

BCL (HONS) (CLINICAL)

Overview

NFQ Level 8, Major Award

Entry to the BCL (Hons) (Clinical) is via BCL (Hons) (Law (Pathways)) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/bclp/>). All students will be registered for the Law (Pathways) programme in the first instance. At the end of First Year, Law (Pathways) students can choose to transfer to the BCL (Hons) (Clinical). Transfer is dependent on students achieving at least Second Class Honours Grade Two in their First Year Examinations and is subject to a competitive process which will include an interview.

First Year - BCL (Law (Pathways))

First Year consists of core modules to the value of **50** credits and elective modules to the value of **10** credits. In order to be admitted to the First University Examination in Law, a student must have satisfactorily attended prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits.

Second Year - BCL (Clinical)

Second Year consists of core modules to the value of **35** credits (or 25 credits if LW1106 and LW1107 have been selected in First Year) and elective modules to the value of **25** credits (or 35 credits if LW1106 and LW1107 have been selected in First Year). In order to be admitted to the Second University Examination in Law a student must have: (a) passed the First University Examination in Law; and (b) subsequently satisfactorily attended prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits.

Third Year - BCL (Clinical)

There are two possible paths in Third Year of BCL (Hons) (Clinical). Students in this programme must complete either one or two approved clinical work placements, either nationally or abroad, with an appropriate legal body or organisation. Each placement is of 12 weeks duration and must be completed on a full-time basis. Registration for the Final Year BCL (Hons) (Clinical) programme at UCC must directly follow Third Year.

Path 1

Students must take prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits. Students on this path complete two approved placements.

Path 2

Students must take prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits. Students on this path complete an approved placement in one semester and undertake taught modules in UCC in the other semester.

Fourth Year - BCL (Clinical)

Fourth Year consists of core modules to the value of **25** credits and elective modules to the value of **35** credits. In order to be admitted to the BCL (Hons) (Clinical) Degree Examination, a student must have: (a) passed the Third University Examination in BCL (Hons) (Clinical), and (b) subsequently attended in a satisfactory manner, for at least a full academic year, prescribed modules to the value of **60** credits.

Workload Guideline

Where a programme contains elective modules it is recommended that students do not take any more than 40 credits in any semester. Students are therefore advised to choose their modules so that the workload is evenly spread throughout the year.

Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Students take 60 credits as follows – all listed core modules (50 credits) and 10 credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
LW1104	Foundations of the Legal System	5
LW1112	Constitutional and Institutional Law of the European Union ¹	5
or LW1114	Droit institutionnel de l'Union européenne	
LW1153	Criminal Law	10
LW1154	Law of Contract	10
LW1156	Legal Research and Writing	10
Select one of the following: ²		10
LW1161	Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights	
plus LW1162	plus Constitutional Law: Institutions of Government ²	
LW1163	Dlí Bunreachtúil: Bunchearta	
plus LW1164	plus Dlí Bunreachtúil: Institiúidí an Rialtais ²	
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 10 credits from the following: 10		
AC1103	Financial Accounting Fundamentals	
plus AC1104	plus Accounting for Partnerships and Companies ³	
CH1001	Chinese Language (Mandarin) I	
FR0105	Introduction to French : Complete Beginners ⁴	
FR1005	French for Near Beginners ⁵	
FR1105	Threshold French	
FR1107	French for Reading Purposes I	
GA1002	Ceart na Gaeilge idir Scríobh agus Labhairt	
GE0003	German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 1	
plus GE0004	plus German Language (Beginner Level A1) Part 2 ⁶	
GE0005	German Language (CEFR-Level A2.1)	
plus GE0008	plus German Language (CEFR-Level A2.2) ⁷	
HS0028	Spanish Language (Beginner Level)	
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level)	
HS1009	Spanish Language (Post Leaving Certificate)	
IT1102	Non-Beginners' Written and Spoken Italian	
IT1109	Introduction to Written and Spoken Italian	
LW1106	Law of Torts I	
plus LW1107	plus Law of Torts II ⁸	
Year 2		
Students take 60 credits as follows - all listed core modules (35 credits) and 25 credits of elective modules: ⁹		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
LW1106	Law of Torts I ⁹	5
LW1107	Law of Torts II ⁹	5
LW2005	Legal Skills (Clinical)	5
LW2204	Economic Law of the European Union	5

LW2214	Clinical Legal Skills - Group Work, Presentation and Employability	5
LW2249	Property Law: Ownership and Succession	5
LW2250	Property Law: Rights in the Land of Others	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **25** credits from the following: ^{9, 10} 25

LW2006	The Law of Evidence I (5)
LW2007	The Law of Evidence II (5)
LW2207	International Human Rights Law (5)
LW2208	Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (5)
LW2216	Humanitarianism and the Law (5)
LW2254	Commercial Law (5) ¹¹
LW2263	Law of Public Administration (5)
LW2264	Administrative Law: Grounds of Judicial Review (5)
LW2269	Privacy and Data Protection Law (5)
LW2275	Family Law: Child Law (5)
LW2276	Family Law: Family Relationships (5)
LW3312	Employment Law: Contracts, Termination, Collective Labour Law (5) ^{10, 12}
LW3313	Employment Law: Rights Protection, Equality, Specific Categories of Employees (5) ^{10, 13}
LW3345	Company Law I: Fundamental Concepts and Doctrines (5) ¹⁰
LW3346	Company Law II: Management, Finance and Insolvency (5) ¹⁰
LW3368	Principles of Revenue Law (5)
LW3371	Sources and Foundations of Environmental Law (5)
LW3372	Environmental Law: Contemporary Issues in Governance, Regulation and Enforcement (5)
LW3404	Medical Law and Ethics (5) ¹⁰
LW3405	Medical Law: Regulation of Healthcare (5) ¹⁰

or modules to the value of **15** credits (or 25 credits) from the foregoing and modules to the value of **10** credits from the following:

CH2107	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2 (10)
FR2105	Towards Vantage French (5) ¹⁴
FR2107	French for Reading Purposes II (5) ¹⁴
GA2001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge I (10)
GE2101	Integrated German Language Course (10)
HS0128	Spanish Language (Improver [01] Level) (10)
HS1009	Spanish Language (Post Leaving Certificate) (10)
HS2101	Second Year Spanish Language Course (Ex-Beginners) (10)
IT2101	Intermediate Italian Language (10)
MG2003	Consumer Behaviour and Sustainable Consumption (5)
MG2008	Business Ethics and Governance (5)

Year 3

Students take modules to the value of **60** credits from one of the following paths: 60

Path 1

Students take **60** credits as follows:

Core Modules

LW3500	Placement I (15)
LW3501	Placement II (15)
LW3502	Placement Research Project 1 (10)
LW3503	Placement Research Project 2 (10)
LW3504	Placement Presentation 1 (5)
LW3505	Placement Presentation 2 (5)

or

Path 2

Students take **60** credits as follows - all core listed modules (**30** credits) in either Option 1 or Option 2 and **30** credits of elective modules:

Option 1 - Placement in Semester 1

LW3500	Placement I (30)
plus LW3502	plus Placement Research Project 1 (0)
plus LW3504	plus Placement Presentation 1 (0)

Option 2 - Placement in Semester 2

LW3501	Placement II (30)
plus LW3503	plus Placement Research Project 2 (0)
plus LW3505	plus Placement Presentation 2 (0)

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **30** credits from the following: ^{15, 16}

LW2006	The Law of Evidence I (5)
LW2007	The Law of Evidence II (5)
LW2207	International Human Rights Law (5)
LW2208	Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (5)
LW2216	Humanitarianism and the Law (5)
LW2263	Law of Public Administration (5)
LW2264	Administrative Law: Grounds of Judicial Review (5)
LW2269	Privacy and Data Protection Law (5)
LW2275	Family Law: Child Law (5)
LW2276	Family Law: Family Relationships (5)
LW3312	Employment Law: Contracts, Termination, Collective Labour Law (5) ¹²
LW3313	Employment Law: Rights Protection, Equality, Specific Categories of Employees (5) ¹³
LW3316	Financial Services: Law and Regulation (5)
LW3345	Company Law I: Fundamental Concepts and Doctrines (5)
LW3346	Company Law II: Management, Finance and Insolvency (5)
LW3347	Contemporary Issues in Corporate Law (5)
LW3368	Principles of Revenue Law (5)
LW3369	Income Tax Law (5)
LW3370	Sports Law (5)
LW3371	Sources and Foundations of Environmental Law (5)
LW3372	Environmental Law: Contemporary Issues in Governance, Regulation and Enforcement (5)
LW3373	Sports Law Clinic (5)
LW3404	Medical Law and Ethics (5)

LW3405	Medical Law: Regulation of Healthcare (5)
or modules to the value of 20/25 credits from the foregoing and modules to the value of 5/10 credits from the following:	
AC2204	Introduction to Management Accounting (10)
plus AC2205	plus Intermediate Management Accounting ()
CH2107	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2 (10)
CH3020	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (10)
plus GV2239	plus Chinese Politics ()
FR4101	Advanced Use of French (10) ¹⁷
GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge (10)
GE3101	Advanced Integrated German Language Course (10)
IT3101	Advanced Italian Language (10)

Year 4

Students take **60** credits as follows - all listed core modules (**25** credits) and **35** credits of elective modules:

Core Modules

LW3303	Law of Equity: Doctrines and Remedies	5
LW3305	Law of Equity: Trusts	5
LW3360	Moot Court	10
LW3367	Jurisprudence	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of **35** credits from the following: ¹⁵ 35

LW2006	The Law of Evidence I (5)
LW2007	The Law of Evidence II (5)
LW2207	International Human Rights Law (5)
LW2208	Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (5)
LW2216	Humanitarianism and the Law (5)
LW2263	Law of Public Administration (5)
LW2264	Administrative Law: Grounds of Judicial Review (5)
LW2269	Privacy and Data Protection Law (5)
LW2275	Family Law: Child Law (5)
LW2276	Family Law: Family Relationships (5)
LW3308	Alternative Dispute Resolution (5)
LW3312	Employment Law: Contracts, Termination, Collective Labour Law (5) ¹²
LW3313	Employment Law: Rights Protection, Equality, Specific Categories of Employees (5) ¹³
LW3316	Financial Services: Law and Regulation (5)
LW3345	Company Law I: Fundamental Concepts and Doctrines (5)
LW3346	Company Law II: Management, Finance and Insolvency (5)
LW3347	Contemporary Issues in Corporate Law (5)
LW3368	Principles of Revenue Law (5)
LW3369	Income Tax Law (5)
LW3370	Sports Law (5)
LW3371	Sources and Foundations of Environmental Law (5)
LW3372	Environmental Law: Contemporary Issues in Governance, Regulation and Enforcement (5)
LW3376	Traveller Equality and Justice Project Clinic (10)

LW3377	Courtroom Ethnography: Theory and Practice (5)
LW3404	Medical Law and Ethics (5)
LW3405	Medical Law: Regulation of Healthcare (5)
or modules to the value of 25 credits from the foregoing and modules to the value of 10 credits from the following:	
AC2204	Introduction to Management Accounting (10)
plus AC2205	plus Intermediate Management Accounting ()
CH3020	Chinese Language (Mandarin) Level 2.5 (10)
plus GV2239	plus Chinese Politics ()
FR4101	Advanced Use of French (10) ¹⁷
GA3001	Úsáid agus Cruinneas na Gaeilge (10)
GE3101	Advanced Integrated German Language Course (10)
IT3101	Advanced Italian Language (10)

Total Credits **240**

- ¹ LW1112 and LW1114 comprise the same module in English (LW1112) and in French (LW1114). Students may register for either LW1112 or LW1114 but not both.
- ² LW1161 and LW1163 comprise the same module in English (LW1161) and *as Gaeilge* (LW1163). Students may register for either LW1161 or LW1163 but not both. LW1162 and LW1164 comprise the same module in English (LW1162) and *as Gaeilge* (LW1164). Students may register for either LW1162 or LW1164 but not both.
- ³ AC1103 and AC1104 must be taken together.
- ⁴ FR0105 may only be taken by complete beginners.
- ⁵ FR1005 may not be taken by a student who has studied French to Leaving Certificate level.
- ⁶ GE0003 and GE0004 must be taken together.
- ⁷ GE0005 and GE0008 must be taken together.
- ⁸ LW1106 and LW1107 must be taken together. LW1106 and LW1107 must be taken in Second Year if not selected as elective modules in First Year.
- ⁹ Students who have selected LW1106 and LW1107 as elective modules in First Year must take the other 25 credits of core modules and 35 credits of elective modules in Second Year.
- ¹⁰ Students are required to take such elective modules as are appropriate to the area of law in which they intend to pursue their clinical placement and elective modules must be chosen in consultation with the Clinical Education Co-ordinator. The individual modules marked with this footnote are normally available only to Fourth BCL (Hons) (Clinical) students and may only be selected with the agreement of the Clinical Education Co-ordinator, as a preparation for the Third Year placement.
- ¹¹ LW2254 is available in Second Year only.
- ¹² LW3312 is not available to students who have previously passed LW3301.
- ¹³ LW3313 is not available to students who have previously passed LW3302.
- ¹⁴ FR2105 and FR2107 are available only to students who have already taken FR1105 and FR1107 in First Year.
- ¹⁵ Other than those previously selected.
- ¹⁶ Students whose placement takes place in Semester 1 will only be able to choose modules from this list that are offered in Semester 2 and students whose placement takes place in Semester 2 will only be able to choose modules from this list that are offered in Semester 1.
- ¹⁷ FR4101 Advanced Use of French (10 credits) may only be taken with the permission of the Head of the Department of French.

Examinations

Full details and regulations governing Examinations for each programme will be contained in the *Marks and Standards Book* and for each module in the *Book of Modules*.

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for BCL (Hons) (Clinical) (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Identify the primary and secondary sources of Irish law;
- Apply core legal skills of legal research, writing and advocacy;
- Understand and evaluate fundamental legal principles and concepts;
- Critically analyse the political, economic, social and ethical contexts in which laws are formulated;
- Identify and analyse the primary points at issue in decided case law;
- Apply the professional, organisational and interpersonal skills acquired to work effectively both independently and in a team context;
- Reflect on the relationship between academic law and law in practice through the lens of clinical experience.