

LLM (RESEARCH)

Overview

NFQ Level 9, Major Award

The degree of LLM is examined either by a dissertation and prescribed assessments and examinations (LLM (Taught (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llm/>))) or alternatively, by a major thesis (LLM (Research)).

LLM (Research)

The LLM (Research) 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. In either case, such studies or research must be under such direction and supervision as may be approved by the School of Law. A full-time candidate may not, during the currency of the studies or research, simultaneously pursue any other form of education, training or employment, save with the advance permission of the School.

It is possible to register for an LLM (Research) in September, January, April or July of each year, therefore applications are accepted throughout the academic year, but, note, candidates are advised to contact the School of Law.

A candidate must complete a major thesis (90 credits). This must be of such quality and depth as to reflect the fact that it is the product of full time research and writing of one year's duration from the date of first registration (or two years part-time research and writing from the date of first registration). The major thesis will normally comprise approximately 40,000 words, excluding reasonable footnotes. A candidate may be required to submit to an oral or written examination on the matter of such thesis. Candidates may take the 5 credit module LW6004 Research Methods in Law for audit described under the heading Modules for Postgraduate Training (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/postgraduate/modules-postgraduate-training/>).

Presentation of LLM (Research) Thesis/Submission Dates

Candidate must submit his/her thesis in line with the general university requirements, information on which is available here (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/postgraduate/master/master-research/>).

Programme Learning Outcomes

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On successful completion of the programme students should be able to:

- Critically evaluate primary and secondary legal materials including legislation, case-law and academic commentary;
- Identify and explore interconnections between legal topics;
- Demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving legal problems;
- Demonstrate original, independent and critical thinking in relation to legal issues;
- Connect changing values and sentiments in society with legal developments;
- Formulate research questions and develop appropriate research methodologies and research methods;
- 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 in an appropriate legal style, in accordance with legal writing standards.