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Law has been taught at Queen's for over 150 years. We are very proud of this heritage - which is reflected in the rankings the School has consistently enjoyed.

Law is a great subject to study, and Queen's is a great place to do it. We have fantastic students, their academic accomplishments matched only by their enthusiasm to get involved in the wider University community. This is reflected in wide-ranging contributions to clubs, societies and volunteering. Our students are taught by an outstanding team of academic staff, from well-established scholars at the forefront of their fields to some of the most promising early-career researchers and teachers anywhere in the world. All of this happens in our state-of-the-art Law building with superb teaching facilities, a moot court and study spaces with plenty of light and quality coffee. We enjoy excellent external relationships with the legal profession, reflected in the Judge in Residence programme through which a High Court Judge makes regular contributions with students to the wider academic life of the School; and also in our partnership with Herbert Smith Freehills, who deliver a programme of real-world skills to all students.

Professor Robin Hickey
Head of School

OUR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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LLM Criminology and Criminal Justice
LLM Human Rights Law
LLM International Business Law
LLM International Business Law
with Placement (2 years)
LLM Law
LLM Law and Technology
MLaw Masters in Law
PhD Law

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WWW.LAWPOD.ORG

The podcast provides reflective commentary on current events, insights into the current research being conducted within the School of Law, and a forum for staff and students to share ideas and learn from each other.

QUEEN'S WAS RANKED
3RD WORLDWIDE FOR OUR
GRADUATE SCHOOL

LAW AT QUEEN'S IS
RANKED IN THE TOP 125
IN THE WORLD

(Times Higher Education World University Rankings
by Subject 2020)

QUEEN'S IS JOINT 8TH IN
THE UK FOR RESEARCH
INTENSITY

(REF 2014/ Times Higher Education)

NORTHERN IRELAND HAS
THE LOWEST STUDENT
COST OF LIVING IN THE UK

(Which? University 2018)



LLM CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree or above or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in Law, Social Sciences, Humanities or a cognate discipline.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of an IELTS* score of 6.5, with not less than 5.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required.

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FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI) £6,140
England, Scotland or Wales (GB) £6,900
Other (non-UK) EU £6,140
International £16,900

For fees and funding information please see:

Fees: qub.ac.uk/TuitionFees

Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding

PLACES

Approximately 35

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

This topical postgraduate degree programme in Criminology and Criminal Justice is taught by internationally-recognised scholars and researchers who offer students a wide introduction to the study of crime and criminal justice in contemporary society. Staff members have strong links with local criminal justice agencies and community organisations as well as extensive comparative and international expertise, providing for a unique student experience. Key research strengths of the teaching staff lie in the following areas: Community Safety and Crime Prevention; Policing; Prisoner Reintegration; Restorative Justice; Sex Offending; Victimology; Anti-Social Behaviour; Crime and the Life Course. The LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to appeal to prospective students with an academic or professional interest in criminology or criminal justice. It enables students to understand the motivations for offending as well as the practical operation of criminal justice and how the state responds to criminality and victimisation. This degree will be of considerable relevance and interest to those who are already employed in criminal justice-related work in fields such as legal practice, government, non-governmental organisations, as well as equipping those who have just completed undergraduate degrees to develop the knowledge and skills to pursue criminal justice-related careers or undertake advanced level study.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The LLM Criminology and Criminal Justice programme takes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of crime and justice and draws on original staff research. Modules are rooted in relevant theoretical frameworks with a strong criminological focus and provide students with methodological training in addition to supporting the development of critical analysis and other transferable skills. Through the dissertation, students can explore a wide variety of criminological and criminal justice topics. Students are encouraged to develop a critical understanding of the criminal justice process and the practical operation



of criminal law in a domestic and comparative context, and are given the opportunity to explore in-depth a particular criminal justice-related issue through the submission of a dissertation.

Compulsory modules

- Theoretical Criminology
- Criminal Justice Processes
- Dissertation (15,000-20,000 words)
- Controlling Crime

Optional modules

- Issues in Policing and Crime Prevention
- Counter-Terrorism in Human Rights
- Post Conviction Issues in Comparative Perspective

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Criminology Methods 1
- Criminology Methods 2

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The LLM Criminal Justice programme is international in focus and taught by leading academics and practitioners in the field. Research and teaching is carried out under the auspices of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice (IC CJ), which has strong connections to civil society organisations, criminal justice bodies and agencies, and international institutions and networks. The IC CJ organises an active, annual speaker and conference series, with talks by academics and practitioners.
- Students undertaking the LLM are encouraged to participate in the British Society of Criminology Regional Group that hosts themed seminars and visiting speakers.

- This LLM provides an excellent grounding for those students who want a career in the police, prison service or in some other area that requires specialist criminal justice knowledge and expertise. For example, many NGOs assist those adults and young people serving custodial sentences, while other NGOs deal with victims' rights and alternatives to custody.
- Some Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates use this degree as a base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which may in turn lead to an academic career. The School of Law has an enviable reputation for placing students on PhD programmes.

LLM HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree or above or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in Law, Social Sciences, Humanities or a cognate discipline.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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FEES AND FUNDING

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PLACES

Approximately 35

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The protection of human rights at the international and national levels is a relatively new branch of law. There has been a huge growth in the number and variety of human rights standards set out in international treaties, in national constitutions, and in other so-called 'soft law' documents. These standards are not always fully implemented and the mechanisms for trying to get them implemented are sometimes defective.

This LLM provides students with an opportunity to gain an in-depth appreciation of global human rights standards and the interrelationship between international standards and national practice. In particular, we consider ways in which human rights could be protected more effectively so that human beings everywhere can realise their full human dignity. The School has more than 25 years' experience in delivering the LLM in Human Rights Law. The focus is on international and comparative human rights law (including at regional levels in Europe, Africa and the Americas) with a concentration on the practice of human rights, especially in the contexts of discrimination, armed conflicts, terrorism and migration. The School's joint expertise is harnessed so as to provide a vibrant and relevant course which will stimulate the hearts as well as the minds of students.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. The School constantly reviews and revises what it offers as part of this degree, changing content to reflect the human rights issues that are currently most prominent.

Compulsory modules

- Human Rights in Practice
- International Human Rights Law
- Dissertation (15,000–20,000 words)

Optional modules

- Transitional Justice
- Equality and Discrimination
- The Legacy of Conflict
- Global Ethics
- Business and Human Rights
- Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights
- Comparative Human Rights
- Conflict Mediation
- Climate, Justice and Human Rights
- Philosophy Conflict and War

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Theories of Human Rights

Human rights research and teaching has been carried out since 1990. In addition to teaching, there is also a thriving Human Rights Centre at Queen's. The Centre has strong links with civil society organisations, statutory human rights bodies and international human rights institutions and

networks, and organises a speaker series and a number of conferences annually. It participates in the Association of Human Rights Institutes and is involved from time to time in the Venice-based Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation. There are extensive links with universities worldwide.

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The School can co-ordinate field visits to institutions dedicated to human rights issues in Belfast, e.g. NI Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.
- The School has strong contacts with local NGOs and other human rights institutions and can assist students with internship/voluntary work.

- Graduates have found jobs in the UN, the EU and the Council of Europe, as well as statutory bodies and a wide range of international and national NGOs. Others have found the LLM to constitute an extremely valuable addition to their work as legal professionals. Furthermore, this Master's provides an excellent base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which in turn may lead on to an academic career.



LLM INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW (OPTIONAL PLACEMENT)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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PLACES

Approximately 50

DURATION

LLM International Business Law
(1 year full-time, 2 years part-time)

LLM International Business Law
with Placement (2 years full-time)

It is the responsibility of each student to secure his or her own Placement. Students who are unable to secure a placement will be completed on the LLM International Business Law Programme.

Please Note :
The application deadline for the LLM International Business Law with Placement (2 years full-time) course is 31 March 2020.

However, this is a high demand course and applicants are advised to apply as early as possible, since it may be necessary to implement an earlier application cut-off date. A deposit of £400 is required to secure your place on the course by 30 April 2020. (This condition of offer is in addition to any academic or English language requirements).

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

This programme covers the legal and regulatory regimes around international business and the global economy in the context of broader legal and socio-legal study skills. The LLM will prepare you for a career in the commercial sector, in business, government or in NGOs. You will gain proficiency in understanding the complexities of global business and the implications of law, compliance, corporate social responsibility and trade in our societies.

The School specialises in a range of relevant areas including:

- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Global Business and Human Rights
- International Competition Law
- International Financial Regulation

Drawing from these specialisms, the programme is designed to help you understand the legal and regulatory regimes around multinational enterprise and the global economy in a broad socio-legal context.

The programme is open to applicants with a 2.1 or equivalent in Law or a cognate discipline (such as politics, geography, history, sociology, planning or management and finance).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic.

Compulsory modules

- Law of International Business Transactions
- Issues in Corporate Governance
- World Trade Law
- Dissertation (15,000-20,000 words)

Optional modules

- Business and Human Rights
- EU Law and Economic Integration
- Copyright in the Digital Environment
- International Financial Law
- Comparative Competition Law
- Medical Law and Ethics
- UK Trade Law and Policy
- Global Justice and International Economic Law

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law students

*Note: students who take the module 'Business and Human Rights' may graduate with the award of LLM in International Corporate Governance.

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- This programme has been specifically designed so that our students can emerge with a deeper appreciation of the place law plays in international business and the global economy.
- This LLM provides a useful qualification and knowledge base for a business, governmental or NGO career relating to governance, compliance, social responsibility or trade
- Integration with business experts helps our students gain key leadership positions both nationally and internationally.

The LLM International Business Law with Placement is a 2 year programme. Students follow the same taught course as the 1 year LLM but benefit from the addition of up to 1 year placement.



ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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PLACES

Approximately 45

DURATION

1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The LLM Law provides ambitious graduates with a highly flexible approach to advanced legal studies, focused on the School of Law's specialisms in Criminal Justice, European Law, Public and Environmental Governance, Human Rights and International Business.

The programme reflects the School's global orientation and its culture of critical enquiry and as such we encourage you to devise the pathway that best suits your scholarly interests and your career ambitions.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. Students can choose from the wide range of modules available on any of the School's LLM programmes. Some sample modules are listed below.

Optional modules

- International Human Rights Law
- Human Rights in Practice
- Theoretical Criminology
- Criminal Justice Processes
- Issues in Corporate Governance
- Law of International Business Transactions
- World Trade Law
- Controlling Crime
- Transitional Justice
- Equality and Discrimination
- European Law and Economic Integration
- Business and Human Rights
- Comparative Competition Law
- Issues in Policing and Crime Prevention
- Counter-Terrorism in Human Rights
- Comparative Human Rights
- Copyright in the Digital Environment
- International Financial Law
- Post Conviction Issues in Comparative Perspective
- Medical Law and Ethics
- UK Trade Law and Policy

Compulsory methodology modules

- Approaches to Legal Research
- Theories of Human Rights
- Criminal Justice and Criminology Methods
- Leadership and Innovation Skills

Dissertation

- 15,000 - 20,000 words

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The Law LLM offers students the opportunity to combine an internship or work placement with the dissertation.
- Given the broad range of topics covered in this LLM, successful completion of the programme will open a wide range of career opportunities to its graduates. This Master's also provides an excellent base for further study towards a research degree such as a PhD, which in turn may lead on to an academic career.



LLM LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

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PLACES

TBC

DURATION

1 year full-time or 2 years part-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

This innovative and employment-focused programme draws on the School of Law's substantial experience in technology, e-governance and innovation, in terms of law's role in regulating technology and technology's role in transforming governance and legal practice. The programme combines advanced teaching in law and technology with a problem-solving ethos that addresses the key questions facing law and technology today. The programme introduces students both to the legal regulation of technology and to the growing impact of technological change on legal practice.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme is delivered through a series of taught modules and culminates in the submission of a dissertation on an original topic. The programme aims to prepare graduates for work in global business and legal practice through its focus on client-facing problem-solving, on employability and on practical skills.

Compulsory modules

- Law and the Challenges of Technology
- Regulating Innovation
- Dissertation

Methodology mini modules

- Law and Technology : project based learning - core
- Computational methods and skills - core
- Approaches to Legal Research - core
- Leadership and Innovation Skills for Law Students - optional
- Data, privacy and the law - optional
- Regulating digital communications - optional

Optional modules

- Copyright in the Digital Environment
- International Financial Law
- Business and Human Rights
- European Law and Economic Integration
- Medical Law and Ethics
- Comparative Competition Law : the Case of the EU as the Leading Model

ASSESSMENT

Assessed coursework and dissertation.



CAREERS / FURTHER STUDY

This employer focused programme places employability skills at the core of the student experience (including problem based learning and leadership modules), introducing students to the interplay of and interfaces between technology and law.

SPECIAL FEATURES

This programme will equip students with a thorough and crucial understanding of the key questions faced regarding the regulation and governance technologies.

Students will possess a deep appreciation of matters in the regulation of technology, borne from both classroom and project based experience. Students will develop a sophisticated sense of how technology interacts with law, but also a sense of how law and technology are operationalised in legal practice.

“This innovative programme is designed to prepare you for a career on the interface of legal practice and technology. With employability embedded in the curriculum, graduates will be familiar both with the legal regulation of technology and with technology's effects on the practice of law.”

Dr. Ciarán O'Kelly,
Director of Graduate Studies

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MLAW

MASTERS IN LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate

Normally a 2.1 Honours degree (63% or above) or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a discipline other than Law.

Exemption from these requirements may be considered for those applicants who:

- Hold a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University)

OR

- Hold a 2.1 Honours degree (below 63%) or a 2.2 Honours degree in a discipline other than Law (or equivalent qualifications acceptable to the University) together with 2 years' relevant professional experience.

Admission under the Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL) may be considered for this course. The University's Recognition of Prior Learning Policy provides guidance on the assessment of experiential learning (RPEL). Please visit <http://go.qub.ac.uk/RPLpolicy> for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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FEES AND FUNDING

Northern Ireland (NI) £7,640
England, Scotland or Wales (GB) £8,400
Other (non-UK) EU £7,640
International £16,900

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Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding

PLACES

Approximately 35

DURATION

2 years full-time

TEACHING TIMES

Morning/Afternoon

OVERVIEW

The MLaw is designed for UK non-law graduates, and for law and non-law graduates from other countries who wish to acquire a thorough grounding in UK law. The specially devised curriculum builds on the fact that students have already benefited from a university level education by enabling them to acquire a qualifying law degree in 2 years, rather than the 3 years it would normally take to obtain an LLB. The degree offers the highest quality of teaching, delivered through weekly seminars.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MLaw is offered on a modular basis. To complete the degree a total of 300 CATS points must be obtained. Twelve modules (20 CATS each) must be taken and a dissertation (60 CATS) must be completed. The structure is as follows:

Year 1

- Constitutional Law in Context
- Criminal Law
- European Constitutional Law
- European Internal Market Law
- Legal Methods and Skills
- Rights and Accountability

Dissertation

- Commenced over the summer between Years 1 and 2 and submitted at end of Year 2

Year 2

- Contemporary Issues in Property Law
- Contract Law
- Equity
- Evidence
- Land Law
- Torts

ASSESSMENT

Primarily assessed by coursework (eg: assignments, take-home exams, MCQs and presentations). In addition, students must also complete a 15,000-20,000 word dissertation, supervised by a member of academic staff with a research interest in the chosen topic.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- The MLaw is recognised by the Law Society and the Bar Council as a qualifying Law degree for practice in Northern Ireland, England and Wales. Students hoping to practice in another jurisdiction should contact that jurisdiction's regulatory body.

- This Master's programme is particularly attractive for those who wish to enter the legal profession, for whom it is an alternative to a graduate level CPE/GDL programme. By spreading study over 2 years of intensive postgraduate-level work, students gain a greater depth of understanding than is possible in one-year CPE programmes.

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PhD LAW

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

An Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline, plus a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) with an average above 60%.

Applicants with an Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline who are currently studying a Master's degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) will also be considered.

Applicants with an Upper Second or First Class Honours degree (or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) in law or another relevant discipline plus evidence of ability to conduct independent and original research will be considered on a case by case basis.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Evidence of an IELTS score, within the last two years, of 7.0 or above overall, with not less than 6.5 in any component. Equivalent English language qualifications acceptable to the University will be considered.

DURATION

3 years full-time / 6 years part-time

FEES AND FUNDING

UK/EU fees: TBC

International fees: £16,950 per year

For fees and funding information please see:

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Funding: go.qub.ac.uk/pgfunding

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Law welcomes applications both from students in receipt of a scholarship and from those who wish to self-fund.

Each year a number of scholarships are funded by Northern Ireland's Department of Education (DfE), and by both the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) through Queen's membership in consortia with other leading UK universities.

The deadline for applications for these scholarships is usually in the January before September intake. In the Autumn of each year, both the School of Law and the wider University host workshops designed to assist able candidates in preparing quality scholarship applications.

OVERVIEW

The School of Law at Queen's has a long and distinguished record of achievement in both education and research. Widely seen as one of the leading centres of legal research in the UK, our expertise ranges across both doctrinal and socio-legal work, and includes fields stretching from governance, property law and intellectual property, to human rights, European law, and criminology and criminal justice.

Graduate studies, including postgraduate research, are at the forefront of Queen's vision. The £20million investment in a new School of Law building has created excellent facilities for postgraduate researchers, with access to Queen's Graduate School just minutes away.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

A PhD is awarded for original research in a topic chosen by the student. PhD studies may be undertaken on a full (3 years) or part-time (6 years) basis. Research students are appointed a primary and secondary supervisor who will guide them through their research. This independent research is complemented by programmes of training, provided both by the School of Law and by Queen's Graduate School, which is housed in a beautiful converted building just minutes from the entrance to the new School of Law building.

WHY QUEEN'S?

- The School is home to internationally renowned research centres, including in human rights. Our faculty also play important roles in interdisciplinary University initiatives, such as the Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice.
- The School has an international community of postgraduate researchers. Topics studied by students are also truly international in scope and reflect a broad range of interests.
- The School offers bespoke training, complementing the Researcher Development Programme offered by Queen's Graduate School.
- The School offers funding to support fieldwork and attendance at summer schools and conferences.
- The School has a long and distinguished pedigree of placing PhD students into academic careers in all parts of the globe. Recent PhD graduates have taken up academic appointments in continental Europe, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United States and Canada, as well as in the UK and Ireland.

“My doctoral experience so far has been a brilliant one. I have met people from diverse backgrounds who have been kind and friendly, offering a helping hand when needed.”

Nkem Itanyi,
PhD candidate,
Nigeria

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



“Returning to university after ten years to study for my Criminology LLM was both daunting and immensely rewarding. Juggling full-time work and part-time study proved challenging but the support and encouragement from Faculty staff contributed greatly to my success. What I enjoyed most about the course was the blend of academic theory with practical application. Learning from, and engaging with, professional and committed staff working at the forefront of their field enabled a deep understanding of the significant issues and their application in the ‘real-world’. This experience of further education has greatly developed my skills and knowledge, which can only enhance my employability in my chosen field of work.”

Sarah Quinlan
Chief Executive, Children's Heartbeat Trust
LLM Criminology

“I am currently employed by Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, where I work as a trainee solicitor in the Belfast office. I joined the firm as a legal analyst / paralegal on a fixed-term basis in 2014 while I was still undertaking a full-time postgraduate course, left to complete my dissertation, re-joined as a part-time employee in October 2014 and finally obtained permanent full-time employment in January 2015. I applied via the internal recruitment system for a position as a trainee and was very fortunate to be awarded a training contract in September 2016.”

Alistair Pitt
Trainee Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills
LLM Human Rights Law

ABOUT BELFAST AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast itself is a fun city on the current ‘Must See’ destination lists. It is also the safest region in the UK (British Crime Survey 2015/16). Awash with enthusiasm, culture and that famous Irish friendliness, students can also explore:

- Game of Thrones’ film location and activity tours.
- Titanic Belfast is the World’s Best Visitor Attraction (World Travel Awards 2016).
- Great entertainment and nights out; a buzzing arts and social scene from festivals, theatre and international events to historic pubs, stylish bars and brilliant shopping.
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant’s Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains.
- Northern Ireland: happiest place in the UK (Office of National Statistics 2016) alongside the lowest student rent in the UK (Marbles.com, 2018).
- The rest of the UK, Ireland and Europe with accessible airport and transport links to most major cities.



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NUMBER 1 REGION
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(LONELY PLANET, 2017)



NORTHERN IRELAND IS THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE UK
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TITANIC BELFAST MUSEUM
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ABOUT QUEEN'S



LAW SCHOOL

Opened in September 2016, Queen's has spent £20million on providing a state of the art facility for its law students.

The building is located in the heart of the campus next door to the Graduate School and the Peter Froggatt Teaching Centre. The building is not designed to be just a place where a law degree is earned. It has been conceived as a flexible space, shared between staff and students at all levels from Undergraduate to Master's and PhD.

Staff and students are able to meet both formally and informally to share and exchange ideas and knowledge. The School of Law building offers genuine world-class facilities for learning and research, including a fully featured Moot Court.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Our teaching quality is recognised as being of the highest standard. Queen's students are taught by academics who are informed by the latest discoveries in their fields. The University has won five Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Further and Higher Education, for world-class achievement in green chemistry, environmental research, palaeoecology, law and for Northern Ireland's Comprehensive Cancer Services (CCS) programme.

The latest UK Research Excellence Framework 2014 revealed that all academic areas at Queen's have research assessed as 'world-leading', and the University's research strengths are reflected in the quality of our teaching.

ONE OF THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

Law at Queen's has been ranked in the top 125 in the world confirming our position as a leading research intensive University.

Our dynamic curriculum is attuned to the needs of students and employers and underpins our place in the top 20 for graduate employment in the UK.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The School's Human Rights Centre offers students a unique opportunity to engage with NGOs and Human Rights agencies and institutions across the globe. The School has a vibrant postgraduate community with a student led research network.





A GLOBAL REACH

Legal studies at Queen's have national as well as international dimensions. Beyond the UK and Ireland, we have active relationships and study partnerships with many leading Law Schools overseas, in Australia, Canada, China, France, Spain, South Africa, India, Latin America and the United States.

Through these connections high-achieving students have opportunities to study abroad for a semester or even longer, depending on their particular study pathway. Our alumni have gone onto successful jobs across the UK, Ireland, and internationally, including North America, South East Asia and continental Europe.

TRAVELLING TO BELFAST

By air

Most major UK cities are within an hour's flying time from Belfast's two airports. Competition between budget airlines has been responsible in recent years for a dramatic reduction in fares. There are dozens of flights a day to and from London and other destinations in Great Britain and beyond - at student friendly prices.

By sea

Fast ferry services from Belfast make multiple daily crossings to ports in Scotland and England.



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