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## **Ireland Fellows Programme – Casement Fellowship in Human Rights**

2023-2024 Directory of Eligible Postgraduate  
Programmes in Irish Higher Education  
Institutions

# Important Information for Applicants

## ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

This directory should be read alongside the guidance notes and the programme application form. These notes explain the application process and you are advised to study them carefully.

On your application form, you are required to identify the *specific* postgraduate programme(s) in order of preference, which you are interested in undertaking, based on the information in this directory and the latest details provided by the relevant institution. You should not rely solely on the information in this document, as the information about programmes provided by institutions at the time of publishing this directory may be subject to change. **Before preparing or submitting an application, you are advised to check all details with the online information provided by the college. You should particularly ensure that you meet all eligibility requirements for the selected programme(s).** It is also important that you research the institution(s) you propose to study at to ensure that it is a good fit for you and will meet your expectations.

Information on making a programme application will be provided to candidates shortlisted by the Embassy of Ireland in March 2022. **Fellowship applicants are advised NOT to apply for any programmes in Ireland until after they have been shortlisted for a Fellowship award following interviews (Stage 3).** Please note that application fees will be paid by the Department of Foreign Affairs for *shortlisted candidates only*. Reimbursements will not be made where a shortlisted candidate applies for a programme before being formally approved by the Embassy of Ireland to do so.

## PROGRAMME SELECTION

You must select programmes from this directory that align with your academic and professional experience. Furthermore, to maximise your chances of receiving a course place offer if shortlisted by the Ireland Fellows Programme, applicants are strongly advised to select three programmes at three different institutions.

All shortlisted candidates after Stage 3 will be invited to apply to two of the programmes in Ireland that they have listed on their application form. Where possible, priority will be given to the top 2 programmes listed. It is very important to carefully consider the order in which you list the programmes on your application form. In the case of more than one offer being received from their programme choices, all candidates will be required, for logistical reasons, to accept the programme which they have ranked highest within their application. It is therefore very important to carefully consider the order in which you list the programmes on your application form.

## WEB ADDRESSES

Throughout the listings, many long web addresses for programme information have been shortened, for example: [www.bit.ly/qEdRCn](http://www.bit.ly/qEdRCn). This format allows for easier transcription, if required. Any capitalisation should be noted accurately as these shortened addresses are case-sensitive. While every effort has been taken to ensure all website links work, these links may change after the publication of the directory, but all programmes can be found by going directly to the institution's website.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Irish higher education institutions require a high standard of English language proficiency and this must be formally certified, normally through the International English Language Testing System (IELTS - [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)). IELTS examines competency in English language across reading, writing, speaking and listening and is necessary for admission to all Irish HEIs.

While we have made every effort to identify the IELTS score requirement for each score in this directory, applicants are asked to please check the programme webpage or contact the college directly to confirm the IELTS requirements for any programme(s) they are considering applying to.

## **PROGRAMMES THAT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS**

Some of the programmes included in this directory include the option of a fieldtrip abroad. It is important to note when selecting programmes that the Ireland Fellows Programme does not provide funding for participation in optional international fieldtrips.

**KEY TO IRISH UNIVERSITIES, TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES WITH LISTED PROGRAMMES**

<b>ATU</b>	<b>Atlantic Technological University</b>	Galway/Sligo/Letterkenny	<a href="http://www.atu.ie">www.atu.ie</a>
<b>DBS</b>	<b>Dublin Business School</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.dbs.ie">www.dbs.ie</a>
<b>DCU</b>	<b>Dublin City University</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.dcu.ie">www.dcu.ie</a>
<b>GC</b>	<b>Griffith College</b>	Dublin/Cork/Limerick	<a href="http://www.griffith.ie">www.griffith.ie</a>
<b>MIC</b>	<b>Mary Immaculate College</b>	Limerick	<a href="http://www.mic.ie">www.mic.ie</a>
<b>MTU</b>	<b>Munster Technological University</b>	Cork/Kerry	<a href="http://www.mtu.ie">www.mtu.ie</a>
<b>MU</b>	<b>Maynooth University</b>	near Dublin	<a href="http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie">www.maynoothuniversity.ie</a>
<b>NCAD</b>	<b>National College of Art and Design</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.ncad.ie">www.ncad.ie</a>
<b>NCI</b>	<b>National College of Ireland</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.ncirl.ie">www.ncirl.ie</a>
<b>NUIG</b>	<b>National University of Ireland, Galway</b>	Galway/Clare	<a href="http://www.nuigalway.ie">www.nuigalway.ie</a>
<b>RCSI</b>	<b>Royal College of Surgeons University of Medicine and Health Sciences</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.rcsi.ie/dublin">www.rcsi.ie/dublin</a>
<b>SAC</b>	<b>St. Angela's College</b>	Sligo	<a href="http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie">www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie</a>
<b>SETU</b>	<b>South East Technological University</b>	Waterford/Carlow/ Wexford	<a href="http://www.setu.ie">www.setu.ie</a>
<b>TCD</b>	<b>Trinity College Dublin</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.tcd.ie">www.tcd.ie</a>
<b>TUD</b>	<b>Technological University Dublin</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.tudublin.ie">www.tudublin.ie</a>
<b>TUS</b>	<b>Technological University of the Shannon</b>	Athlone/Limerick	<a href="http://www.tus.ie">www.tus.ie</a>
<b>UCC</b>	<b>University College Cork</b>	Cork	<a href="http://www.ucc.ie">www.ucc.ie</a>
<b>UCD</b>	<b>University College Dublin UCD Michael Smurfit Business School</b>	Dublin	<a href="http://www.ucd.ie">www.ucd.ie</a> <a href="http://www.smurfitschool.ie">www.smurfitschool.ie</a>
<b>UL</b>	<b>University of Limerick</b>	Limerick	<a href="http://www.ul.ie">www.ul.ie</a>

# Map of Ireland

The cities and towns with universities, institutes of technology and colleges that are included in this directory are **highlighted** below (for a listing of the institutions, please see p iii)



## LIST OF PROGRAMMES ELIGIBLE FOR STUDY

1	MSc in Human Rights	UCD
2	MSc in Humanitarian Action	UCD
3	MPhil in Race, Ethnicity and Conflict	TCD
4	MA in Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies	UCD
5	MA in Refugee Integration	DCU
6	LLM in International and Comparative Law	TCD
7	LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy	NUIG
8	LLM in International Human Rights	NUIG
9	LLM in International Human Rights	UCD
10	LLM in International Human Rights and Public Policy	UCC
11	LLM/MA in Human Rights in Criminal Justice	UL
12	LLM in International Justice	MU
13	LLM in Global Legal Studies	MU
14	LLM in International Migration and Refugee Law and Policy	NUIG
15	LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict	NUIG
16	MSc in Disability	UCD
17	MSocSc in Rights and Social Policy	MU
18	MSc in Equality Studies	UCD
19	MA in Gender Studies	UCD
20	MPhil in Gender and Women's Studies	TCD
21	MA in Women's Studies	UCC
22	MA in Gender, Sexuality and Culture	UCD

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The MSc in Human Rights is a one-year intensive programme that prepares you for a career in human rights research, policy or advocacy in international organisations, governmental and non-governmental bodies, or academia. You will explore the theory, politics and law of human rights and examine the mechanisms and limitations of national and international action to protect human rights.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Human Rights Law and Equality; Theory of Human Rights; Politics of Human Rights; Research Design. Options – Asylum and Refugee: Law, Politics and Rights; Human Rights Practice; Theories of International Relations; Politics of Development; International Political Theory; Comparative Public Policy; International Political Economy, Comparative European Politics; EU Foreign, Security, and Defence Pol.; Politics of European Governance; The Global Political Economy of Europe; Gender & the Political System; Quantitative Text Analysis; International Security; Politics of (Mis-)Information; Internship; Thesis.

**Admission Requirements:** A primary degree with at least Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2H1) in a relevant subject such as political science, international relations, social science, sociology, history, geography, economics, global studies, public policy, development studies, EU studies, law. 2H1 is equivalent to 60 per cent, B minus or 3.08 GPA - in American system: B or 3.00 GPA.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <http://bit.ly/2tgSzKw>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The programme aims to provide students with a broad foundation in the area of international humanitarian action, in which both critical thinking and research skills are emphasised. The goal is to deliver high level, committed, interdisciplinary trained personnel who can function with enhanced professionalism in the broad field of humanitarian relief, and are informed by their theoretical insights and humanitarian principles. The programme design integrates professional and research orientation that is intended to bridge the gap between academic research and the humanitarian work-field. The programme supports students to build suitable networks for research and internships.

**Indicative Content:** Evidence-based Community Resilience: Linking Localisation and Humanitarian Management; Addressing GBV in Emergencies; Legal Dimensions of HA; World Politics and HA; Social Anthropology; Public Health; Management in HA; Intensive Programme; Minor Thesis.

**Admission Requirements:** A minimum 2:2 Honour's degree, or international equivalent, in a cognate subject. Practical experience in the area of humanitarian action and / or development is valued.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3hYBTBp>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

### 3 MPhil in Race, Ethnicity and Conflict

TCD

**Study Location:** Trinity College Dublin

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Overview:** This one-year postgraduate course examines the techniques used by states and international agencies to manage peoples and conflict, their social and cultural impact and the responses they elicit. It applies a wide variety of sociological theories to racialization, gender, migration, ethnic conflict and peace-making. Students are taught to complete an independent research project on these issues. The emphasis is on small group teaching and one-to-one support in the preparation of your research-based dissertation. Course content focuses on Ireland, Europe, the US, and the Middle East and covers topics such as theories of race ethnicity, and conflict as well as modules on statelessness and forced migration; identity; conflict zones; migration, labour and conflict; racism and resistance; and gender and race.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Theories of Race & Ethnicity; Research Methods; Theories of Conflict; Dissertation. Options – Racism and Resistance; Statelessness and Forced Migration; Conflict Zones: Case Studies; Gender and Race; Labour, Migration and Conflict; Questions of Identity in Europe.

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates should have an Honours Bachelor degree (preferably upper-second class honours or equivalent, GPA of at least 3.2) in one of the social sciences or a degree that includes social science as a component. However, consideration will also be given to applicants with other relevant academic qualifications, work experience in the fields of population movement or conflict and/or publications that demonstrate analytical skills.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2LOiynB>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

### 4 MA in Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies

UCD

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** This MA in Race, Migration and Decolonial Studies programme examines the global historical legacies and entanglements of colonialism, imperialism, and neoliberalism as they underpin these and other contemporary injustices exacted upon the vulnerable, the precarious, the stigmatised. In the tradition of black feminist, critical race and decolonial perspectives, the theories and practices of scholars, cultural workers and activists of colour and other 'others' constitute central components of its pedagogy. There are exciting opportunities for students in a wide and dynamic range of professions including careers in: Media and Public



Relations; Policy Analysis and Service Provision; Social, Community and Youth Development; Politics and Civil Society; and in Cultural and Creative Industries.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Critical Race & Decolonial Theory; Workshop in Qualitative Research; Dissertation. Options – Gender and Sexuality in Theory and Representation; Queer Frictions: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Literature & Culture; Human Rights Law and Equality; Feminist Media Studies; Latin America: Social Movements and Postcolonial Approaches; Critical Geographies: Spatialising Power and Inequalities; Space, Place and Gender: Interrogating Feminist Geographies; Culture and Sexualities; Anticolonial Thought in the Twentieth Century; Introduction to Public History: Practicing Public History; A Global History of Refugees; Policing & Social Conflict; Health, Illness and Society; Workshop in Qualitative Research; Nationalism and Social Change; Organised Violence and Society; Independent Project; Sociological Thinking in the Digital Age.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants should normally have a primary degree in sociology or social science, or a closely related discipline. A Second Class Honours Grade One (2:1) or higher is required but Second Class Honours Grade Two (2:2) standard or equivalent may be considered. Applicants who do not meet the academic requirements but can confirm professional qualifications and/or experience will be considered.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3zfZtzl>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

## 5 MA in Refugee Integration

DCU

**Study Location:** Dublin City University

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** This programme develops an in-depth, multi-faceted knowledge of issues raised by the arrival of international protection applicants and refugees in different jurisdictions. As a full-time student, you will take three core modules in Semester 1, together with a (year-long) research methodology module. In Semester 2, you will choose three modules from a range of options. A 12,000-word dissertation will be submitted in September. The programme is timetabled in the evening, generally from 4 pm onwards, with each module being delivered on a seminar basis. It features presentations by guest speakers from NGOs and practitioners working with people in refugee (-like) situations.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Forced Migration and Host Societies; The Refugee Journey: Mobility, Adaptation, and Integration; Education in Refugee Contexts; Research Methods; Dissertation. Options – Gender, Sexuality and Migration; Translation in Crises; Environmental Change and World Politics; International Development Practice; Governance of Migration in Europe; Politics of the UN; Politics of the Middle East and North Africa; Working with Refugees and International Protection Applicants.

**Admission Requirements:** A degree at the level of an Irish or UK Honours undergraduate degree (H2.2 or above) or equivalent. Applicants with appropriate combinations of professional qualifications and experience may also be considered. This includes discipline-specific knowledge and know-how; transferable skills; basic research competency; personal effectiveness.

**IELTS:** Overall score 6.5 or above, with a minimum of 6.0 in all components.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2MR3bY6>

**Application:** Apply online at [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3nSrVIX> - using the **PAC Code: DC663**.

## 6 LLM in International and Comparative Law

TCD

**Study Location:** Trinity College Dublin

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LL.M. programme in International and Comparative Law offers students a valuable opportunity to develop this understanding. The programme offers a rich and diverse array of modules taught by experts in the fields of international and comparative law which can be tailored according to students' interests. Students develop their legal knowledge and advanced legal skills in these fields but also gain a deeper insight into law and legal practice in its evolving international context. This equips students with the expertise, skills and attributes which are valuable across a wide range of careers, both within and beyond the legal profession, nationally and internationally.

**Indicative Content:** African Human Rights Law; The Chinese Legal System in Comparative Perspective; Contemporary Issues in International Law; Contemporary Issues in Refugee Law; Globalisation and Law; International Aviation Law; International Dispute Resolution; International Economic Law; International Humanitarian Law; International Trade Law; Islamic Law; Patent Law in the Globalised World; Copyright in the EU Digital Single Market: Law, Policy and Licensing Practices; EU Consumer Law; EU Digital Single Market (Media and Content Regulation); European Trademark and Design.

**Admission Requirements:** A good Honours law or law-based interdisciplinary bachelor's degree. Applications will also be considered from exceptional graduates in related disciplines in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences who can convincingly demonstrate that their studies have fully prepared them for the LLM.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3pYtgZw>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

## 7 LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy

NUIG

**Study Location:** NUI Galway

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy is unique in the world as an innovative and internationally focused LLM dealing with the process of law reform in the field of disability. The programme delivers a solid grounding for future practitioners, policymakers and academics in the field of disability reform. The mandatory module addresses two issues, firstly, to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the core foundational themes in disability law and policy, secondly, to provide students with the necessary research skills to complete their programme of study. The optional modules address law and policy at international and regional level as well as some very topical subjects such as Legal Capacity, Independent Living, and Inclusive Education.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Foundational Theoretical Framework for Disability Law and Policy; Dissertation. Options – Mental Health Law and Policy; Law Regulation & Policy; Contemporary Challenges in Disability Law and Policy; Advocacy and Access to Justice; Regional Disability Law and Policy; Legal Capacity Law and Policy; Law and Policy on Independent Living; Inclusive Education Law and Policy; Crime and Disorder; Medical Device Law and Regulation; International Disability Human Rights Clinic; Local Government Law; The Criminal Jury; Equality Law: Principles & Thematic Application; Sentencing & Penal Policy; Advanced Legal Research & Methods; Processes of Law Reform; Advocacy, Activism and Public Interest Law; Theories of Judicial Activism.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants must hold a Second Class Honours, Grade 1, degree (2.1) in law, or an interdisciplinary degree in which law was a major component. In exceptional circumstances, applicants holding a degree in another discipline or a degree of less than a 2.1 standard may be considered where they have relevant professional experience in law or disability rights.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] [www.bit.ly/1J2PHhs](http://www.bit.ly/1J2PHhs)

**Application:** Apply online at <https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply>

## 8 LLM in International Human Rights

NUIG

**Study Location:** NUI Galway

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LLM in International Human Rights Law provides students with a comprehensive insight into international and regional legal frameworks of human rights protection. This is an interdisciplinary programme where students are engaged in the practice and public policy context of human rights law on a local, national and international perspective. Students participate in a dynamic programme of seminars, workshops and conferences with world-leading practitioners and scholars.

**Indicative Content:** Core – International Human Rights Law; Dissertation. Options – Business and Human Rights; Children’s Rights; Conflict and Post-Conflict; Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; European Convention on Human Rights; European Union and Human Rights; Gender and Human Rights; Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; Human Rights Field Work; Islam and Human Rights; International Criminal Law; International Criminal Procedure; International Humanitarian Law; Introduction to Human Rights; Minority Rights; Peace Support Operations; Public International Law; Procedure Before International Criminal Courts; Refugee Protection; Right to Development; Transitional Justice.

**Admission Requirements:** Level 8 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree (normally a result of Second Class Honours Grade 1 (2.1) or equivalent) in a range of disciplines including law, political science, social sciences and humanities. In cases where applicants come from a non-law background, the Irish Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and a personal statement.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] [www.bit.ly/1UUvp0n](http://www.bit.ly/1UUvp0n)

**Application:** Apply online at <https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply>

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** On this programme you will acquire specialised and in-depth knowledge and understanding of international human rights law, political theory of rights and international relations relating to human rights. The programme is interdisciplinary thus building on the strengths in this area of the Sutherland School of Law and the School of Politics and International Relations. Members of staff in the Sutherland School of Law have engaged in major research in this area spanning the full range of international human rights law from asylum law and practice, the EU and fundamental rights to the law of privacy in Ireland. The programme qualifies you to work in the field of human rights, either internationally or in Ireland, as a practising lawyer, legal adviser, policymaker, advocate, researcher or academic. Students will learn to understand and think critically about the intersections between law, politics and international relations that come to the fore in the study of human rights.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Human Rights Law and Equality; Law of the ECHR; Theory of Human Rights; Politics of Human Rights; Dissertation. Options – Gender, Conflict-Related Harm & Transitional Justice; International Economic Law; International Competition Law; NGOs: Law, Governance, and Social Change; Law and Governance of the EU; Climate Change Law and Policy; Online Regulation; Data Protection and Privacy: National and International Perspectives; Asylum and Refugee: Law, Politics and Rights; International Tax Law; White Collar Crime; Patent Law; Comparative Corporate Governance; Law of Armed Conflict; Culture, Heritage and Human Rights; United Nations Human Rights Practice; Regulation Investigations; Politics of Development; Advanced Disability Studies; Disability Policy Legislation.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants must hold a Law degree, or an inter-disciplinary degree in which law was a major component. Applicants must have achieved at least an upper second class honours or equivalent. Applicants holding a Graduate Diploma in Law (60 ECTS Credits) may be considered but will normally be admitted only where they can show an exceptionally strong performance in both their undergraduate degree and diploma. Exemption from these requirements may be given to those with significant, relevant, practical experience or those with a graduate qualification at Masters level or higher in a relevant discipline. Such applicants should state clearly in their application why they feel their qualifications/experiences are appropriate for admission to the programme.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with a minimum of 6.5 in the reading and writing parts and no section below 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2cYldYD>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

**Study Location:** University College Cork

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The programme offers students a wide range of human rights law programmes taught by leading experts in their field. It includes interdisciplinary teaching and a unique International Human Rights clinical module which focuses on essential human rights lawyering skills, including oral and written advocacy (legal and policy), strategic litigation, fact-finding and development. This course is of relevance to legal practitioners,

policymakers and civil society actors across a range of fields. You will benefit from a series of guest seminars and workshops with key actors in the human rights movement. It will provide you with the skills and qualification necessary to pursue an international career with international organisations, governments, UN bodies, European Human Rights bodies and in legal practice. The course includes a unique International Human Rights clinic core module.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Human Rights Law in Practice; International Human Rights Law; Contemporary Issues in International Law; Public International Law; Dissertation. Options – Law of the European Convention on Human Rights; Contemporary Issues in Corporate Law; Criminology; Penology; Juvenile Justice; International Children’s Rights; International Criminal Law; Law of Cybercrime; The Family and the Law; Consumer Rights: Law and Policy; Environmental Law in Practice; Method in Environmental Law; Mental Capacity Law; Mental Health Law; Climate Change Law and Policy; Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution; International Environmental Law; Refugee and Forced Displacement Law; Human Rights; Territorial Rights.

**Admission Requirements:** A law degree with at least a 2:1 or have such other relevant third-level educational qualifications and/or professional experience as, in the opinion of the School of Law, qualifies you to undertake the LLM (International Human Rights Law and Public Policy) degree.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [www.ucc.ie/en/ckl27/](http://www.ucc.ie/en/ckl27/)

**Application:** Apply online at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/apply/>

## 11 LLM/MA in Human Rights in Criminal Justice

UL

**Study Location:** University of Limerick

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** This programme is designed to emphasise the inter-relationship between what have traditionally been taught as the two distinct disciplines of human rights and criminal justice. Students will be provided with a comprehensive knowledge of this ever developing field of law and encouraged to assess the merit of mainstreaming human rights within the criminal justice system. Covering key areas such as policing and human rights and law of the European Convention on Human Rights, the programme aims to foster general and specific skills with respect to the modern criminal justice system both in Ireland and internationally.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Advanced Legal Research Skills; Dissertation Methodology; Dissertation. Options – Comparative International Protection of Human Rights Law; Criminal Justice Processes and Sentencing; Law of the European Convention of Human Rights; Penology and Victimology; International Criminal Law; Policing and Human Rights; Criminology; Comparative and European Criminal Justice; Regulatory Crime; Using Evidence to Improve Societal Outcomes in the Real World; Hate Crime; Youth Crime.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants must normally have a second class honours degree, grade 2 (2.2) in law or in a relevant social science. Applicants with a primary degree in law should apply for the LLM whereas all non-law applicants should apply for the MA. The course structure, elective modules and assessment instruments are the same for LLM and MA students. Applicants with a primary degree in law will be awarded an LL.M., whereas all other applicants will be awarded an M.A. In exceptional circumstances an applicant who cannot satisfy the undergraduate requirement may be accepted on the basis of relevant work experience in accordance with UL’s Policy on Recognition of Prior Learning.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3eKNEJU>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

## 12 LLM in International Justice

MU

**Study Location:** Maynooth University

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LLM (International Justice) provides students with critical insights into the international legal system and how it operates to promote and secure justice. It analyses how the international legal order works and how it seeks to address social inequalities and protect vulnerable, marginalised, and oppressed groups. The programme draws on law and other disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, and political science, to provide students with a comprehensive examination of the challenges facing international justice mechanisms today. Work placement opportunities are available as part the programme with partner civil society organisations. Teaching is delivered by means of small class lectures, in-class simulations and workshops. Students will also benefit from guest lectures delivered by international speakers.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Public International Law; Professional Development; Dissertation. Options – International Humanitarian Law; International Criminal Law; Gender, Sexuality and Law: Comparative Perspectives; International Human Rights; World Trade Law; Spatial Justice: Geographies of Social & Environmental Change; European Human Rights Law; International and European Disability Law and Policy; The Rights of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples; Global Environmental Governance; Placement; State Responses to Historical Gendered Violence; The Legal History of Empires; Human Trafficking: Policy, Perspectives and Debates.

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) undergraduate degree in law or a cognate discipline, such as international relations, social studies, sociology, politics etc). This must be a recognised primary degree that is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. Applications by applicants with other types of diplomas or who do not reach this minimum level of qualifications will be determined by the Admissions Committee in line with the University's policy on recognition of prior experiential learning. The programme will also be accessible to international students from all jurisdictions, as no prior knowledge of the common law is required.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2BAxGQX>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2> - using the **PAC Code: MH64J**.

## 13 LLM in Global Legal Studies

MU

**Study Location:** Maynooth University

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LLM (Global Legal Studies) masters degree provides law graduates with an advanced and systematic understanding of specialised subject areas, affording an ideal platform for students to acquire

expertise and knowledge informed by research-led teaching. The programme facilitates career pathways in law, business, politics, non-governmental organisations, and policymaking bodies at the national and international levels. The distinct international focus of the programme reflects the increasingly global nature of legal practice. The modules offered are distinguished by the approach taken, which is to focus not on a national or regional jurisdiction, but to address these issues from the point of view of foundational (global) principles and to illustrate these with examples from jurisdictions all over the world. In addition, certain modules on the programme are run in partnership with leading law firms.

**Indicative Content:** Professional Development; International Criminal Law; Gender, Sexuality and Law: Comparative Perspectives; International Human Rights; World Trade Law; International Law on Foreign Investment; Information Technology Law; Islamic Finance Law; Capital Markets Law; European Human Rights Law; International Humanitarian Law; Information Privacy Law; International and European Disability Law and Policy; The Rights of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples; Global Environmental Governance; Funds Law; Placement; State Responses to Historical Gendered Violence; The Legal History of Empires.

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates should have a minimum 2.2 grade, honours (level 8) undergraduate degree in law (a 'licence', an LLB, BCL or equivalent) or in a cognate discipline in the humanities, social and political sciences such as (but not limited to) business, finance, economics, international relations, sociology and political science. This must be a recognised primary degree that is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level. Applications by applicants with other types of diplomas or who do not reach this minimum level of qualifications will be determined by the Admissions Committee in line with the University's policy on recognition of prior experiential learning.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2w6fwRR>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2> - using the **PAC Code: MH50J**.

**Study Location:** NUI Galway

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LL.M in International Migration and Refugee Law is the only programme of its kind on offer in an Irish university. This unique programme enables students to develop their knowledge of international and regional law, policy and practice as it relates to the phenomena of international migration, human trafficking and refugee law. Students can combine the study of international migration with specialised modules in international humanitarian law and peace operations, business and human rights, gender and law, child rights, international criminal law, advocacy, activism and strategic litigation, transnational lawyering, post-conflict justice, Islam and human rights.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law; European Migration Law; International Refugee Law; The Common European Asylum System; Dissertation. Options – European Human Rights; Transitional Justice; Business and Human Rights; Counterterrorism and Human Rights; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Gender and Human Rights; International Humanitarian Law; International Peace Operations; International Human Rights Law; Procedure before the International Criminal Courts; Public International Law; International Child Rights; Minority Rights; Field Experience Assignment; Transnational Lawyering; Minority Rights; Islam and Human Rights; Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity.

**Admission Requirements:** A primary degree level a result of Second-class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent in a discipline such as law, political science, international relations, international development or social sciences. In cases where applicants come from a non-law background, the Irish Centre for Human Rights will consider academic background, relevant work experience, references and a personal statement.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2SEwctS>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply>

**15 LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict**

**NUIG**

**Study Location:** NUI Galway

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The LLM in Peace Operations, Humanitarian Law and Conflict provides students with a comprehensive insight into global frameworks of international humanitarian law and human rights protection with the addition of a peacekeeping specialisation. This interdisciplinary programme focuses on UN peacekeeping and related operations to provide insights into the peace operations and conflict resolution frameworks. This unique programme offering combines issues relating to peacekeeping, international humanitarian law, human rights and conflict resolution to prepare graduates for work in the field of international peace operations with international organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and as individual advocates.

**Indicative Content:** Core – International Peace Operations; International Humanitarian Law; Dissertation. Options – Peace Support Operations; International Humanitarian Law; Business and Human Rights; Children's Rights; Conflict and Post-Conflict; Contemporary Issues in International Migration Law and Transnational Lawyering; Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights; Economic, Social & Cultural Rights; European Convention on Human Rights; European Union and Human Rights; International Criminal Law; International Criminal Procedure; International Refugee Law; Introduction to Human Rights Law; Minority Rights; Public International Law; Procedure before International Criminal Courts; Right to Development; Transitional Justice.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants must normally have attained at primary degree level a result of Second-class Honours Grade 1 or equivalent. Those falling short of this standard may be considered where they can demonstrate other appropriate academic accomplishments as well as relevant work experience.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/38Hv7Od>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://nuigalway.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply>



**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The MSc in Disability is developed for all who have an interest in disability including individuals with disabilities, family members and professionals. The philosophy of the programme is to promote an inclusive society respecting the will and preference of persons with disability. The programme comprises six mandatory modules which explore current and past concepts of disability, evidence-based disability practice, national and international disability policy, and current developments in disability legislation. To promote a personalised learning experience, students select their remaining modules from a suite of sixteen disability-related modules specialising in education, health, law, psychology, public health, and social policy.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Person Centred Programme Development; Applied Research Methods; Advanced Disability Studies; Multielement Behaviour Support; Identity Sexuality & Mortality; Disability Policy Legislation. Options – Inclusion and Equality in Education; Inclusive Education for Pupils with Additional Support Needs; NGOs: Law, Governance and Social Change; Strategic Leadership for Healthcare Improvement and Innovation; Innovations in Healthcare, Local and Global; Systems Thinking in Healthcare; Public Health Practice and Policy; Health Promotion; Theory of Human Rights; Managing Change; Discourses in Psychology; Clinical Cases in Neuropsychology; Fundamentals of Neuropsychology; Comparing Healthcare Systems.

**Admission Requirements:** A primary degree with a minimum 2.2 classification (second class honours, grade two) or international equivalent.

**IELTS: IELTS:** Minimum 7.0 overall score required with no section less than 6.5.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3ioYR50>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

**Study Location:** Maynooth University

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The programme aims to provide students with advanced critical, analytical and research skills in selected substantive areas of social policy, and in the shaping of policy, in contemporary Ireland and more widely. In particular the emphasis is on the interconnections between the themes of rights, recognition and redistribution. Currently, the programme includes taught modules on governance, equality, ageing and criminal justice.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Advanced Social Policy Analysis; Equality and Inclusion – Rights, Recognition and Redistribution; Critical Theory, Studies and Perspectives on Social Policy; Realising Rights: Case Studies, Seminars, Conferences and Workshops; Writing Policy and Influencing Policy; Social Policy Research and Dissertation. Options – Criminal Justice Studies; Social Gerontology Policy and Practice; Housing: Inequality and Rights; Advanced Child and Family Policy; Human Trafficking: Policy, Perspectives and Debates; Health and Mental Health Policy: Policy and Debates; Gender, Rights and Social Policy; Education Inequalities: Perspectives and Policies; Advanced Environmental Justice.

**Admission Requirements:** Candidates are required to have: A Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) degree with an overall mark of at least 55% Or a Bachelor of Arts (Applied Social Studies) (Honours) degree with an overall mark of at least 55% Or an Honours degree in a related discipline with an overall mark of at least 55%. Candidates meeting the above criteria will be interviewed. Applicants must have a recognised primary degree which is considered equivalent to Irish university primary degree level.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2vZAt0P>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2> - using the **PAC Code: MHB56**

## 18 MSc in Equality Studies

UCD

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The MSc in Equality Studies was designed for those who wish to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of global social justice issues and explore strategies for change. Drawing students from across the globe, the course emphasises the relationship between theory and practice with a view to bringing about positive social change. You learn about and develop your own ideas on a wide range of equality, human rights and global justice issues. You will benefit from the opportunity to specialize in areas of particular interest such as capitalism and social justice, gender justice and feminism, global inequalities, human rights law and practice, and minorities and discrimination.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Egalitarian Theory; Sociology of Inequality; Feminist and Egalitarian Research; Research and Skills Portfolio. Options – Equalities and Social Justice and Children’s Learning; Human Rights Law and Equality. Masculinities, Gender and Equality; Critical Political Economy; Development and the Global South; Critical Geographies: Spatialising Power and inequalities; Gender, Inequality and Public Policy; Space, Place and Gender: Interrogating Feminist Geographies; Culture and Sexualities; Gender, Conflict-Related Harm & Transitional Justice; Asylum and Refugee: Law, Politics and Rights; Topics in Continental Philosophy; International Political Theory; International Political Economy; Theory of Human Rights; The Politics of Inequality; Nationalism and Social Change; Organised Violence and Society; Critical Race and Decolonial Theory.

**Admission Requirements:** Normally students on this programme will have attained a higher second class honours in their primary degree (NFQ Level 8) or international equivalent, and will have demonstrable experience in or aptitude for the field of equality studies. Students with a lower second class honours degree may be considered for the programme, depending on level of commensurate experience and qualifications, and availability of places, as assessed by the applications review panel.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less 6.0.

**Programme Webpages:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/2Nn9W40>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

## 19 MA in Gender Studies

UCD

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The MA in Gender Studies delivers rigorous, interdisciplinary, critical, dynamic learning in feminisms, sexualities, masculinities, gender debates, politics and activism. Our global and intersectional feminist perspectives offer a complex understanding of how oppression and discrimination operate across society, politics and the economy. We celebrate the intersection between knowledge and activism and expose students to a breadth and depth of scholarship in relation to multiple oppressions, discriminations, politics and policies including gender, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, class and age, among others.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Gender: Global Concepts; Gender Studies: Critical Themes; Feminist & Egalitarian Research; Gender Studies Minor Thesis. Options – Queer Frictions: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Literature & Culture; Human Rights Law and Equality; Masculinities, Gender and Equality; Development and the Global South; Gender, Inequality and Public Policy; Space, Place and Gender: Interrogating Feminist Geographies; Culture and Sexualities; Gender, Conflict-Related Harm & Transitional Justice; Gender, Sexuality, and the Body: The Politics of Belonging; Gender, Peace and Security; Gender & the Political System; Organised Violence and Society; Critical Race & Decolonial Theory.

**Admission Requirements:** Minimum 2:2 Honours (or equivalent) in an Honours level bachelor's degree.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less 6.0.

**Programme Webpages:** [shortened as] <http://bit.ly/2tlyixn>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

**Study Location:** Trinity College Dublin

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The M.Phil. in Gender and Women's Studies provides a critical understanding of the current scholarship on the position and representation of gender in society. Drawing on insights and perspectives from a number of academic fields within the Humanities and Social Sciences, the course is both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, training students to research across a range of disciplines. Its students acquire a deep understanding of the cultural contexts in which theories of gender are produced, performed and negotiated and an ability to use primary source material as well as critical theories and scholarship. The course also hones the sort of analytical, written, and verbal communication skills that are highly valued and effective in a many different careers.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Gender Theories; Gender: Skills, Approaches and Research; Research Design; Dissertation. Options – Gender, Art and Identity; Gender, War and Peace; Discoursing Gender: "Meaning is Use"; Gender and the Culture of Violence; Changing Bodies 1886-1953: The Unfixity of Sex and Gender; Desire and the Body from Catullus to Seneca.

**Admission Requirements:** Applicants should normally have at least an upper second class (2:1) Honours bachelor's degree or equivalent (for example, GPA of 3.3) in a relevant area. Since places on the programme are limited, applicants may be interviewed or asked to submit a writing sample for assessment.

**IELTS:** Grade 6.5 minimum overall score required.

**Programme Webpage:** <https://www.tcd.ie/cgws/courses/mphil.php>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.

## 21 MA in Women's Studies

UCC

**Study Location:** University College Cork

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The Women's Studies MA involves a wide variety of possibilities for interdisciplinary study, and for contact with the community and other organisations dealing with women's and gender issues. We cover a range of themes including representations of women in history, literature and popular culture (music and film); gender and sexuality; women and politics; women, work and family; and gender violence. You will be provided with training in research skills and introduced to theoretical material that will enhance your personal research in Part II of the course, the dissertation. You will participate in seminars, directed reading, research skills training, essay and report writing, maintaining the reflective journal, student presentations, and one or two field trips. You will also have the opportunity to attend some sessions with visiting speakers.

**Indicative Content:** Feminist Theory; Gender and Society I: Contexts; Gender and Society II: Interdisciplinary Perspectives; Research Skills Part 1: Feminist Methodologies; Research Skills Part 2: The Literature Review; Dissertation.

**Admission Requirements:** To apply for this course, you will have a Second Class Honours Grade II in a primary honours degree (NFQ, Level 8) or the equivalent. If you have relevant experience in the areas of community work, industry, or professions, you can also apply.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 5.5.

**Programme Webpage:** <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cke03/>

**Application:** Apply online at <https://www.ucc.ie/en/apply>

## 22 MA in Gender, Sexuality and Culture

UCD

**Study Location:** University College Dublin (Belfield Campus)

**Programme Duration:** 1 year

**Programme Outline:** The MA in Gender, Sexuality & Culture is a dynamic, interdisciplinary programme designed for students with a strong interest in examining gender and sexuality in culture. We provide our students with a rigorous training in the analysis of gender and sexuality in literature, film, television, media, performance, visual culture, digital culture and more. We enable our students to develop as theoretically sophisticated researchers, writers and critics equipped with cutting-edge critical skills and methods for understanding and analysing the formations of gender and sexuality in culture and society. Our programme values deeply informed, rigorous and innovative analysis, an openness to new perspectives, and self-reflective, socially and politically engaged critical practice. We foster and model these values in seminars and individual supervisions that prioritise challenging, high level discussion and debate within a mutually supportive and respectful environment.

**Indicative Content:** Core – Gender and Sexuality in Theory and Representation; Queer Frictions: Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Literature & Culture; Public Humanities and Ireland; Dissertation. Options – World-Systems, World-Literature; Contemporary US Genre Fiction: Intersection, Disruption, Protest; American Lyric: Document and Memoir; Un/Settling Global Literatures; Masculinities: Gender and Equality; Chick Flicks: Women and Hollywood Storytelling; Stardom, Celebrity & Media Culture; Space, Place and Gender: Interrogating Feminist Geographies; Culture and Sexualities; Gender, Sexuality, and the Body: The Politics of Belonging; Media & Society; Critical Race and Decolonial Theory.

**Admission Requirements:** This programme is intended for applicants with a background in the humanities, or literature, film studies, cultural studies, visual culture, sociology, anthropology, psychology, psychoanalysis as well as women's studies, gender studies and sexuality studies. A keen interest in gender and sexuality and an ability to analyse textual representations are the key characteristics required. An upper second-class honours (NFQ Level 8) or the international equivalent is required.

**IELTS:** Minimum 6.5 overall score required with no section less than 6.0.

**Programme Webpage:** [shortened as] <https://bit.ly/3wxq49e>

**Application:** Apply online via the programme webpage.