



Queen's University
Belfast

LLB UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Leaders in Law,
Leaders in Excellence

SCHOOL OF
LAW

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WELCOME

THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Welcome to the School of Law, Law has been taught at Queen's for over 150 years. We are proud of our long and distinguished record of achievement in both education and research.

In recent years, we have expanded further and built a reputation as one of the leading Law Schools in these islands. This was confirmed in our Research Excellence Framework 2014 performance where we were ranked 15th out of 67 Law Schools in the UK.

We are a global institution. Each year we have students joining us from across the world. Our Faculty is equally diverse with many having international reputations in their fields. Our research is currently shaping global and local debates within legal scholarship. In addition, the School has active relationships with universities in Ireland, France, Spain, the USA, Canada, South Africa, India, Latin America and Australia through which opportunities for study abroad and staff exchanges are fostered.

At Queen's School of Law, we are committed to supporting our students to achieve their full potential. We provide first class resources including our new £20 million Law School. Our members of Faculty are devoted teachers and researchers. I look forward to welcoming you to study at the School of Law.



Dr Robin Hickey,
Head of School

KEY FACTS

- 9th in the UK for Law (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017).
- Top 1% of universities in the World (QS World University Rankings 2016/17).
- Queen's is in the Top 10 in the UK for research intensity.
- Over 700 undergraduate students are enrolled in the Law School at Queen's.
- For over 25 years, Human Rights at Queen's has supported human rights in the local and global community.
- For over 20 years the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice has had an interdisciplinary approach to the study of crime and justice.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A GLOBAL LEGAL CAREER

Study at a top UK Law School

3-year, full-time programme

Study Abroad opportunities with
University study partners

Includes small-group intensive
seminars

Excellent onsite facilities at the new
£20 million Law School, including a
variety of innovative teaching spaces
to support a pioneering culture of
learning, central to which is the Moot
Court Room.

University Scholarships available

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The primary degree within the School of Law is the LLB (Honours), which takes three years to complete.

In conjunction with the School of Arts, English and Languages, we provide a four-year degree in Common and Civil Law with a European language (French or Spanish), and in conjunction with the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, we also provide a three-year degree in Law with Politics.

All our degrees are Qualifying Law Degrees (QLD) recognised by Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Council (for England and Wales) and The Law Society of Northern Ireland.

Legal skills are introduced and developed through the pattern of study and assessment for both the three and four-year degree programmes.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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LLB (SINGLE HONOURS)

This Single Honours degree programme is taught over 3 years. Students take six modules per year, three in each semester.

In the first two years students undertake the compulsory subjects required for qualification giving them the opportunity to specialise in their final year when they study from a range of optional modules.

YEAR 1

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

YEAR 2

- Contract
- Equity
- Torts
- Contemporary Issues in Property Law
- Contemporary Issues in the Law of Obligations
- Land Law

YEAR 3

Optional modules reflect the research areas of our Faculty and these can include;

- Climate Change Law
- Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Comparative Property Law
- Contemporary Issues in British and Irish Human Rights
- Competition Law
- Courts and Judicial Power
- Criminal Liability
- Discrimination and the Law
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Evidence (Required for Qualifying Law Degree)
- Globalisation, Development and the Security Sector
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Criminal and Transitional Justice
- International Financial Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Trade Law
- Law of the Home
- Legal Theory
- Public International Law
- Remedies in Private Law
- Research Project (Dissertation)
- Reshaping the NI Constitution: The Transition from Conflict to Consensus
- Roman Law
- Sentencing
- Sport and the Law
- Understanding Human Rights



LAW WITH LANGUAGES

At Queen's we offer two Joint Honours degrees that focus on Law and Languages – Common and Civil Law with French or Hispanic Studies.

This degree requires four-years full-time study. Students who enrol on these programmes study the key components necessary for a Qualifying Law Degree in addition to their language modules.

These students spend one year (between their second and final year) studying in a University abroad (France, Belgium or Spain depending on their degree pathway).

Law represents two-thirds of the modules studied and French or Spanish the remainder.

The emphasis in the language modules will be on language and society.



TESTIMONIAL

“ As an undergraduate Law student at Queen's, I've had a fantastic time. It's been a highly interesting and academically enriching course. The standard of teaching at QUB is second to none, particularly in the School of Law, where students can enjoy a holistic, interactive course that shapes students into reasoned, critical thinkers. The staff at QUB are not only highly informative, but supportive and encouraging to all students who seek their advice. I've had a wonderful time at this exceptional institution, and I couldn't imagine studying anywhere else. ”

Sasha Conlan, LLB Law

TESTIMONIAL

“ Since starting Queen's in September 2015, I haven't regretted my choice of degree once. I love the variety that comes with studying Law alongside a language - variety in people I meet, in styles of teaching, and variety in assessment. The year abroad sets this pathway apart and for me, it was the decisive factor in deciding to study this course. In my experience, studying Law with a language allows your CV to stand out and is guaranteed to start conversations with recruiters. In an increasingly globalised world, it is becoming more and more important to demonstrate your ability to work with people not just in your home country, but across the world. What better way to do this than to study a language at the same time as receiving a world-class law degree? ”

Matthew Carson, LLB Common and Civil Law with Hispanic Studies

LAW WITH POLITICS

This three-year degree programme offers students the opportunity of combining Law with Politics. Law represents two-thirds of the modules undertaken and Politics the remainder.

Law and politics are integrally related to one another. The content of law is profoundly influenced by the political dynamics of government and legislatures. At the same time, politics is almost always structured and constrained by law.

The Law with Politics degree pathway offers students an excellent opportunity to understand this complex relationship. The pathway provides a foundation in public and private law, including the essential elements of a Qualifying Law Degree for legal practice. Meanwhile, students learn the fundamentals of the study of politics and pursue optional politics modules in accordance with their interests and career aspirations.

YEAR 1

Students take the following compulsory six level 1 Law and Politics modules:

- Legal Methods and Skills
- Constitutional Law in Context
- Perspectives on Politics
- Criminal Law
- Rights and Accountability
- World Politics

Second and Third Year students take 12 modules (8 Law)

- European Constitutional Law
- Contract
- European Internal Market Law
- Contemporary Issues in Property Law
- Equity
- Tort
- Land Law
- Evidence (Required for Qualifying Law Degree)

and Four Politics modules

LEVEL 2 POLITICS MODULES

Select 2 modules from:

- Politics of Deeply Divided Societies
- International Relations
- Studying Politics
- Democracy, Ethics and Economics
- International Organisations
- Security and Terrorism
- Modern Political Thought

LEVEL 3 POLITICS MODULES

Select 2 modules from:

- Politics of Irish Literature
- Careers Committees and Whips: The Politics of Legislatures
- The Politics of Sustainable Development
- Middle Eastern Politics
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Arms Control
- Women and Politics
- Asylum and Migration in Global Politics
- Far Right in Western Europe and North America
- N Ireland - A case study in Ethno-National conflict and peace making
- Politics parties, representation and democracy
- Security and Technology
- Contemporary Critical Theory
- Scotland and N Ireland: Points of Political Comparison
- US Foreign Policy: War
- Ethics, Power and International Politics
- Minorities in Europe
- Politics, public administration and policy making

FURTHER INFORMATION

ACCREDITATION

All of the law degree programmes offered at Queen's are accredited by legal professional bodies in Northern Ireland and England and Wales.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Past students have gained work placements with organisations such as the Council of the EU, European Commission, European Parliament, United Nations (UN), Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Council of Europe, and Thomson Reuters.

ERASMUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Common and Civil Law with a European language (French or Spanish) students will spend a year at a university in France, Belgium or Spain.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

Details of the application process can be obtained from your school, or from British Council offices. UCAS operates an online application facility at www.ucas.com.

Please note that the UCAS code name for Queen's is QBELF and the number is Q75.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Law

A-level: AAA

Common and Civil Law with French

A-level: AAA including A-level French grade A

Common and Civil Law with Hispanic Studies

A-level: AAA including A-level Spanish grade A

Law with Politics

A-level: AAA

Note:

Applications from those returning to education after a break and those offering qualifications other than A-levels or AS-levels are considered individually on their merits.

TESTIMONIAL

" Being a student at Queen's is, without doubt, the best decision I have made. The teaching, access to world-class academics and personal relationships you are able to develop with those at the top of their respective fields is unrivalled. The university has immensely aided my career aspirations and given me access to employers that wouldn't be possible anywhere else. "

Cal Girvan,
LLB Law
with Politics



FURTHER INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are delighted to offer the undergraduate Scholarships Plus award scheme for 2017 entry for students from England, Scotland, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

These awards offer two options to suit your needs:

Option one:

A tuition fee scholarship combined with accommodation and lifestyle benefits

Option two:

A tuition fee only scholarship

The scholarship award applies to each year of study subject. Should you achieve AAA at A Level and choose Queen's as your firm choice in UCAS, you may receive a scholarship worth £2,500 each year. For further details, visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/GBscholarship17>

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Single Honours Law students can broaden their horizons with an international exchange experience by participating in the School's various opportunities to study abroad. Students can choose from a selection of international study abroad partners located in Canada, USA and China.

GRADUATE PROSPECTS

The degree programmes on offer aim to provide students with a world-class legal education which prepares them for the global and international environment. Graduates will hold a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD) which provides the necessary professional exemptions to allow holders to apply for the professional stage in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

TESTIMONIAL

"One of the courses I'm taking is the cold case justice initiative, and I'm just home after travelling to Washington DC for 2 days for the congressional conference for the reauthorisation of the Emmett Til Act which my professors played a major role in. I got to meet senators and congressmen who played a role in fore-fronting this piece of legislation, legal scholars and lawyers who also played a role in the legislation and families of victims who benefited from the CCJI team and the legislation itself. It was a great experience and a fantastic opportunity to sightsee and be a tourist for a few days!"



Jeanette Wu,
Study Abroad,
Syracuse Law
School, 2016



ABOUT QUEEN'S

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, paleoecology, 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.

A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

As a member of the Russell Group, we are one of the UK's 24 leading universities, providing our students with a world-class education underpinned by world-class research. Queen's researchers work closely with more than 20 universities around the world.

ONE OF THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

As well as ranking in the top 1% of universities in the world (QS World University Rankings 2016/2017), Queen's has been confirmed as one of the top universities in the UK, ranking 9th in the UK for Law (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017).

This confirmed Queen's position as one of the UK's leading research-intensive universities. 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.

WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

Queen's has one of the most modern campuses in the UK, including the award-winning McClay Library, one of the finest libraries in the world and home to 1.2 million volumes and 2,000 reader places. Other highlights include our Students' Union, the state-of-the-art Physical Education Centre – used as a training camp for the 2012 Olympics and the new purpose built accommodation in Elms Village.



GETTING HERE

CAMPUS AND LOCATION

Queen's historic campus is set in Belfast – the capital city of the UK region of Northern Ireland. It is less than one hour from London by plane and is easily accessible from other parts of the UK and Europe. Belfast has a modern transport infrastructure with two airports and daily flights to British and major European destinations.

Belfast offers something to suit every taste and budget. Historic pubs, stylish bars and cool clubs help to ensure Belfast lives up to its reputation as one of National Geographic's 'Places to Travel for Food in 2016'.

SAFEST REGION IN THE UK

Northern Ireland was named the safest region in the UK (British Crime Survey 2014). Queen's University is located in a quiet residential suburb, just a 15-minute stroll from Belfast city centre. Street crime and burglary rates in Belfast are much lower than in comparable European or American cities.

TRAVELLING TO BELFAST

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.

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

EXPLORE BELFAST AND N.IRELAND

MUST SEE DESTINATIONS

Belfast itself is a fun city on the current 'Must See' destination lists.

You can explore:

- Game of Thrones' film location and activity tours.
- Beautiful scenery and outdoor adventures such as the Giant's Causeway or hiking in the Mourne Mountains.
- Titanic Belfast museum best tourist attraction in Europe (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.
- Northern Ireland: happiest place in the UK (Office of National Statistics 2015) alongside the most affordable for students (NatWest Student Living Index 2015).







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If you would like further details of our degree programmes, please contact: law-enquiries@qub.ac.uk

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Undertaking a degree in Law at Queen's University Belfast will provide a high quality learning environment with innovative teaching practice and great student support enabling you to achieve your full potential.