe events running throughout the year.

Students make up 20% of the city's population and the University is perfectly placed within walking distance of all amenities. Galway is considered Ireland's most diverse city with one in four people born outside the country. The city is intimate so people integrate easily and the sense of community is one of the features our students love most.



JESS FURNEY, Victoria, Canada
(LLM in International Human Rights Law)

"Galway has been an incredible experience, full of amazing people, professors, and mini adventures. It made sense to pick a place that encourages educational and personal growth."

Cost of Living

The cost of living in Galway is considerably less than Dublin. Rent prices are 36% more expensive in Dublin city than in Galway city (Source: daft.ie 2020 Q4 Rental Report).

As the campus is located in the heart of the city and well-served by bus routes, most students can get to the campus easily on foot, by bicycle, or via public transport.





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University of Galway

With over 19,000 students and 2,600 staff, University of Galway is the largest and oldest university in the West of Ireland. Our riverside location, architectural beauty and proximity to Galway city, makes the campus one of the most unique and picturesque in the world.

Over the past 175 years, the University has built an international reputation based on the quality of our teaching and the global impact of our research. We are especially recognised for our inter-disciplinary research activity that facilitates collaboration and cross-pollination of ideas.



The University makes a meaningful contribution internationally, nationally, and to the region, following a prioritised set of research themes. Social science and public policy is one of the primary research themes where the School of Law and its research centres are making a significant impact.

University of Galway offers a wide range of postgraduate programmes of international standard providing students with opportunities for personal and academic development, as well as giving them the knowledge and skills to pursue successful careers.



THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law at University of Galway is a fantastic environment in which to study law. Our LLM programmes allow students to obtain an advanced law degree and facilitate the development of research, critical thinking and presentation skills. All our LLM programmes are researched and delivered by colleagues who are expert and passionate about their areas of teaching and research.

Our LLM in International & Comparative Business Law provides students with an edge in a highly competitive sector. The programme is designed to equip students not only with the specialist knowledge required for commercial practice but also with the skills required to adapt within an ever changing legal environment.

Our LLM (General) allows students to tailor their programme of study to their interests and career ambitions. This programme is designed to allow students to develop masters level knowledge and skills by choosing modules across our suite of LLM programmes.

We pride ourselves in having the most diverse student body in Ireland and we are always delighted to speak with students interested in joining our School of Law community.



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PROFESSOR MARTIN HOGG

Head of the
School of Law,
University of Galway

THE IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of the world's premier human rights law centres. Combining research, teaching and practice on human rights law and policy, the Centre is at the crossroads of today's most pressing human rights issues in law, public policy and practice. Our students are drawn from many parts of the world, reflecting the international reputation that our teaching and scholarship enjoys. LLM and PhD students benefit from the dedicated support, professional expertise and world-class teaching of our staff who combine expert knowledge with extensive field and policy experience. Our specialised LLM and PhD programmes provide students with the theoretical, conceptual and practical skills necessary to pursue a range of careers in human rights law, public policy, and practice. We know that the world of human rights research and practice is highly competitive. We work closely with our students to support the development not only of specialised knowledge and expertise, but also of practice oriented skills. Whether your interests are in peace-building, international criminal justice, gender, women's rights, business and human rights, or refugee and migration law, you will find a range of specialised courses at the Irish Centre for Human Rights that will equip you to pursue your goals.



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PROFESSOR SIOBHÁN MULLALLY

Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and
Established Professor
of Human Rights Law

Come join us and be part of a global network of practitioners

CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

The Centre for Disability Law and Policy's mission is to advance the rights of people with disabilities through education, research and outreach activities. We pride ourselves on being at the cutting edge of research in, and advocacy of, disability rights. Our staff and students have been centrally involved in the development of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its implementation around the world.

Students who come to study with us in Galway will be taught by leading thinkers, activists, and policy-makers from around the world. Our alumni have gone on to hold the highest offices with responsibility for disability rights, including within national governments, regional and international advocacy organisations, and the United Nations.

The networking and knowledge exchange opportunities available to our students is second to none. These include our world-famous International Disability Law Summer School and internship opportunities with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Centre welcomes students from diverse cultures, disciplinary backgrounds, and with a wide range of life experiences – including disabled students from around the globe. I am proud to lead such a talented group of researchers, students and academics.



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PROFESSOR EILIONÓIR FLYNN

Director of the Centre for
Disability Law and Policy
and Established
Professor of Law

THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING LAW, RIGHTS AND POLICY (CHLRP)

Housing law, rights and policy are now global issues. Here, at the Centre for Housing Law, Rights and Policy Research (CHLRP), we endeavour to create a space for a free and open discussion, combining research, resource development, advocacy and publications on housing law, rights and policy in Ireland, and internationally. The Centre is linked with many international organisations, such as the European Network of Housing Researchers, and the UNESCO Housing Chair in Tarragona, Spain, hosting visiting professors, researchers and IRC-funded PhD students.

We aim to contribute to the development of housing law, rights and policy through research, conferences, lectures, training, advocacy, publications, specialist research and support to housing agencies and others.

Current areas of research include housing rights in global housing markets, developing legislation on proportionality in housing, European mortgage market regulation and consumer protection, applying EU Charter housing rights to EU economic governance institutions, regulation of housing systems, and addressing implementation deficits in housing law and policy.



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DR PADRAIC KENNA

Director of the Centre
for Housing Law,
Rights and Policy

and scholars who are leaving their mark in the world today.

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LLM International and Comparative

The LLM in International and Comparative Business Law provides an excellent grounding in business law, for those interested in pursuing a career in legal practice or in the commercial world. Students can choose from a range of modules at an advanced level and tailor their LLM to suit their interests and career pathway. Students will expand their knowledge of business law from a global perspective through lectures, seminars, conferences and opportunities to engage with leading commercial practitioners.



Course Highlights:

Prestigious Placements with leading commercial law firms are offered to the top 5 students on the programme.

- *Focus on Skills and Employability* to equip students with key business skills including critical thinking, drafting legal submissions, negotiation, advocacy and mediation.
- *Expert Lecturers* deliver this programme through small group seminars with guest talks from leading practitioners. Students also have the opportunity to attend and present at key conferences, nationally and internationally as well as participate in moot court competitions.
- *International Field Trips** (see fees section on page 30) enable students to see the law in action in a global context.
- *Career Support* is provided through professional workshops coaching students on CV preparation and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- *Business Law Mooting* enables students to develop their advocacy skills.

- *Diverse Modules* from EU Competition Law, Advanced Intellectual Property Law, and Current Issues in Internet Law to Global Issues in Contemporary Labour Law.
- *A Minor Thesis* is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national experts.
- *Assessment* is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

This LLM in International and Comparative Business Law opens access to a global career. An enhanced knowledge of the international business world and its interactive relationship with laws and regulations allows students to develop an exceptional set of skills along with a global outlook. Graduates can consult on business and legal matters to international law firms, multinational professional services firms, in-house counsel with major global firms and more.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (2.1) in law, or an inter-disciplinary degree in which law was a major component. ▶ Applicants awarded a Graduate Diploma in Law may be considered but will be admitted only where they demonstrate a strong academic performance in both the undergraduate degree and diploma. ▶ In exceptional circumstances, an applicant holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than an approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (H2.1) standard may be considered where they have relevant professional law experience. ▶ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The LLM in International and Comparative Business Law has given me the flexibility to research closely with dynamic and passionate people who share my interests. The smaller groups make engagement much easier and more beneficial. While studying I had the opportunity to shape my postgraduate degree to a certain extent, which is the most rewarding part of the programme. This LLM gives an unrivalled experience of legal writing and research and an active learning component, which is applicable to any career path.

DAVID MARTIN



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM (General)

Students undertaking the LLM (General) will have the flexibility to choose from the range of modules on offer across the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and Centre for Disability Law and Policy. Such choice enhances employability as students can select modules that will enable them to pursue their personal career goals.

The programme is designed for students seeking an advanced postgraduate degree but who do not wish to specialise in a particular area of law.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ A **Tailored Masters** which facilitates module choice across the School of Law and research centres to maximise students' opportunity to pursue personal career goals.
- ▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver this programme through small group seminars with guest talks from leading practitioners. Students also have the opportunity to attend and present at key conferences, nationally and internationally.
- ▶ **International Field Trips*** (see fees section on page 30) enable students to see the law in action in a global context.
- ▶ **Skills Development** is an important element of this programme with seminars focusing on critical thinking, analytical skills, research skills and professional writing skills.
- ▶ **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students' CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- ▶ **Diverse Modules** from EU Competition Law, Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights, Current Issues in Internet Law to Sentencing and Penal Policy.

- ▶ A **Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national experts.
- ▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

The LLM (General) is of particular interest to students who wish to gain expertise in a specific area of law without having to limit their options. With the exception of undertaking a module in Advanced Legal Research and Writing, students have flexibility to tailor the programme according to their particular interests and their chosen career path.

Many students decide to undertake the professional exams to become a solicitor or barrister. Others choose to work in the public sector, non-government organisations, pursue their interests in human rights or disability law, proceed to a PhD or perhaps enter the field of politics, journalism or publishing.



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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The Master of Law General course has given me a foundation of transferable skills in a variety of areas, allowing me to develop a critical thinking approach to my studies. The selection of modules available stems across the other master's programmes, which allows you to shape and mould your own masters and develop your own area of expertise. Most importantly, I have become confident in my ability to engage these skills and develop them further. I felt supported, valued and appreciated throughout my academic efforts.

EMILY BRENNAN



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy

The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy is unique in the world as an innovative and internationally focused LLM dealing with the process of law reform in the field of disability. The programme delivers a solid grounding for future practitioners, policy-makers and academics in the field of disability reform.

The introduction of the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has resulted in significant changes in the area of disability law and policy. Our graduates will be among the first to be skilled in this growing area of law and policy.

This programme will be of interest to students who have completed a primary law degree, legal practitioners, public servants, disability and human rights advocates and people working in disability services.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ **Unique Qualification** achieved as no other university offers a similar programme. This LLM is innovative, pioneering and provides specialist education for our students.
- ▶ **Prestigious Internships** based in Geneva with the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are exclusively offered to two of our students. Interns will complete research to support the UN Committee's work and will participate in Committee sessions.
- ▶ **Expert Lecturers** with national, European and international teaching and research profiles deliver the programme.
- ▶ **The Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP)** is the only research centre of its kind in Ireland dedicated to producing research that informs the debate on national and international disability law reform and policy.
- ▶ **Skills development** is a key focus of this programme. Modules develop expertise and an ability to critically appraise issues faced by law and policy-makers in this rapidly changing environment.
- ▶ **Guest lectures** from practitioners and international experts on current challenges around disability policy and reform. Students are also encouraged to attend the conferences, seminars and events run by the CDLP.

- ▶ **A Minor Thesis** is completed by students on a topic of their choice under close supervision by leading national and international experts.
- ▶ **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- ▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

Graduates have found employment in a variety of areas, including work in the UN, senior legal appointments, as lecturers, solicitors and barristers, in national, regional and international advocacy organisations, in national human rights institutions, as government advisors and with non-governmental organisations.

Many of our graduates are leading change and reform in disability law and policy throughout the world. Graduates of the programme have also secured funding to pursue PhD research and are now working in universities around the world.



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DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy at University of Galway is the only LLM programme of its kind in the world; one focussed specifically on disability rights issues within a broader human rights framework. I will shortly begin working as a policy advisor with the Disability Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission; I have no doubt that I would not have secured this position if it wasn't for the LLM.

EMILY CUKALEVSKI



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International Human Rights

The LLM in International Human Rights provides students with a comprehensive insight into international and regional legal frameworks of human rights protection. This is an interdisciplinary programme where students are engaged in the practice and public policy context of human rights law on a local, national and international perspective.

This LLM will be of interest to students and practitioners from a range of different fields such as law, social policy, political science, public administration and development. While the programme's emphasis is on the law and policy of human rights, suitably qualified candidates from non-law backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ The Irish Centre for Human Rights is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.
- ▶ Global Legal Action Network (GLAN) and the Irish Centre for Human Rights have established a partnership which affords selected students the opportunity for hands-on engagement with human rights litigation and advocacy globally.
- ▶ An International Human Rights Law Clinic provides students with unique practical training on mobilising human rights standards to secure reform, engaging human rights bodies, at UN and regional levels.
- ▶ Field Trips* (see fees section on page 30) to the International Criminal Court in The Hague and to military barracks of the Irish Defence Forces.
- ▶ Career Support with assistance in seeking career and work placement opportunities by drawing on the expertise of a global network of alumni and an outstanding network of contacts.
- ▶ Expert Lecturers deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised human rights scholars with world-class expertise and reputations.
- ▶ Unique programme focusing on the practice of human rights through

specialised modules including international human rights, public policy, law and advocacy.

- ▶ Skills development through a strong clinical focus on core human rights lawyering in advocacy, strategic litigation, human rights fact-finding, international diplomacy and public policy.
- ▶ Seminars, conferences and workshops ensures engagement with world-leading practitioners and scholars in the field of human rights law and public policy.
- ▶ Assessment is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

- ▶ The programme equips students to pursue careers with international organisations, United Nations (UN) bodies, international NGOs, in international or national legal practice, and policy, advocacy or research work. Students may also decide to work in government, diplomacy or international affairs. The programme will also provide a foundation for further studies through the structured PhD in human rights offered by the Irish Centre for Human Rights.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Irish Centre for Human Rights welcomes students with a Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities. ▶ In cases where applicants come from a non-law background, the Irish Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and a personal statement. ▶ Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2.1) or equivalent. However, those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience. ▶ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I chose to study at the Irish Centre for Human Rights particularly because of the wide range of different subjects that they offered for the course, which I did not find in most other universities. The one to one interaction with the professors helped me understand the subject very well. All the students and the staff have been very welcoming and the multicultural nature of the class makes for very interesting discussions. Overall, my study at the Centre has made me feel a lot more confident in my future career in the field of human rights.

RITIKA PILLAI



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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy

The LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy is the only course of its kind on offer in an Irish university. This unique programme enables students to develop their knowledge of international and regional law, policy and practice as it relates to the phenomena of international migration, human trafficking and refugee law.

Students can combine the study of international migration with specialised modules in international humanitarian law and peace operations, business and human rights, gender and law, child rights, international criminal law, advocacy, activism and strategic litigation, transnational lawyering, post-conflict justice, Islam and human rights.

This programme will be of interest to those who wish to develop specialised legal practice skills in the expanding field of migration and asylum law and human rights. For those already working in the area of international migration/refugee law, you will develop a more solid conceptual and knowledge base to enhance that role.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ **The Irish Centre for Human Rights** is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.
- ▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and strong records of engagement and impact in the fields of international migration, human trafficking and refugee law.
- ▶ **Unique qualification** on the practice of migration and refugee law through specialised modules, clinical lawyering and advocacy training.
- ▶ **Excellent networks** and links to leading international organisations and practitioners.
- ▶ **Skills development** is enhanced through practice-oriented teaching, allowing students to specialise in oral and written advocacy (legal and policy), strategic litigation, fact-finding and international development and transnational lawyering clinical skills.
- ▶ **Seminars and workshops** with leading international practitioners in migration and refugee law and policy.
- ▶ **Career Support** with targeted career advice and assistance in seeking internship and work placement opportunities.
- ▶ **Field Trips*** (see fees section on page 30) to the Hague and / or Strasbourg to visit leading international law institutions are optional.
- ▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

The LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law is an ideal programme for those who wish to work with domestic, regional or international non-governmental or inter-governmental organisations specialising in migration or refugee protection, human trafficking or human rights law or policy.

For those interested in pursuing PhD research, students will identify a suitable research question, method and theoretical framework for that research.



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WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

I always thought that I wanted to work in the human rights field. However, it was through studying refugee law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights that my interest really crystallised. The interactive lectures and supportive staff inspired me to work towards a career promoting the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. I am currently applying the knowledge gained from my LLM studies in my work as Legal Officer with the Irish Refugee Council's Independent Law Centre where I provide legal advice to people seeking asylum in Ireland. I remain very-much involved in the life of the Centre as I am also in the process of completing a PhD in International Refugee Law there, funded by the Irish Research Council.

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict

The LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict provides students with a comprehensive insight into global frameworks of human rights protection with the addition of peacekeeping specialisation. This interdisciplinary programme focuses on UN peacekeeping and related operations to provide insights into the peace operations and conflict resolution frameworks.

This unique programme offering combines issues relating to peacekeeping, international humanitarian law, human rights and conflict resolution to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace operations with international organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and as individual advocates.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ **The Irish Centre for Human Rights** is one of the world's premier university-based institutions for the study and promotion of human rights.
- ▶ **Defence Force Experience** is recognised. Those who have participated in peacekeeping activities can obtain credit for a full semester course (15 credits) on submission of a written assignment reviewing field experience and evaluating lessons learned.
- ▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and reputations.
- ▶ **Field Trips*** (see fees section on page 30) to the military barracks of the Irish Defence Forces and the opportunity to travel to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.
- ▶ **Unique qualification** on conflict, peacekeeping and human rights through specialised modules such as peace support operations and international human rights.
- ▶ **Seminars, conferences and workshops** ensures engagement with world-leading practitioners

and scholars in the field of peacekeeping and human rights law.

- ▶ **Career Support** with assistance in seeking career opportunities by drawing on the expertise of a global network of alumni and an outstanding network of contacts.
- ▶ **Assessment** is primarily through research papers, presentations and minor thesis rather than exams.

Career Opportunities:

Graduates have gone on to work with the UN, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the EU. Others are working with NGOs in conflict and post-conflict environments, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Liberia, Sudan and Kosovo.

Military and police personnel from Ireland and elsewhere have completed the programme with a view to enhancing their career prospects. The programme will also provide a foundation for those who wish to pursue further studies through a structured PhD.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level an overall final grade of Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2.1) or equivalent. Those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience. ▶ Candidates who have completed a military command and staff course, or equivalent, at an institute recognised by University of Galway and who have relevant professional experience may also be considered. ▶ Candidates who have significant experience in the field of peace operations and/or international human rights, for example, with international organisations or international non-governmental organisations, are encouraged to apply under this rubric. ▶ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Studying for the Masters in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict programme has been a truly rewarding experience. The teaching structure is perfect for learning as you are taught by experts in seminar style, which gives you the perfect opportunity to interact both with the lecturers and your colleagues. I can say that not only have I received the best education here, I have also been gifted with a realistic view of the Peace Operations and International Humanitarian Law and the skills necessary to succeed in both fields.

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLM International Criminal Law

The LLM in International Criminal Law provides students with an advanced understanding of the history, structures, law and practice of the various international criminal tribunals and the International Criminal Court.

Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of international criminal law, its component crimes, substantive law and key procedures. Students will also develop an analytical approach to the relationship between other accountability mechanisms, such as truth commissions.

The LLM in International Criminal Law is of interest to those seeking to learn about the growing field of international criminal justice, the role of the International Criminal Court in international affairs and means for holding to account perpetrators of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and aggression.

Course Highlights:

- ▶ The LLM in International Criminal Law is delivered by the ***Irish Centre for Human Rights***, one of the world's premier academic human rights institutions.
- ▶ ***Expert Lecturers*** deliver programme modules. Our academics are internationally recognised scholars with world-class expertise and impact in the field of international criminal law.
- ▶ ***Field Trip**** (see fees section on page 30) to the International Criminal Court in The Hague.
- ▶ ***A Summer School*** on the International Criminal Court is run annually and students have the opportunity to attend.
- ▶ ***Seminars and Workshops*** are run in collaboration with leading international practitioners in criminal law and human rights.
- ▶ ***Career Support*** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on internship opportunities, students CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet with law professionals across a spectrum of specialisations.
- ▶ ***Assessment*** methods include essays, presentations and a research dissertation, while students also engage in research projects, presentations, group work and moot courts.
- ▶ ***Distinguished visitors*** to the Centre for Human Rights have included Judge Carmel Agius, Senator Robert Badinter, Judge Maureen Harding Clark, Richard Goldstone, President Philippe Kirsch, Judge Theodor Meron, Judge Navanethem Pillay and Judge Kimberly Prost.

Career Opportunities:

Students who have undertaken and successfully completed the programme tend to follow careers in international criminal tribunals, United Nations (UN) or with UN-affiliated organisations, with civil society organisations, in the areas of international justice and human rights.

Graduates have also progressed to diplomatic or government-based work for example in the human rights division of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The programme also provides a foundation for further studies through the structured PhD offered by the Irish Centre for Human Rights.



QUALIFICATION:	LLM
DURATION	1 year full time or 2 years part time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An approved Second Class Honours Degree, Grade 1 (2.1) in law, or an inter-disciplinary degree in which law was a major component. ▶ In exceptional circumstances, applicants holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than 2.1 standard may be considered where they have relevant professional experience in law. ▶ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

The LLM in International Criminal Law is a unique program that intertwines international criminal and human rights law at the same time. There is a great offer of seminars and many guest lecturers with field experience, which is very interesting. I really have the feeling that my lecturers have a passion for teaching and are truly interested in interacting with me.

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LAW POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT PROGRAMMES

LLB Bachelor of Laws

Working with and in the law offers a wide range of interesting, challenging, and rewarding careers. Wherever you look, you will find legal issues and problems that need solutions developed by those with deep knowledge and skills.

The LLB (Bachelor of Laws) will provide you with this knowledge and skills along with the grounding that you need to take your future into the direction you decide, nationally or internationally.

The LLB offers all the subjects currently required for the entrance examinations to the legal professions (solicitors and barristers) in Ireland.

The programme may be taken over:

- ▶ Two years full-time (120 credits)
- ▶ Three years full-time (180 credits), wide range of optional modules
- ▶ Four years part-time (180 credits), wide range of optional modules

Course Highlights:

- ▶ **Fast track to a career in law** with the two year full-time LLB.
- ▶ **Clinical Placements** are available in final year of the three year and four year LLB. A limited number of placements are available with law firms, barristers, and a range of governmental and non-governmental organisations working to promote the public interest.
- ▶ **Skills Development** is an important element of this programme with a focus on critical thinking, analytical ability and professional writing skills.
- ▶ **Tailored Programme** allows students on the three year or four year LLB to choose from a wide range of optional modules that interest them or will further their career goals.
- ▶ The **Accredited Programme** offers all the subjects currently required for the entrance examinations to the legal professions (solicitors and barristers).

- ▶ **Moot Court** provides an opportunity for students to develop skills such as advocacy, research and legal analysis skills.
- ▶ **Expert Lecturers** deliver this programme. Students also attend guest seminars from prominent practitioners, academics and judges.
- ▶ **Diverse Modules** range from European Union Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law, Consumer Law to Global Issues in Contemporary Labour Law.
- ▶ **Career Support** is provided through professional workshops concentrating on students' CV and interview skills. Careers in Law Week also provides an opportunity to meet partners from leading law firms.
- ▶ The **Flexibility** of the programme allows students to study over three or four years, which will facilitate responsibilities at work and at home.

Career Opportunities:

Many of our graduates today run successful practices as solicitors or barristers. Other graduates have found employment and advanced their careers in a variety of areas, such as administration, financial services, business, the media, policy development and social work.

We have successful alumni in all walks of life all over the world.



QUALIFICATION:	LLB
DURATION	2 years full-time, 3 years full-time, 4 years part-time (daytime classes only for all programme versions)
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An approved university degree in any discipline at second-class honours level or above. ▶ In certain circumstances, an approved professional qualification or experience may be accepted in lieu of a degree. ▶ Those holding a law degree or who have studied law at third level may be granted appropriate exemptions. ▶ International students should refer to the country specific information section of the International Office website: https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/
EXEMPTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The LLB offers exemptions* to those who have already completed an undergraduate programme with significant components of law. For example, BA Law (or equivalent), graduates are exempt from years 1 and 2 of the programme. BComm with a specialisation in Law (or equivalent), graduates are exempt from year 1 of the programme. <i>* Subject to approval of the School of Law. Please contact the programme director for further information on exemptions.</i>

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Following my Arts degree I was unsure of what career path to choose. As I have always had an interest in Law and how it works I chose the LLB. The programme is very flexible and well structured, especially for people who work full or part time. The quality of teaching is outstanding. The genuine interest lecturers have in the subjects they teach translates into very engaging and informative lectures, which encourage students to think critically about issues, an invaluable tool in any area of life. Completing the University of Galway LLB programme was fundamental to my choice of pursuing a career in law.

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COURSE OUTLINES 2021/2022

The below modules were offered to students on our LLM programmes in 2021/2022. **Course and module offerings and details may be subject to change.** All students on our LLM programmes must complete a minor thesis worth 30 credits plus 60 credits worth of modules.

The course outline for the LLB (Bachelor of Laws) is available to view on our website at: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/llb/>

LLM (General)	LLM International and Comparative Business Law	LLM International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits) Core Module ▶ Advanced Legal Research & Method (10 credits) Core Module ▶ Equality Law: Principles & Thematic Application (10 credits) ▶ Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law (10 credits) ▶ Crime and Disorder (10 credits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Commercial Legal Placement or Minor Thesis (30 credits) Core Module ▶ Advanced Legal Research & Method (10 credits) Core Module ▶ EU Competition Law (10 credits) ▶ International Commercial Property Law (10 credits) ▶ International Business Law Moot (10 credits) ▶ Commercial Law in Context (10 credits) ▶ Advanced Comparative Law (10 credits) ▶ Advanced Intellectual Property Law and Development (10 credits) ▶ European Consumer Law and Policy (10 credits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits) Core Module ▶ Foundational Theoretical Framework in Disability Law and Policy (10 credits) Core Module ▶ Mental Health Law and Policy (10 credits) ▶ Regional Disability Law and Policy (10 credits) ▶ Contemporary Challenges in Disability Law and Policy (10 credits) ▶ International Disability Human Rights Clinic (10 credits) ▶ Advocacy and Access to Justice (10 credits) ▶ Inclusive Education Law and Policy (10 credits) ▶ Law and Policy on Independent Living (10 credits) ▶ Legal Capacity Law and Policy (10 credits)
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Students have the flexibility to choose from the range of modules on offer across all LLM programmes at the School of Law, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.		Students also have the option of choosing one module per semester from the School of Law or Irish Centre for Human Rights LLM programmes.

LLM International Human Rights	LLM International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy	LLM Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict	LLM International Criminal Law
Core Modules			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits)▶ International Human Rights Law (10 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits)▶ Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law (10 credits)▶ European Migration Law (5 credits)▶ International Refugee Law (10 credits)▶ The Common European Asylum System (5 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits)▶ International Peace Operations (10 credits)▶ International Humanitarian Law (10 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Minor Thesis (30 credits)▶ International Criminal Law (10 credits)
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Optional Modules			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law (10 credits)▶ Business and Human Rights 2 (10 credits)▶ Climate Justice (5 credits)▶ Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law (10 credits)▶ Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights (5 credits)▶ European Convention on Human Rights: Law and Politics (10 credits)▶ European Migration Law (5 credits)▶ Gender and Human Rights (10 credits)▶ Human Rights and Global Governance (5 credits)▶ International Child Rights (5 credits)▶ International Criminal Law (10 credits)▶ International Human Rights Law (10 credits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ International Human Rights Law Clinic (10 credits)▶ International Humanitarian Law (10 credits)▶ International Peace Operations (10 credits)▶ International Refugee Law (10 credits)▶ Islam and Human Rights I (5 credits)▶ Procedures Before International Criminal Courts (5 credits)▶ Public International Law (10 credits)▶ The Common European Asylum System (5 credits)▶ Transitional Justice (10 credits)▶ Transnational Lawyering (5 credits)		
<p>Students may take up to 10 credits from LLM programmes available in the School of Law and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy.</p>			

LAW POSTGRADUATE

Research Programmes



Doctoral Studies (PhD)

The School of Law and its specialised research centres, notably, the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, offer structured PhD programmes in law.

The Structured PhD is available as a 4-year Full Time programme or a 6-year Part Time programme (360 ECTS). Each student must obtain a total of 30 ECTS through structured modules having a taught or skills component, over the course of the PhD and the remaining 330 ECTS are awarded for the Dissertation. The thesis remains central to the award of the PhD. The remaining ECTS are derived from the research component.

Research areas include:

- ▶ **HUMAN RIGHTS**
- ▶ **DISABILITY LAW**
- ▶ **HOUSING LAW AND POLICY**
- ▶ **REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION LAW**
- ▶ **CRIMINOLOGY**
- ▶ **CRIMINAL LAW**
- ▶ **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**
- ▶ **FAMILY LAW**
- ▶ **EU LAW**
- ▶ **COMMERCIAL LAW**
- ▶ **JURISPRUDENCE**
- ▶ **INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW**
- ▶ **INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW**
- ▶ **CONTRACT LAW**

The School of Law has a reputation for expert supervision by internationally recognised academics renowned for their research, impact in policy-making and activism. PhD candidates are supported by a specialist supervisor in their field of research and have access to all academics across the School and Research Centres.

The doctoral programme at the School of Law is distinctive not only because of our exceptional standard of research and level of publication achieved by our students, but also because of the collegial and international environment in which doctoral students work.

Students from a range of countries and academic backgrounds are engaged in research on a broad spectrum of issues relating to international human rights law, international criminal law and law reform in the field of disability. We encourage the use of a range of methods (doctrinal, empirical, comparative, socio-legal) as well as interdisciplinary approaches.

Students interested in pursuing PhD research in the School of Law should contact a staff member with appropriate expertise in their proposed area of research, or the PhD Programme Director.

For more information visit: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/law/research/phdstudents/or contact: law@universityofgalway.ie>

Scholarship

The Hardiman Research Scholarship is a prestigious scholarship scheme at University of Galway, offering four years of PhD funding (fees and maintenance). Please see the website for further information: www.universityofgalway.ie/hardiman-scholarships

The Irish Research Council also offers PhD funding, under The Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Programme, covering four years of PhD funding (fees and maintenance) At University of Galway, there are several scholarships available for students from specific countries, including India, China, Ghana, Malaysia, Mexico, Colombia and the United States (see: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/feesfinance/internationalscholarships/>).

LLM By Research

LLM By Research Students may also pursue a LLM by research (major thesis) in any of the main research areas of full-time permanent academic members of staff of the Faculty. Candidates are advised to contact the relevant staff member before applying in order to discuss their proposed topic or area of research.



How to apply

How to Apply

You can apply online for law taught postgraduate masters on the University of Galway Postgraduate Admissions Office website:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/courses/how-to-apply/>

University of Galway does not set a deadline for receipt of applications (some exceptions). Offers will be issued on a continual basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible to secure a place on their chosen postgraduate programme.

Fees

Please see the course pages on the University of Galway website for fee information.

**Field trips are not included in the programme fee structure and will incur additional costs. Understanding the impact of these trips, attendance is not mandatory, and where possible a contribution will be made towards funding.*

Scholarships and Funding

At University of Galway, we are keen to ensure that the brightest and most committed students progress to postgraduate study.

Taught Postgraduate Scholarships

University of Galway has generous scholarships valued at €1,500 for EU students applying for full-time taught postgraduate courses. You will be eligible if you have been accepted to a full-time taught course at University of Galway, and have attained a first class honours (or equivalent) in a Level 8 primary degree. Full criteria and details are available at **Postgraduate Scholarships - University of Galway**

International Scholarships

University of Galway is committed to attracting high-calibre students from around the world. The university offers a

number of partial international scholarships on a competitive basis to these high-calibre international students. For more information about eligibility criteria and how to apply, please see <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international/>

Government of Ireland Funding Opportunities

The Government of Ireland also offer funding opportunities through schemes such as:

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarships Programme:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/internationalscholarships/>

Irish Aid Fellowship Programme in Human Rights:

<https://www.irishaidfellowships.ie/>

Other Funding Opportunities

Universities Ireland: North/South Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme at:

<https://universitiesireland.ie/bursaries-scholarships/>

George J. Mitchell Scholarship:

<https://www.us-irelandalliance.org/mitchellscholarship>

International Students

Immigration Regulations

Students from EU and EEA member states do not require a visa to study in Ireland.

Students from Non EU member states are required to comply with Irish Visa and Immigration regulations. It is important that you obtain and maintain a valid passport and Study Visa to enter Ireland for study purposes.

For more information, please visit the 'Before You Arrive' section of the university website:

<https://www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/>



The Graduate Permit Scheme

The Graduate Permit Scheme allows legally resident Irish educated non-EU/EEA graduates holding an award of a recognised Irish awarding body to remain in Ireland after their studies.

The Irish Government has extended the scheme for non-EU/EEA students at Level 9 and above of the National Framework of Qualifications. The new permission has doubled the 'stay back option' for master's and PhD students from 12 months to 24 months.

Support Services for International Students

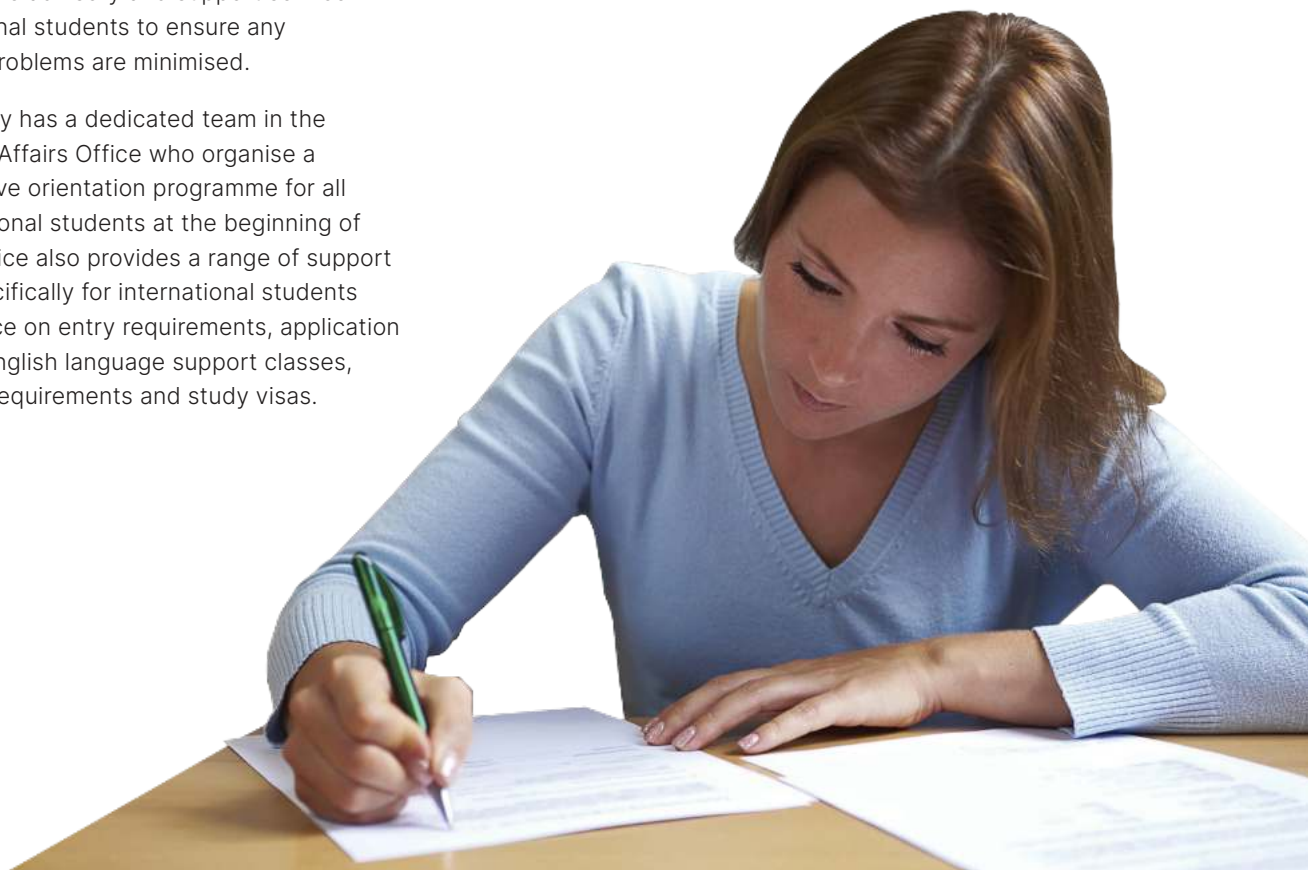
University of Galway provides a comprehensive advisory and support service for international students to ensure any adjustment problems are minimised.

The University has a dedicated team in the International Affairs Office who organise a comprehensive orientation programme for all new international students at the beginning of term. The office also provides a range of support services specifically for international students such as advice on entry requirements, application processes, English language support classes, immigration requirements and study visas.

English Language Requirements

All applicants, whose first language is not English, must present an English language test. Full details on English language requirements can be found at: www.universityofgalway.ie/international-students/studyinireland/entryrequirements

University of Galway's English Language Centre is committed to providing high quality English Language courses including our pre-sessional and pathway options to help our students prepare for academic study at University of Galway. Find out more about English language courses at: www.universityofgalway.ie/englishlanguage





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