

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW (ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION)

Overview

The Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Alternative Dispute Resolution) is delivered over one academic year (9 months), full-time. On a part-time basis, it is delivered over 2 academic years. The programme is assessed through prescribed assessments and role-play simulations.

Progression: LLM (Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Graduates of the Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Alternative Dispute Resolution) will have the option of progressing to the LLM (Alternative Dispute Resolution) (<https://ucc-ie-public.courseleaf.com/programmes/llmadr/>).

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 **60** credits over one calendar year.

Part-time: Students take **60** credits over two calendar years, completing a total of **30/35** credits in Year 1 and **25/30** credits in Year 2.

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>		
LW6619	Alternative Dispute Resolution: Processes and Practice	5
LW6643	Negotiation and Mediation	10
LW6644	Managing Complex Disputes	10
LW6665	Advanced Mediation Theory and Skills	10
LW6666	Introduction to Conflict Resolution	5
LW6667	Children's Rights and Family Mediation Processes	5
<i>Elective Modules</i>		
Students take modules to the value of 15 credits from the following:		15
LW6107	Legal Aspects of Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare	
LW6507	Comparative Family Property Law	
LW6563	Child Protection Law	
LW6568	The Family and the Law	
LW6646	Business Law in Practice	
LW6657	Law and Policy of the EU Digital Market	
LW6660	Digital Finance and FinTech: Law and Regulation	
Total Credits		60

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 Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Alternative Dispute Resolution) (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

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

- Critically analyse the nature and purpose of different dispute resolution methods with particular reference to the civil justice system.
- Demonstrate an understanding of conflict analysis theories.
- Critically discuss and analyse key national and international legal instruments relevant to ADR practice.
- Analyse the relationship between forms of alternative dispute resolution and the courts.
- Critically evaluate the legal and policy context in which mediators and arbitrators operate, from a national and international perspective.
- Identify models of mediation and the principles that underpin them, in particular, facilitative mediation.
- Apply theory and knowledge and demonstrate practical skills in mediation and negotiation through exercises and role play.
- Conduct a facilitative mediation in the role of mediator and demonstrate the necessary skills required, while also being aware of the evaluative model envisaged under the Mediation Act 2017 (s8(4)).
- Synthesise theory and skills and reflect on personal practice and ongoing self-development as a mediator.