BA in Law and Accounting
One Degree, Two Careers

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With the River Shannon as a unifying focal point, UL is situated on a state-of-the-art, 133-hectare campus. Our unrivalled recreational, cultural and sporting facilities further enhance the UL experience and make the university environment among the very best there is anywhere in the world. UL is an easy-to-navigate campus, located five kilometres from Limerick city and 20 kilometres from Shannon International Airport.

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For me, choosing to study Law and Accounting at UL was about taking advantage of a dual discipline degree, and giving myself options after graduation. Throughout the programme, I was exposed and gained an understanding of domestic and European Union law, finance, economics and accounting practices. I had the chance to choose at a certain point whether I would like to focus more heavily on the law or business oriented side of the program, while also being afforded the opportunity to take on new and topical electives like Corporate Transparency and Business Ethics.

Through my participation in the Law Society, got the chance to visit the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg and see EU law put into action, alongside was a very enjoyable social aspect between students and professors alike.

The Law and Accounting Co-op gave me my first footing in the professional job market, with an 8-month placement in one of Ireland's leading law firms in Dublin. This experience was hugely beneficial to me, and influenced almost all of my career choices to date. My experience with EU law in UL and exposure to technology law on my work placement were big factors in my decision to pursue my LLM in Law & Technology in the Netherlands.

I studied for my Masters of Law in Tilburg University in the South of the Netherlands, which bore striking similarities to UL. A relatively young university, high performing and with a purpose built, state of the art campus, growing fast just outside of the city Centre. Tilburg was an easy fit. After my studies I moved north where I pursued an internship in the legal department of the large multinational company, Philips, based in Amsterdam. I am now a fully-fledged member of the Philips’ Legal Department. I can see first-hand how potential employers value the dual discipline nature of the Law and Accounting programme, and having had my first taste of European Union law while studying at UL, I plan on staying here in Amsterdam for the foreseeable future.
### What you will study

UL's pioneering BA in Law and Accounting joint degree offers students a full Accounting degree and a full Law degree in one. This combination of disciplines translates into an impressive graduate employment track record. Within the business world, a strong legal background assists the work of many accounting specialists. Equally, a firm grounding in all aspects of Accounting, including, for example, Taxation, deepens the lawyer’s understanding of business transactions.

The BA in Law and Accounting is designed to offer a broad and practical programme of study which provides students with a firm foundation in both disciplines as well as the transferable skills required for success in a modern business setting. All modules are designed to ensure students are kept right up to date with the latest disciplinary and professional developments. Moreover, students may now choose to further concentrate on either Law or Accounting in the 4th year of the degree, or chose to maintain the joint nature of the programme pursuing modules in both areas of study.

The success of this programme is displayed by the very high employment figures for graduates. In recent years, over 80% of graduates have found employment or further training opportunities within one year of graduation. These impressive statistics are a testament to the relevance of the programme and the attractiveness of our graduates to professional practice in both Law and Accounting.

### Programme structure *

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LA4211 Criminal Law 1  
LA4111 Contract Law 1  
AC4001 Principles of Accounting  
EC4101 Microeconomics | LA4222 Criminal Law 2  
LA4122 Contract Law 2  
AC4002 Managerial Accounting  
EC4102 Macroeconomics  
MA4302 Applied Statistics for Accounting |
| **YEAR 2** | LA4430 Constitutional Law 1  
LA4310 Torts 1  
LA4033 Law of the European Union 1  
FI4003 Finance  
TX4204 Capital Taxation | LA4440 Constitutional Law 2  
LA4044 Law of the European Union 2  
LA4320 Torts 2  
AC4004 Accounting and Auditing Frameworks  
AC4024 Financial Accounting and Reporting |
| **YEAR 3** | LA4610 Land Law 1  
LA4022 Commercial Law  
FI4005 Advanced Corporate Finance  
TX4305 Taxation Theory  
AC4305 Financial Information Analysis | CO4320 Cooperative Education |
| **YEAR 4** | **Choose 5 from:**  
AC4007 Advanced Financial Reporting  
AC4417 Management Accounting 1  
LA4810 Equity and Trusts 1  
TX4007 Taxation for Corporates  
LA4530 Company Law 1  
BS4447 Project 1 | **Choose 5 from:**  
AC4418 Management Accounting 2  
TX4008 International Tax  
LA4828 Equity and Trusts 2  
LA4620 Land Law 2  
LA4540 Company Law 2  
BS4448 Project 2  
AC4018 Corporate Transparency and Business Ethics |

*Programme structure may be subject to change*
Applicants are required to hold at the time of enrolment the established Leaving Certificate (or an approved equivalent) with a minimum of six subjects which must include: Two H5 (Higher level) grades and Four O6 (Ordinary level) grades or four H7 (Higher Level) grades. Subjects must include Mathematics, Irish or another language, and English.

In addition, applicants must hold at least an O4/H7 grade in Mathematics.

We welcome applications from mature students. Mature applicants must apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) by 1 February.

Note also, applicants are not required to have studied accounting at Leaving Certificate or equivalent level for entry into this course.

### Why study Law and Accounting at UL?

- Excellent graduate employment record
- Joint degree offering a wide range of professional careers
- Flexibility to specialise in Law or Accounting during 4th year or maintain the joint nature of the programme
- Fast-track to a professional qualifications in Law (Law Society of Ireland, the Honorable Society of Kings Inns) or Accounting (CAI, ACCA, CPA)
- Organised 8 month work placement with leading stakeholders in the field
- Strong focus on clinical education and the development of transferable skills
- Our students are highly sought-after at major law firms including Arthur Cox, Matheson and William Fry and the Big Four accounting firms of KPMG, Deloitte, Ernst and Young and PwC

### Career opportunities

This degree will equip you for a variety of careers where you will be able to make use of the skills and knowledge acquired in the programme, including:

- Solicitor
- Barrister-at-Law
- Chartered Accountant
- Financial Accountant
- Corporate Banker
- Financial Analyst
- Legal Advisor
- Taxation Advisor
- Asset Leasing Manager
- Funds Manager
- Investment Manager

### Exemptions and Follow on Study*

Upon graduation, students holding a BA in Law and Accounting benefit from a possessing a degree recognised by a wide range of professional bodies:

- The BA in Law and Accounting is a qualifying degree recognised by the King’s Inns, the professional body for barristers in Ireland.
- The degree also allows students the opportunity to cover all the core law subjects required for the entrance exams (known as the Law Society of Ireland Final Examination, Part 1) to gain entry to the Law Society of Ireland, the professional body for solicitors in Ireland.

Moreover, students holding a BA in Law and Accounting may avail of a number of exemptions from the following professional bodies in Accounting and Taxation:

- The Irish Taxation Institute (ITI)
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- Chartered Accountants Ireland (CAI)
- The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- The Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Ireland (CPA)

Alternatively, students may decide to stay on at University of Limerick to pursue a Postgraduate Degree. The School of Law and the Kemmy Business School offer a number of innovative and exciting postgraduate programmes allowing students to further build on their undergraduate study:

- Master of Laws (General)
- Master of Laws in International Commercial Law
- Master of Science in Financial Services
- Master of Science in Computational Finance
- Master of Taxation

*Please note that exemptions and entry requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please contact the relevant professional bodies concerned.

**Please note that students are required by the Honorable Society of King’s Inns to have studied Jurisprudence, Administrative Law and Company Law, along with the core law modules in this programme.

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