

LLM (MARINE AND MARITIME LAW)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The degree of LLM (Marine and Maritime Law) is examined by a dissertation and prescribed assessments and examinations.

The LLM in Marine and Maritime Law 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 (Marine and Maritime Law), simultaneously pursue any other form of education, training or employment, without the advance permission of the School of Law.

Presentation of Dissertation/Submission Dates

The 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 Award

Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Marine and Maritime Law)

Upon successful completion of modules to the value of 60 credits, registered LLM (Marine and Maritime Law) students may opt not to proceed with the programme and exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Marine and Maritime Law) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/pdlmm/>) (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		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
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 (30 credits) and 30 credits of elective modules:		
<i>Core Modules</i>		
LW6620	Introduction to the Law of the Sea	10
LW6621	Admiralty Law	10
LW6645	Marine Environmental and Natural Resources Law	10
<i>Elective Modules</i>		

Students take modules to the value of **30** credits from the following lists of elective modules - at least **20** credits must be chosen from List A and up to **10** credits may be chosen from List B:

List A

Students take modules to the value of at least 20 credits from the following:	
LW6566	Contemporary Issues in International Law (5)
LW6581	Method in Environmental Law (5)
LW6606	International Human Rights Law (10)
LW6617	International Biodiversity and Ecosystems Law and Policy (5)
LW6618	Climate Change Law and Policy (5)
LW6619	Alternative Dispute Resolution: Processes and Practice (5)
LW6622	Sale, Insurance and Carriage of Goods at Sea (5)
LW6623	Global Maritime Security (5)
LW6624	Port Law (5)
LW6625	Law of the Sea (Clinical) (5) ¹
LW6627	International Environmental Law (5)
LW6633	Public International Law (5)
LW6644	Managing Complex Disputes (10)
LW6649	Environmental Law in Practice (10)

List B: Undergraduate Modules

Students may take modules up to the value of 10 credits from the following: ¹	
LW3371	Sources and Foundations of Environmental Law (5)
LW3372	Environmental Law: Contemporary Issues in Governance, Regulation and Enforcement (5)

Total Credits **90**

¹ Registration for these modules requires the permission of the Programme Director. Where appropriate, the Programme Director will identify, in consultation with the candidate, whether any undergraduate modules must be taken.

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 (Marine and Maritime Law) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Critically evaluate primary and secondary legal materials including legislation, case-law and academic commentary in the areas of Marine and Maritime Law;
- Identify and explore interconnections between legal topics, for example, and not limited to, Law of the Sea, Marine Environmental Law and Global Maritime Security;
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving legal problems, including in the context of clinics in Law of the Sea;
- Demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking in relation to key marine and maritime legal issues;

- Formulate research questions and develop appropriate research methodologies and research methods, in the light of critical issues in Marine and Maritime Law;
- Undertake independent scholarly legal research on legal questions and themes;
- Conduct research on a chosen legal topic and write a masters-level dissertation;
- Prepare and deliver presentations on legal topics;
- Use information technology appropriately for high-level legal research and writing;
- Express complex legal and/or policy issues pertaining to the marine and maritime sector in an appropriate legal style, in accordance with legal writing standards.