As Head of the Law School at the University of Limerick, I am delighted to welcome you to our campus. The UL campus is truly one of the most beautiful university campuses anywhere in the world. Visitors never fail to be impressed by this peaceful green place with its trees, its fountains and the beautiful river Shannon flowing majestically through it all.

The School prides itself on providing an innovative, enriching, student-centred learning environment. It boasts outstanding academic staff members who are internationally recognised as experts in their fields.

Our postgraduate programmes are designed to facilitate students in developing their own unique profile and in deepening understanding of specialist areas of law. We offer a range of high quality programmes and modules which connect to a variety of research strengths that include International Trade Organisations, Counter Terrorism Law and International Business, International Labour Law, Intellectual Property Law, Policing and Human Rights, Criminal Justice, Penology and Victimology.

The programmes and modules on offer are highly marketable and are designed to give our students an edge both in terms of intellectual engagement and employability. We are also very focused on developing important soft skills including analytical reasoning, critical thinking, teamwork, problem solving and report writing.

We have a very vibrant postgraduate and international student body in the Law School. A recent International Student Survey, for example, voted UL as the number one University in providing the best student experience, the best student support and warmest welcome in Ireland. Our students can also avail of the excellent international links that we have established with, for example, the University of Texas in the USA and Sichuan University in China.

Law students in UL can also benefit from a very supportive Careers Service who will facilitate you to develop and implement a successful career plan, and a Writing Centre that can help you to enhance your academic writing.

We look forward to meeting you.

Professor Shane Kilcommins  
Head, School of Law
My name is Owen O’Doherty and I graduated from the LLM General in January 2015. Deciding to study for the LLM General was one of the best decisions I have ever made. What I particularly liked about the programme was the flexibility of being able to choose what subjects to study.

I chose a number of international commercial areas such as Comparative Property Law, International Business Transactions, International Protection of Intellectual Property Rights, the Law of Credit and Security as well as modules from the Masters in Human Rights in Criminal Justice including Policing and Human Rights and International Criminal Law.

The LLM allowed me to deepen my understanding in a whole range of areas and also helped me to move forward in my legal studies and motivated me to prepare and successfully pass the entrance exams to The Honorable Society of King’s Inns in Dublin, where I am currently studying to qualify as a barrister. My educational experience in studying for the LLM General has been hugely positive and has been enhanced by the commitment, expertise and support of the law lecturers at the University of Limerick.
**Why Choose the LLM General**

The LLM General programme is designed to enhance students’ legal skills and enrich their knowledge of a variety of legal subjects across a broad spectrum from criminal law, to competition law, property law and human rights law. It is suited to those looking for an advanced legal education but who do not wish to focus on a single branch of law. Upon completion candidates will provide added value to their employer and clients, whether in a traditional law firm, as a practicing barrister, in private industry or with governmental agencies. Experts in the relevant areas of law will assist students in developing a deeper understanding of the law on a wide range of specialised and advanced topics.

**Choose from a wide range of modules including:**

- International Protection of Intellectual Property
- Policing and Human Rights
- Criminology
- Counter Terrorism Law and International Business
- Penology and Victimology
- International Labour Law

**Entry Requirements:**

Entry to the programme is on a competitive basis. Second class honours in an undergraduate law degree is a minimum requirement. In exceptional circumstances an applicant who cannot satisfy the academic requirement may be accepted on the basis of relevant professional experience.

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**Competitive Fees:**

Fees in the AY 2015/16 will be:

- **Fulltime EU:** €4,588
- **Fulltime Non EU:** €10,708
- **Part-time EU:** €2,800
- **Part-time Non EU:** €6,200

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My name is Denis Kennedy and I completed the LLM in Human Rights in Criminal Justice in 2013. I am currently a research fellow at the Courts Service of Ireland – my role utilises the research skills that I gained during my LLM every day as I draft judgments and research points of law for the judiciary of the High Court.

What attracted me to the programme was the fact that it combines two distinct disciplines which are traditionally taught separately. The modules offered are designed to emphasise the inter-relationship between human rights and criminal justice. During the programme we covered key areas such as policing and human rights and the Law of the European Convention on Human Rights.

I would highly recommend this course for anyone who wants to improve or begin their lawyering skills. The LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice enabled me to study modules that developed my lawyering and research skills both critically and analytically and had the added advantage of being presented in a multi-jurisdictional setting. Studying the LLM also lead me to pursue a PhD, which I am currently engaged in under the supervision of Dr. Andrea Ryan of the School of Law, UL.
Why Choose the LLM/MA in Human Rights In Criminal Justice

The LLM/MA in Human Rights in Criminal Justice is designed to give graduates an understanding of the interaction between human rights and criminal justice in the 21st century and knowledge of the legal actors, supervisory bodies and institutions central to the field. Students will be given an in-depth understanding of the legal regimes operating at national, regional and global levels and sources of human rights law in the field of criminal justice.

In addition to an understanding of the human rights protection mechanisms in this context, students will address the question of how human rights law can be enforced. Students will also develop important transferable skills including analytical, research, communication and report writing skills.

Choose from a wide range of modules including:

- Comparative International Protection of Human Rights
- Criminal Justice Processes and Sentencing
- Policing and Human Rights
- Criminology
- Penology and Victimology

Entry Requirements:

Applicants must normally have a second class honours degree, grade 2 (2.2) in law or in a relevant social science degree. Applicants with a primary degree in law will be awarded a LLM, whereas all other applicants will be awarded a MA. In exceptional circumstances an applicant who cannot satisfy the academic requirement may be accepted on the basis of relevant professional experience.

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My name is Eimear Cleary and I graduated from the LLM in International Commercial Law in 2011. The LLM attracted me because of its focus on the understanding and application of commercial law in international scenarios. I believed that it would enhance my skill-set and career profile by strengthening my credentials for prospective employment.

In my experience, the LLM was beneficial from both an academic and personal perspective. Through a combination of lectures, interactive tutorials, multi-jurisdictional legal research classes, comparative law dissertations and presentations, I developed further my analytical, research and presentation skills. My experience at UL prepared me to competently overcome challenges and embrace opportunities in my professional training.

I am now an associate in the commercial property department in Arthur Cox. Arthur Cox’s reputation of excellence in commercial property impressed me. As an associate, I am engaged in the highest quality legal work. Multiple and diverse learning opportunities are presented on a daily basis. I work in a very stimulating, collaborative and rewarding environment. In my opinion, UL not only facilitates education, it is instrumental in shaping character.
Why Choose the LLM in International Commercial Law

The LLM in International Commercial Law immerses the post-graduate student in more detailed aspects of commercial law, as well as developing broadly applicable legal research and other transferable skills. The emphasis is on those areas of law, such as credit and security, intellectual property and competition law, which are critical to the operation of any commercial enterprise in the modern world. The programme also takes account of the increasing internationalisation of commerce with modules in international business transactions and international trade organisations. This international focus of the programme provides opportunities for graduates to find employment, not just in Ireland, but in many other jurisdictions.

Choose from a wide range of modules including:

- Law of International Trade Organisations
- Law of International Business Associations
- Global Competition Law
- International Protection of Intellectual Property
- Counter Terrorism Law and International Business

Entry Requirements:

Entry to the programme is on a competitive basis. Second class honours in an undergraduate law degree is a minimum requirement. In exceptional circumstances an applicant who cannot satisfy the academic requirement may be accepted on the basis of relevant professional experience.

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My name is Lorraine Barron and I graduated from the LLB Graduate Entry programme in 2011. I would strongly recommend the LLB (Graduate Entry). A law degree coupled with a bachelor’s degree in another discipline will stand out on any academic CV and stand you in good stead for a promising legal career.

I decided to pursue the LLB after completing an undergraduate degree in languages. The fact that I had an undergraduate degree in another discipline allowed me to undertake the LLB in two years, instead of the conventional four year programme. Although this meant that the pace was more intense, it was certainly manageable.

All core modules are covered, with an option to choose an elective each semester. The Final Year Project (FYP) is optional for Graduate Entry students. However, I chose to undertake the FYP as I had an interest in sexual offences and this allowed me to explore the topic in greater detail and to benefit from expert feedback from my supervisor. It was this project that fuelled my interest in commencing the topic at doctoral level upon completion of the LLB.
Why Choose the LLB Graduate Entry

The LLB (Graduate Entry) is a two-year, full-time programme that provides a legal education for graduates in disciplines other than law. It is designed to cater for the requirements of the graduate who wishes to add a law degree to his or her undergraduate training. The programme is ideal for non-law graduates who wish to enter the legal profession or for whom a legal qualification would enhance their career prospects. Law graduates from civil law jurisdictions will find that the programme provides a thorough foundation in the common law.

The central objective of the programme is to provide students with the knowledge and skills ordinarily associated with a degree level legal education embracing legal knowledge, research ability, analytical skills, conflict resolution, conflict avoidance, critical evaluation, personal skills and legal ethics. All law subjects required by the Irish professional bodies, the Law Society and the King’s Inns, are covered in full over the course of this programme.

Study all the core law modules and choose from a wide range of electives including:

- Law of Evidence
- Labour Law
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Sport and the Law
- Commercial Law
- Administrative Law
- Comparative Legal Systems
- Commercial Law
- Administrative Law

Entry Requirements:

Primary degree or equivalent in a discipline other than law. Places on the programme are limited and entry is competitive and the minimum entry requirement is a 2nd class honours grade 2 undergraduate degree. Please note that this is a level 8 qualification (undergraduate).

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