For talented graduates in law (LLM) or a related discipline (MA) with an interest in the field of international Human Rights and Criminal Justice/Policing

LLM/MA Human Rights in Criminal Justice

Having completed my undergraduate degree in the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG), I felt that completing a Masters was the route I should take. I decided that after studying in NUIG for 3 years, it was time for me to get more exposure by moving to a different University in Ireland. While completing my degree I had a great attraction to the study of Criminal law, however, I wanted to incorporate Human Rights into my love for Criminal Law.

One of the main attractions to the University of Limerick was not only the similarities between it and NUIG, as both colleges are of medium to large student populations, and both have excellent sporting facilities. However, it was the fact that they provided a unique combination of two distinct disciplines (Human Rights and Criminal Justice) which are traditionally taught separately and this appealed to me most.

The modules offered in the course are available to emphasize the ever-growing relationship between human rights and criminal justice. During the course of the programme we covered key areas such are International Criminal Law, Penology and Victimology and Policing and Human Rights.

I would highly recommend the course of Human Rights in Criminal Justice to all students wishing to gain further knowledge of these diverse areas of law, with their unique inter-relationship. The LLM in Human Rights in Criminal Justice has enabled me to study modules that have developed my lawyering and research skills both critically and analytically alongside the added advantage of being presented in a multi-jurisdictional setting.

I chose this Masters programme above all others available in the country due to its uniqueness, as well as the background and diversity of staff and students. I knew that the Masters would provide me with the opportunity to work alongside some of the greatest in the industry, both academically and those who work in practice.

The University campus provides a wonderful atmosphere and setting for studying, this inspired me throughout my year in the University of Limerick.
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.

The Human Rights in Criminal Justice programme is open to law and non-law applicants. Applicants with a law degree such as LL.B., B.C.L., J.D. should apply for the LLM programme, and all other non-law applicants should apply for the MA programme. The programme structure and methods of assessment are the same for both LLM and MA students.

*We aim to provide some flexibility for students with full-time work commitments by offering a restricted choice of modules on the part-time mode of study, meaning that modules would be scheduled on the same day

Choose from a wide range of modules including:

- Comparative International Protection of Human Rights
- International Criminal Law
- Policing and Human Rights
- Comparative and European Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Criminal Justice Processes and Sentencing
- 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 (Primary degree: Level 8 - National Qualifications Authority of Ireland). 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 with a primary degree in law will be awarded an LLM, whereas all other applicants will be awarded an M.A.

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Competitive Fees:
Fees in the AY 2018/19 will be:
Part Time: EU €2,800
Full Time: EU €5,250
Part Time: Non-EU €6,800
Full Time: Non-EU €12,000
€36 Student Levy