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WELCOME



At the School of Law at Queen's, we are committed to making a positive difference to society, locally, nationally and internationally. Our fantastic students are central to our mission. Their academic accomplishments are matched only by their enthusiasm to get involved in the School, University and local community, organising and making wide-ranging contributions to the vibrant clubs, societies and volunteering available at Queen's.

Students are taught by outstanding academics, whose research is often ground-breaking and at the forefront of their field. My colleagues regularly engage with policy-makers, legislators, third sector organisations, legal practitioners and wider society. Their research has a real world impact and importance, influencing the development of the law and public policy in areas as diverse as human rights, criminal justice, transitional justice, and commercial law.

The School has excellent relationships with employers in the legal profession and beyond. We partner with a wide range of legal sector organisations, who deliver programmes of real-world skills to all students and we are privileged to have a Judge in Residence programme through which a High Court Judge makes regular contributions with students to the wider academic life of the School. Our alumni community is spread across the globe and many are leaders in their chosen careers.

All of this happens in our home at the heart of Queen's beautiful and historic campus: a state-of-the-art Law building with superb teaching facilities, a moot court, study and social spaces.

The School is a member of the leading Russell Group of universities, and has been educating students for over 150 years. We are very proud of this heritage and the contribution we have made and continue to make to society. The School, the University and Belfast are a fantastic place to study Law.

I very much look forward to welcoming you.

Professor Joan Loughrey
Head of School

OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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- LLM Criminology and Criminal Justice
- LLM International Commercial and Business Law
- LLM International Human Rights Law
- LLM Intellectual Property Law
- LLM Law
- LLM Law and Technology
- MLaw Masters in Law
- PhD Law

LISTEN TO OUR WEEKLY LAWPOD WWW.LAWPOD.ORG

The podcast provides reflective commentary on current events, insights into the trending research being conducted within the School of Law, and a forum for staff and students to share ideas and learn from each other.

**LAW AT QUEEN'S IS
RANKED IN THE TOP 150
IN THE WORLD**

(QS World University Rankings 2023)

NINTH IN THE UK FOR LAW

(Complete University Guide 2023)

**EIGHTH IN THE UK FOR
RESEARCH IN LAW**

(Research Excellence Framework - REF 2021)

**TOP 10 IN UK FOR
GRADUATE PROSPECTS
FOR LAW**

(Complete University Guide 2023)

**NORTHERN IRELAND HAS
THE LOWEST STUDENT
COST OF LIVING IN THE UK**

(Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking 2021)

**MANY LEADING
INTERNATIONAL LAW
FIRMS HAVE OFFICES IN
BELFAST**

LLM CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding

PLACES

Approximately 35

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

This topical postgraduate degree programme in Criminology and Criminal Justice is taught by internationally-recognised scholars and researchers who offer students a wide introduction to the study of crime and criminal justice in contemporary society. Staff members have strong links with local criminal justice agencies and community organisations as well as extensive comparative and international expertise, providing for a unique student experience. Key research strengths of the teaching staff lie in the following areas: Community Safety and Crime Prevention; Policing; Prisoner Reintegration; Restorative Justice; Sex Offending; Victimology; Anti-Social Behaviour; Crime and the Life Course. The LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to appeal to prospective students with an academic or professional interest in criminology or criminal justice. It enables students to understand the motivations for offending as well as the practical operation of criminal justice and how the state responds to criminality and victimisation. This degree will be of considerable relevance and interest to those who are already employed in criminal justice-related work in fields such as legal practice, government and non-governmental organisations, as well as equipping those who have just completed undergraduate degrees to develop the knowledge and skills to pursue criminal justice-related careers or undertake advanced level study.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The LLM Criminology and Criminal Justice programme takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of crime and justice and draws on original staff research. Modules are rooted in relevant theoretical frameworks with a strong criminological focus and provide students with methodological training in addition to supporting the development of critical analysis and other transferable skills. Through the dissertation, students can explore a wide variety of criminological and criminal justice topics. Students are encouraged to develop a critical understanding of the criminal justice process and the



practical operation of criminal law in a domestic and comparative context, and are given the opportunity to explore in-depth a particular criminological or criminal justice-related issue through the submission of a dissertation.

Compulsory modules

- Theoretical Criminology
- Controlling Crime
- Criminal Justice Processes
- Dissertation (Max 15,000 words)
- Students who secure a work placement of at least 8 weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including 12,000 word Dissertation and 3,000 word reflective journal of the learning experience

Optional modules

- Policing and Crime Prevention
- Counter-Terrorism in Human Rights
- Youth Justice
- Social Injustice
- Restorative Justice
- Crimes of the Powerful

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Criminology Methods 1
- Criminology Methods 2

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice programme is international in focus and taught by leading academics and practitioners in the field. The School of Law houses the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice (ICCJ), which has strong connections to civil society organisations, criminal justice bodies and agencies, and international institutions and networks. The ICCJ organises an active, annual speaker and conference series, with talks by academics and practitioners.

- Students undertaking the LLM are encouraged to participate in the British Society of Criminology Regional Group that hosts themed seminars and visiting speakers.
- This LLM provides an excellent grounding for those students who want a career in the police, prison service or in some other area that requires specialist criminal justice knowledge and expertise. For example, many NGOs assist those adults and young people serving custodial sentences, while other NGOs deal with victims' rights and alternatives to custody.
- Some Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates use this degree as a base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which may in turn lead to an academic career. The School of Law has an enviable reputation for placing students on PhD programmes.

LLM

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS LAW

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PLACES

Approximately 50

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The LLM International Commercial and Business Law is designed as a research-led programme for graduates from law and related disciplines who aim to specialise in commercial law, international trade and cross-border business transactions from a socio-legal perspective. It will help students understand and master the highly dynamic and complex legal and regulatory regimes governing international business and the global economy. If students aim for a career in corporate, financial or commercial law, our programme will equip them with solid knowledge and an advanced understanding of the key principles, rules and practices in areas such as corporate governance, corporate law, competition law, financial law, and trade law. With support from leading academics throughout this LLM, students will be able to develop a broad set of relevant skills that will allow them to contribute to legal problem solving in key areas of commercial and business law.

Thanks to our diverse staff and student body students will have a unique opportunity to meet lecturers and peers with different experiences and backgrounds, enabling them to expand their own perspective and understanding further. In previous years students have joined the programme from both the UK and around the world, significantly contributing to the discussions in class and group work.

The School's world-leading academics specialise in a range of relevant areas, including:

- International and Transnational Commercial Law, including international commercial and financial transactions, Conflicts of Law/Public International Law, harmonisation and regionalisation of commercial law, and commercial litigation and arbitration
- International Competition Law, including European and Comparative Competition Law



- International Trade Law, including World Trade Organisation Law, international economic law, dispute settlement, and regional and national trade laws and policies
- Legal Aspects of Innovation and New Technologies, including blockchain and smart contracts
- Corporate Governance and Compliance, including comparative corporate governance and corporate social responsibility
- International Financial Regulation, including regulatory changes in the aftermaths of the East-Asian Financial Crisis and the Global Financial Crisis, regulating finance in key jurisdictions and in global financial centres and tax havens, deepening financial integration and financial fragmentation, the role of law and technology in finance, and the transition to sustainable and digital finance

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic.

Compulsory modules

- Comparative Competition Law
- Issues in International Commercial Law
- World Trade Law
- Dissertation (Max 15,000 words)
- Students who secure a work placement of at least 8 weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including 12,000 word Dissertation and 3,000 word reflective journal of the learning experience

Optional modules

- Business and Human Rights*
- International Financial Law
- Governing the Firm
- UK Trade Law and Policy
- Corporate Environmental Law
- Copyright in the Digital Environment

Compulsory methodology module

- Approaches to Legal Research

Mini optional modules

- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students
- Data, Privacy and the Law
- Regulating Data Communications

*Note: students who take the module 'Business and Human Rights' may graduate with the award of LLM in International Corporate Governance.

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The Law School and its academic staff are highly connected with institutions outside the higher education sector, enabling us to provide a programme that is vastly relevant for real-world problem solving. We have had cooperation with and inputs to our programme from the UN Conference on Trade and Development, competition authorities across multiple jurisdictions, the international competition network, local and national business law firms, the European Commission, the NI Department for the Economy, and the Bank of England.
- Integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally. Law was ranked top 10 in the UK for graduate prospects (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022). Northern Ireland had in recent years the most dynamic inflow of foreign investment in the UK and has become a key UK hub for legal and financial firms, including fintech firms.
- Building on the unique research experience and knowledge of staff allows students to gain state-of-the-art insights into the key issues and discussions about socio-legal challenges and solutions related to international business and commerce

LLM INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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PLACES

Approximately 35

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The protection of human rights at the international and national levels is a relatively new branch of law. There has been a huge growth in the number and variety of human rights standards set out in international treaties, in national constitutions, and in other so-called 'soft law' documents. These standards are not always fully implemented and the mechanisms for trying to get them implemented are sometimes defective.

This LLM provides students with an opportunity to gain an in-depth appreciation of global human rights standards and the interrelationship between international standards and national practice. In particular, we consider ways in which human rights could be protected more effectively so that human beings everywhere can realise their full human dignity. The School has more than 25 years' experience in delivering the LLM in Human Rights Law.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. The School constantly reviews and revises what it offers as part of this degree, changing content to reflect the human rights issues that are currently most prominent.

Compulsory modules

- Human Rights in Practice
- International Human Rights Law
- Transitional Justice
- Dissertation (Max 15,000 words)
- Students who secure a work placement of at least 8 weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including 12,000 word Dissertation and 3,000 word reflective journal of the learning experience

Optional modules

- Corporate Environmental Law
- Social Injustice
- Business and Human Rights
- Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights
- Comparative Human Rights
- Climate, Justice and Human Rights
- Advanced Issues in Medical Law and Ethics

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Theories of Human Rights
- Crimes of the Powerful
- Restorative Justice

Human rights research and teaching has been carried out in the School since 1990. In addition to teaching, there is also a thriving Human Rights Centre at Queen's. The Centre has strong links with civil society organisations, statutory human

rights bodies and international human rights institutions and networks, and organises a speaker series and a number of conferences annually. It participates in the Association of Human Rights Institutes and is involved from time to time in the Venice-based Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation. There are extensive links with universities worldwide.

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The School can co-ordinate field visits to institutions dedicated to human rights issues in Belfast, e.g. NI Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.
- The School has strong contacts with local NGOs and other human rights institutions and can assist students with internship/voluntary work.

- Students are taught by world-renowned academics connected to international, national and regional human rights networks and advocacy. Both staff and students are shaping global and local human rights agendas.
- Graduates have found jobs in the UN, the EU and the Council of Europe, as well as statutory bodies and a wide range of international and national NGOs. Others have found the LLM to constitute an extremely valuable addition to their work as legal professionals. Furthermore, this Master's provides an excellent base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which in turn may lead on to an academic career.



LLM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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PLACES

Approximately 25

DURATION

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The LLM in Intellectual Property Law delivered within the School of Law is an innovative programme that offers a unique focus on the intersection of globalisation, creative industries, health and life sciences, new technological challenges, and fundamental rights in the field of intellectual property law. The programme will provide students with a general overview of IP law through core modules and a flexible structure, which allows students to tailor their studies to their specific interests and career goals with three major tracks, including IP and global trade, IP and digital tech, global innovation, and public interest. The programme provides a global perspective on the legal issues involved in protecting and promoting intellectual property rights, as well as an in-depth exploration of the ways in which these rights intersect with technological challenges, competing fundamental rights, and IP social function.

Through a combination of coursework, seminars, and practical training opportunities, students in this programme will develop a deep understanding of the legal principles and issues involved in protecting and promoting intellectual property rights in a global context.

This programme is an excellent base for students who wish to find employment as an in-house legal specialist in the high-tech, life science and creative industries or as an IP litigator, patent lawyer, trademark attorney, or licensing executive, among other roles. Students may also work in the public sector, advising government agencies on intellectual property law matters or working for non-governmental and inter-governmental organisations focused on intellectual property issues. A broad understanding and an ability to think critically about the field that this programme provides, can also be a great advantage for students who wish to pursue a doctoral degree and a future academic career.



CONTENT

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic.

The programme focuses on problem-solving skills that will provide students with the necessary tools to understand how the traditional IP framework should meet unprecedented challenges.

Compulsory modules

- Foundations of IP Law: Theory, Economics and Policy
- Global IP Law, Trade and Technology
- Intellectual Property and Creative Industries: Copyright, Designs and Trademarks
- Innovation and Creativity Clinic: project-based learning
- Approaches to Legal Research
- Dissertation (Maximum 15,000 words) (Students who secure a summer work placement of at least eight weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including a 12,000-word dissertation and 3,000-word reflective journal of the learning experience)

Optional modules

- Global Health, Biotech, and Patent Law
- Intellectual Property, Green Economy, and Sustainability
- Artificial Intelligence, Intellectual Property, and the Law
- Metaverse Law: Copyright, Trademarks, and Immersive Technologies
- Platform Regulation: IP Enforcement and Content Moderation
- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students
- Advanced International Trade Law and Policy
- Business and Human Rights

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

CAREERS / FURTHER STUDY

This employer-focused programme places employability skills at the core of the student experience (including problem-based learning and leadership modules), introducing students to the interplay of and interfaces between IP law, creative industries, health and life sciences, technological development and global public interest policy challenges.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme aims at providing participants with a broad knowledge of intellectual property law and up-to-date understanding of emerging cutting-edge issues from a multi-jurisdictional global perspective.

The LLM in IP Law covers a wide range of legal topics, including copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. These legal concepts are relevant in many different industries, including high-tech, health and life science, media, fashion, and more. As a result, graduates of an LLM in the IP Law programme have a wide range of job opportunities available to them in various industries and countries around the world (i.e., as an in-house legal specialist, IP litigator, patent lawyer, trademark attorney, or licensing executive). They may also work in the public sector, advising government agencies on intellectual property law matters or working for non-governmental organisations focused on intellectual property issues.

“As the lead designer of the new LLM in Intellectual Property Law, I am thrilled to see the programme come to fruition. It is an innovative programme that combines a rigorous curriculum with a focus on globalisation, creative industries, new technological challenges, and fundamental rights. The programme is designed to provide students with a career-oriented deep understanding of the legal issues involved in protecting and promoting intellectual property rights and to consider the ways in which these rights intersect with other important public interest goals and values.”

Professor Giancarlo Frosio,
Chair in Intellectual Property
and Technology Law

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PLACES

Approximately 45

DURATION

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TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The LLM Law provides ambitious graduates with a highly flexible approach to advanced legal studies, focused on the School of Law's specialisms in Criminal Justice, European Law, Public and Environmental Governance, Human Rights and International Business.

The programme reflects the School's global orientation and its culture of critical enquiry and as such we encourage students to devise the pathway that best suits their scholarly interests and career ambitions.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. Students can choose from the wide range of modules available on any of the School's LLM programmes. Some sample modules are listed below.

Optional modules

- International Human Rights Law
- Human Rights in Practice
- Theoretical Criminology
- Criminal Justice Processes
- Governing the Firm
- Issues in International Commercial Law
- World Trade Law
- Controlling Crime
- Transitional Justice
- Law and the Challenges of Technology
- Regulating Innovation
- Business and Human Rights
- Policing and Crime Prevention
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- UK Trade Law and Policy
- Corporate Environmental Law
- Copyright in the Digital Environment
- Crimes of the Powerful
- Restorative Justice
- Artificial Intelligence and the Law

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research

Optional mini modules

- Theories of Human Rights
- Criminal Justice and Criminology Methods
- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students
- Data, Privacy and the Law
- Regulating Digital Communication

Dissertation

- Max 15,000 words
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ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The Law LLM offers students the opportunity to combine an internship or work placement with the dissertation.
- Given the broad range of topics covered in this LLM, successful completion of the programme will open a wide range of career opportunities to its graduates. This Master's also provides an excellent base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which in turn may lead on to an academic career.



LLM LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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PLACES

Approximately 25

DURATION

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

This innovative and employment-focused programme draws on the School of Law's substantial experience in technology, e-governance and innovation, in terms of law's role in regulating technology and technology's role in transforming governance and legal practice. The programme combines advanced teaching in law and technology with a problem-solving ethos that addresses the key questions facing law and technology today. The programme introduces students both to the legal regulation of technology and to the growing impact of technological change on legal practice.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. The programme aims to prepare graduates for work in global business and legal practice through its focus on client-facing problem-solving, on employability and on practical skills.

Compulsory modules

- Law and the Challenges of Technology
- Regulating Innovation
- Law and Technology: project based learning*
- Dissertation (Max 15,000 words)
- Students who secure a work placement of at least 8 weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including 12,000 word Dissertation and 3,000 word reflective journal of the learning experience
- Computational methods and skills*
- Approaches to Legal Research*

Optional modules

- International Financial Law
- Business and Human Rights
- Advanced Issues in Medical Law and Ethics
- Copyright in the Digital Environment
- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students*
- Data, Privacy and the Law*
- Regulating digital communications*
- Artificial Intelligence and the Law

* Mini modules



ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

CAREERS / FURTHER STUDY

This employer focused programme places employability skills at the core of the student experience (including problem based learning and leadership modules), introducing students to the interplay of and interfaces between law and technology.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme will equip students with a thorough understanding of key questions regarding the regulation and governance of technologies, set in the context of computational, leadership, and project management skills.

Students will possess a deep appreciation of matters in the regulation of technology, borne from both classroom and project based experience. Students will develop a sophisticated sense of how technology interacts with law, but also a sense of how law and technology are operationalised in legal practice.

“This innovative programme is designed to prepare you for a career on the interface of legal practice and technology. With employability embedded in the curriculum, graduates will be familiar both with the legal regulation of technology and with technology's effects on the practice of law.”

Dr. Ciarán O'Kelly,
Programme Co-ordinator

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MLAW

MASTERS IN LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a discipline other than Law.

Exemption from these requirements may be considered for those applicants who:

- Hold a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University)

OR

- Hold 2.2 Honours degree in a discipline other than Law (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) together with 2 years' relevant professional experience.

Admission under the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be considered for this course. The University's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy provides guidance on the assessment of experiential learning. Please visit go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For information on international qualification equivalents, please check the specific information for your country.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of an IELTS* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required.

*Taken within the last 2 years.

International students wishing to apply to Queen's University Belfast (and for whom English is not their first language), must be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English in order to benefit fully from their course of study or research. Non-EEA nationals must also satisfy UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes.

For more information on English language requirements for EEA and non-EEA nationals see: www.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs

FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI) £8,480
Republic of Ireland (ROI) £8,480
England, Scotland or Wales (GB) £9,860
EU Other £20,800
International £20,800

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PLACES

Approximately 45

DURATION

2 years full-time
4 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon (teaching can be between Mon-Fri)

OVERVIEW

The MLaw is designed for UK non-law graduates, and for law and non-law graduates from other countries who wish to acquire a thorough grounding in UK law. The specially devised curriculum builds on the fact that students have already benefited from a university level education by enabling them to acquire a qualifying law degree in 2 years, rather than the 3 years it would normally take to obtain an LLB. The degree offers the highest quality of teaching, delivered through weekly seminars.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MLaw is offered on a modular basis. To complete the degree a total of 300 CATS points must be obtained. Twelve modules (20 CATS each) must be taken and a dissertation (60 CATS) must be completed. The structure is as follows:

Year 1

- Constitutional Law in Context
- Criminal Law
- European Constitutional Law
- European Internal Market Law
- Legal Methods and Skills
- Administrative Law

Year 2

- Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Contract Law
- Equity
- Evidence
- Land Law
- Torts
- Dissertation

ASSESSMENT

Primarily assessed by coursework (eg: assignments, take-home exams, MCQs and presentations). In addition, students must also complete a max 15,000 word dissertation, supervised by a member of academic staff with a research interest in the chosen topic. Students who secure a work placement of at least 8 weeks can complete a Dissertation in Practice module including 12,000 word Dissertation and 3,000 word reflective journal of the learning experience

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The MLaw is recognised by the Law Society and the Bar Council as a qualifying Law degree for practice in Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Students hoping to practise in another jurisdiction should contact that jurisdiction's regulatory body.

- This Master's programme is particularly attractive for those who wish to enter the legal profession, for whom it is an alternative to a graduate level CPE/GDL programme. By spreading study over 2 years of intensive postgraduate-level work, students gain a greater depth of understanding than is possible in one-year CPE programmes.

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PhD LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

An Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline, plus a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) with an average above 60%.

Applicants with an Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline who are currently studying a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) will also be considered.

Applicants with an Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline plus evidence of ability to conduct independent and original research will be considered on a case by case basis.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of an IELTS score, within the last two years, of 7.0 or above overall, with not less than 6.5 in any component. Equivalent English language qualifications acceptable to the University will be considered.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI) £8,150
Republic of Ireland (ROI) £8,150
England, Scotland or Wales (GB) £8,970
EU Other £19,700
International £19,700

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FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Law welcomes applications both from students in receipt of a scholarship and from those who wish to self-fund.

Each year a number of scholarships are normally funded by Northern Ireland's Department for the Economy (DfE), and by both the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) through Queen's membership in consortia with other leading UK universities.

The deadline for applications for these scholarships is usually in the January before September intake. In the Autumn of each year, both the School of Law and the wider University host workshops designed to assist candidates in preparing quality scholarship applications.

OVERVIEW

The School of Law at Queen's has a long and distinguished record of achievement in both education and research. Widely seen as one of the leading centres of legal research in the UK, our expertise ranges across both doctrinal and socio-legal work, and includes fields stretching from governance, property law and intellectual property, to human rights, European law, and criminology and criminal justice.

Graduate studies, including postgraduate research, are at the forefront of Queen's vision. The £20million investment in a new School of Law building has created excellent facilities for postgraduate researchers, with access to Queen's Graduate School just minutes away.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

A PhD is awarded for original research in a topic chosen by the student. PhD studies may be undertaken on a full-time (three years) or part-time (six years) basis. Research students are appointed a primary and secondary supervisor who will guide them through their research. This independent research is complemented by programmes of training, provided both by the School of Law and by Queen's Graduate School, which is housed in a beautiful converted building just minutes from the entrance to the new School of Law building.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- The School is home to internationally renowned research centres, including in human rights. Our faculty also play important roles in interdisciplinary University initiatives, such as the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice.
- The School has an international community of postgraduate researchers. Topics studied by students are also truly international in scope and reflect a broad range of interests.
- The School offers bespoke training, complementing the Researcher Development Programme offered by Queen's Graduate School.
- The School offers funding to support fieldwork and attendance at summer schools and conferences.
- The School has a long and distinguished pedigree of placing PhD students into academic careers in all parts of the globe. Recent PhD graduates have taken up academic appointments in Europe, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United States and Canada, as well as in the UK and Ireland.

“My doctoral experience so far has been a brilliant one. I have met people from diverse backgrounds who have been kind and friendly, offering a helping hand when needed.”

Nkem Itanyi,
PhD candidate,
Nigeria



ABOUT QUEEN'S



LAW SCHOOL

Opened in September 2016, Queen's has spent £20million on providing a state-of-the-art facility for its Law students.

The building is located in the heart of the campus, next door to the Graduate School and the Peter Froggatt Teaching Centre. The building is not designed to be just a place where a Law degree is earned. It has been conceived as a flexible space, shared between staff and students at all levels from Undergraduate to Master's and PhD.

Staff and students are able to meet both formally and informally to share and exchange ideas and knowledge. The School of Law building offers genuine world-class facilities for learning and research, including a fully featured Moot Court room and One Button Studio. The One Button Studio is a high-spec recording studio that gives students the facility to record, review, edit and critically analyse their own presence on camera, and to receive feedback from peers and lecturers.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our teaching quality is recognised as being of the highest standard. Queen's students are taught by academics who are informed by the latest discoveries in their fields. The University has won five Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Further and Higher Education, for world-class achievement in green chemistry, environmental research, palaeoecology, law and for Northern Ireland's Comprehensive Cancer Services (CCS) programme.

The latest UK Research Excellence Framework 2021 confirmed our place as a world-leading university. The results demonstrated our research excellence across a range of disciplines, putting us in the top 20 per cent of all UK universities.

The School of Law was ranked 8th in the UK for research activity.

ONE OF THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

Law at Queen's has been ranked in the top 150 in the world, confirming our position as a leading research-intensive University.

Our dynamic curriculum is attuned to the needs of students and employers and underpins our place in the top 20 for graduate employment in the UK.

WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

Queen's has one of the most modern campuses in the UK, including the award winning McClay Library, one of the finest libraries in the world and home to 1.2 million volumes and 2,000 reader places. Other highlights include our new-look Students' Union, and the state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre – used as a training camp for the 2012 Olympics. Queen's Elms Student Village or the city centre accommodation (Elms BT1 and Elms BT2) are located within easy walking distance of the University.

“LawPod is the School of Law’s vibrant podcast. As a co-curricular activity, students can get involved and produce their own episodes, learning key transferable skills in research, teamwork, forward-planning, communication, as well as technical skills in production and editing. Students have the opportunity to meet and record episodes with high profile legal practitioners and academics. PhD students can platform their research via the LawPod’s PhD series.”

Dr. Lauren Dempster,
School of Law





ABOUT BELFAST AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast is one of Europe's most hip, vibrant and affordable cities, lauded for its energy, and rich in culture and history. The University's stunning campus is within Belfast's Queen's Quarter, with cafés, bars, restaurants, superb shopping and entertainment venues. (Complete University Guide 2022)

- Great entertainment and nights out; a buzzing arts and social scene from festivals, theatre and international events to historic pubs, stylish bars and brilliant shopping.
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe are within easy reach with accessible airport and transport links to most major cities.
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains.
- Belfast is the safest region in the UK (UK British Crime Surveys 2019/20).
- Northern Ireland is the happiest place to live in the UK (Lloyds Bank Happiness Index 2020).
- Belfast has the lowest student rent in the UK (Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking 2021).
- Many global law firms have offices in Belfast such as Allen & Overy, Herbert Smith Freehills, Eversheds Sutherland, Fieldfisher, and Arthur Cox.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The School's Human Rights Centre offers students a unique opportunity to engage with NGOs and Human Rights agencies and institutions across the globe. The School has a vibrant postgraduate community with a student-led research network.

A GLOBAL REACH

Legal studies at Queen's has national as well as international dimensions. Beyond the UK and Ireland, we have active relationships and study partnerships with many leading Law Schools overseas, in Australia, Canada, China, France, Spain, South Africa, India, Latin America and the United States.

Through these connections, high-achieving students have opportunities to study abroad for a semester or even longer, depending on their particular study pathway. Our alumni have gone on to successful jobs across the UK, Ireland, and internationally, including North America, South East Asia and Europe.

TRAVELLING TO BELFAST

By air

Most major UK cities are within an hour's flying time from Belfast's two airports. Competition between budget airlines has been responsible in recent years for a dramatic reduction in fares. There are dozens of flights a day to and from London and other destinations in Great Britain and beyond - at student-friendly prices.

By sea

Fast ferry services from Belfast make multiple daily crossings to ports in Scotland and England.



BELFAST AND THE CAUSEWAY COAST NAMED THE NUMBER ONE REGION IN THE WORLD TO VISIT
(Lonely Planet 2018)



NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE HAPPIEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE UK
(Lloyds Bank Happiness Index 2020)



BELFAST HAS THE LOWEST COST OF LIVING IN THE UK
(Mercer Cost of Living City Ranking 2021)



MOURNE MOUNTAINS



'ECLECTIC MURALS, LIVELY MUSIC SCENE AND FRIENDLY COMMUNITY'
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2021)



TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM WORLD'S BEST VISITOR ATTRACTION
(World Travel Awards 2016)



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