

LLM (INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The LLM in International Human Rights Law and Public Policy is a full-time programme running for 12 months or a part-time programme running for 24 months from the date of first registration for the programme. A full-time candidate may not, during the currency of the LLM (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy), simultaneously pursue any other form of education training or employment, without the advance permission of the School of Law.

Submission of LLM Dissertation

The LLM dissertation must be submitted for examination at the Winter Board, on a date in September to be specified by the School of Law at the commencement of the programme.

Exit Awards

Postgraduate Certificate in International Law

Upon successful completion of taught modules to the value of 30 credits that meet the requirements of the Postgraduate Certificate in International Law (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcil/>), students may opt not to proceed with the programme and exit with a Postgraduate Certificate in International Law (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pcil/>) (NFQ Level 9, Minor Award).

Postgraduate Diploma in Law (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy)

Upon successful completion of taught modules to the value of 60 credits, registered LLM (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy) students may opt not to proceed with the programme and exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Law (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdlhr/>) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award).

Programme Requirements

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

Programme Requirements

Full-time: Students take 90 credits over one calendar year.

Part-time: Students take 90 credits over two calendar years, completing a total of 40 credits in Year 1 and 50 credits (including LW6659) in Year 2.

Code	Title	Credits
Students take 90 credits as follows – 60 credits of taught modules and 30 credits of research modules:		

Research Modules

Core Modules

Students take 30 credits as follows:

LW6652	Legal Research Methods and Writing	5
LW6659	LLM Dissertation	25

Taught Modules

Students take 60 credits as follows – all listed core modules (25 credits) and 35 credits of elective modules:^{1,2}

Core Modules

LW6606	International Human Rights Law	10
LW6633	Public International Law	5
LW6648	Human Rights Law in Practice (Clinic)	10

Elective Modules

Students take modules to the value of 35 credits from the following lists of elective modules - at least 30 credits must be chosen from List A and up to 5 credits may be chosen from List B:³

List A

Students take modules to the value of at least 30 credits from the following:

LW6544	Criminology: Core Theories, Context and Critique (10)
LW6560	Law of Cybercrime (10)
LW6566	Contemporary Issues in International Law (5)
LW6568	The Family and the Law (10)
LW6592	Mental Capacity Law (5)
LW6618	Climate Change Law and Policy (5)
LW6619	Alternative Dispute Resolution: Processes and Practice (5)
LW6623	Global Maritime Security (5)
LW6627	International Environmental Law (5)
LW6634	Refugee and Forced Displacement Law (10)
LW6655	Foundations of International Children's Rights (5)
LW6656	Contemporary Issues in Children's Rights (5)
LW6658	International Youth Justice (5)
PH6012	Human Rights (10)

List B

Students may take modules up to the value of 5 credits from the following:

LW2208	Law of the European Convention on Human Rights (5) ⁴
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Total Credits **90**

¹ It may be that not all modules listed will be offered each year and/or other options may become available.

² In order to ensure a reasonable distribution of workload, when choosing modules for all programmes, students should take a balance of credits between Semester 1 and Semester 2. Students who wish to deviate from this rule must seek permission from their Programme Director.

³ In certain cases, with the permission of the Programme Director, students may elect to take 5 credits from the modules available in the LLM (Taught) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llm/>) (other than those listed above) in substitution for 5 credits of elective modules.

⁴ Students may not choose an undergraduate module if they have already taken that module or equivalent subject matter at undergraduate level.

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 LLM (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Critically evaluate and analyse key concepts in International and European human rights law;
- Critically evaluate and analyse the conceptual and practical challenges that arise in the implementation and enforcement of human rights law;
- Analyse and evaluate the impact of International and European human rights law in selected areas of legal practice;
- Critically evaluate primary and secondary legal materials of relevance to International Human Rights Law and Public Policy including legislation, international legal instruments, case-law and academic commentary;
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving legal problems in International Human Rights Law;
- Demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking in relation to relevant legal issues;
- Connect changing values and sentiments in society with legal developments in respect of Human Rights Law;
- Formulate research questions and develop appropriate research methodologies;
- Undertake scholarly research exploring legal themes of relevance to Human Rights Law and Public Policy;
- Conduct research on a legal topic in the area of human rights and write a masters-level dissertation on that topic;
- Use information technology appropriately for high-level legal research and writing;
- Prepare and deliver presentations on legal topics;
- Express complex legal and/or policy analysis in an appropriate legal style, in accordance with legal writing standards.