

DIPLOMA IN LAW AND LEGAL ENGLISH

Overview

NFQ Level 7, Special Purpose Award

The Diploma in Law and Legal English is a one-year, full-time course. It is available only to students from partner Chinese universities, with whom University College Cork signs a bilateral agreement under Statute 263 of the National University of Ireland, who spend one year studying in University College Cork. Having studied for two years at a partner Chinese university, students will study for one year at University College Cork, taking the Diploma programme to the value of 60 credits.

The Diploma in Law and Legal English consists of core modules to the value of 45 credits and elective modules to the value of 15 credits. In order to be admitted to the University Examination in Law and Legal English, a student must have satisfactorily attended prescribed modules to the value of 60 credits.

Admission to Higher Degrees

Students who obtain a minimum grade equivalent to Second Class Honours Grade I in their bachelor's degree from their Chinese home university and a minimum of Second Class Honours Grade I in the Diploma in Law and Legal English are eligible to apply for admission to higher degrees offered by the School of Law.

Programme Requirements

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

Programme Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Students take 60 credits as follows – all listed core modules (45 credits) and 15 credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
LC2000	English Studies for International Students of Law	10
LC2001	Legal English Studies for International Students	10
LC2002	Academic Writing Skills	10
LW1001	Legal Writing	5
LW1104	Foundations of the Legal System	5
LW1162	Constitutional Law: Institutions of Government	5

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of 15 credits from lists A and B below, with a maximum of 5 of these credits being from List B.¹

List A

Students take modules to the value of 10 or 15 credits from the following:		
LW1107	Law of Torts II (5) ²	
LW1153	Criminal Law (10)	
LW1154	Law of Contract (10)	
LW2007	The Law of Evidence II (5) ³	
LW2102	Economic Law of the European Union (5)	
LW2208	Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (5)	
LW2216	Humanitarianism and the Law (5)	

LW2250	Property Law: Rights in the Land of Others (5)
LW2254	Commercial Law (10)
LW2264	Administrative Law: Grounds of Judicial Review (5)
LW2275	Family Law: Child Law (5)
LW3313	Employment Law: Rights Protection, Equality, Specific Categories of Employees (5)
LW3369	Income Tax Law (5)
LW3404	Medical Law and Ethics (5)
LW3405	Medical Law: Regulation of Healthcare (5)
<i>List B</i>	
Students may take a maximum of 5 credits from the following:	
LW1106	Law of Torts I (5) ⁴
LW1161	Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights (5)
LW2006	The Law of Evidence I (5) ⁵
LW2100	Constitutional and Institutional Law of the European Union (5)
LW2207	International Human Rights Law (5)
LW2249	Property Law: Ownership and Succession (5)
LW2263	Law of Public Administration (5)
LW2269	Privacy and Data Protection Law (5)
LW2276	Family Law: Family Relationships (5)
LW3312	Employment Law: Contracts, Termination, Collective Labour Law (5)
LW3316	Financial Services: Law and Regulation (5)
LW3368	Principles of Revenue Law (5)
LW3370	Sports Law (5)

Total Credits 60

¹ A student may not take any module from List B if they have chosen LW1153, or LW2254. Each student's module choices must be approved by the Programme Director.

² LW1106 is a corequisite

³ LW2006 is a corequisite

⁴ LW1107 is a corequisite

⁵ LW2007 is a corequisite

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 the Diploma in Law and Legal English (NFQ Level 7, Special Purpose Award)

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

- Evaluate primary and secondary legal materials including legislation, international instruments, case-law and academic commentary;
- Demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking;
- Engage with academic discourse on legal themes;
- Apply their knowledge of legal principles to hypothetical fact scenarios;
- Demonstrate advanced reading skills with a range of legal texts in English;

- Produce samples of effective academic writing in English using appropriate sentence structure, linking devices, paragraphing and with appropriate vocabulary;
- Communicate effectively in English on familiar and unfamiliar topics and initiate and respond appropriately in oral discourse.