

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences / School of Law

LLM/MA in Human Rights in Criminal Justice (Online)

Programme Overview

This fully online programme is designed to emphasise the inter-relationship between what has 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 and sentencing processes.

Covering key areas such as criminal justice and sentencing, penology and victimology, youth crime, and human rights, the programme aims to foster general and specific skills with respect to the modern criminal justice system both in Ireland and internationally.

2 years part-time



Programme Structure

Year 1 Autumn Semester	Year 1 Spring Semester	Year 1 Summer
LA5051 Advanced Legal Research Methods	LA5062 Using Evidence to Improve Societal Outcomes in the Real World	
LA6161 Advanced Crime and Criminal Justice	LA5092 Youth Crime	
Year 2 Autumn Semester	Year 2 Spring	Year 2 Summer
LA5061 Penology and Victimology	LA6222 Postgraduate Human Rights Law	LA6150 LLM/MA Dissertation
LA6141 Criminal Justice Processes and Sentencing	LA6332 Dissertation Methodology	

Entry Requirements

Applicants must normally have a second class honours degree, grade 2 (2.2) in law or in a relevant social science (Primary degree: Level 8 - National Qualifications Authority of Ireland). On successful completion of the programme, students with a primary degree in law will be awarded an LL.M., whereas students with an undergraduate qualification from cognate disciplines to law will be awarded an M.A. Otherwise, the structure, content, module elective and assessment instruments will be the same for all students.

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.

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of either prior successful completion of a degree qualification taught through the medium of English or evidence of English language qualification(s).

How to Apply

To make an application, please visit:
www.ul.ie/gps/law-human-rights-criminal-justice-llmma-online

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What Our Graduates Say

"Through the program, I have gained more insights into global best practices in applying appropriate legal mechanisms to protect the rights of both the victims and suspected perpetrators of crime. The course has equipped me with multiple skills learned from my lecturers and fellow students of different countries and backgrounds – which has greatly contributed towards my academic and professional growth."

Aliyu Usman, LLM Human Rights in Criminal Justice Graduate and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nigerian Police Force

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