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DÁMH NA nDAONNACHTAÍ AGUS NA nEOLAÍOCHTAÍ SÓISIALTA
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MA in European Law and Policy

DC697 (Full-time)

DC698 (Part-time)



Governments, businesses and societies need experts in European Law and EU policies to ensure their contributions to pressing issues and challenges at a transnational level. DCU's Masters in European Law and Policy is an innovative multidisciplinary programme delivered online, which equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to navigate and address those 21st century challenges, from Brexit to climate change and to the post-pandemic economic and social recovery.

From EU Institutional Law and Governance to Public Policy Analysis, this degree provides a strong balance of legal and policy analysis with opportunities to specialise in key policy areas of EU actions such as climate change, EU banking and finance, EU Trade, and foreign policy. It looks at the role of law in shaping and implementing policy.

Through this master's degree, you will gain expertise on the European Union and its role in law and policy making today. You will also develop an ability to look beyond the borders and limits of national legal systems and propose legal and policy solutions to address today's and tomorrow's challenges. This programme is in line with Ireland's strategy to increase Irish representation in the EU's Institutions and Agencies.

Upon completion, you will have a comprehensive knowledge of EU law and, public policy design, implementation and evaluation.

Programme structure

DCU's Masters in European Law and Policy is designed to integrate legal and policy analysis to equip students with complementary knowledge and skills across both fields. It also allows for a multidisciplinary specialisation in law and policy through optional modules and the dissertation. It is offered on both a full-time (one-year) and part-time (2-year) basis.

Semester 1

You will study three core modules covering EU Institutional law and policy analysis alongside a research skills module specifically tailored to the needs of leading legal and policy analysis.

Semester 2

You can deepen your knowledge of key fields while maintaining an interdisciplinary approach. You choose three optional modules dealing with specific areas of law and policy. You must choose at least one law and one policy based module while the third can be either a law or a policy module.

Dissertation

Finally, students will be expected to complete a dissertation in either law or public policy under the supervision of an expert member of faculty.

Modules

Core modules include Law and Politics of Brexit, one of the first modules of its kind on the island of Ireland, as well as Public Policy Analysis and EU Institutional Law.

Optional modules include Climate Change Law, EU Banking and Finance Law, EU Trade Law and Policy, Policy Challenges, Public Policy Evaluation, Health Policy, Housing Policy, Irish Foreign Policy, European and International Human Rights Law.

EU Law and EU Affairs

DCU is home to several initiatives focusing on EU Law and EU affairs, which provide excellent forum for research and policy discussions on topical issues. In this unique environment, the MELP programme benefits from the activities of the **Brexit Institute**, Europe's first and Ireland's only centre designed to analyse the legal, political and economic impact of Brexit. Students will also be able to engage in academic, policy, and civil society discussions in the framework of the BRIDGE Project (a Jean Monnet Network) and a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence **REBUILD** 'Recovery of Europe, Budget of the Union: Integration, Law and Democracy'. The latter explores the post-pandemic reconstruction of the EU economy, focusing on the "Next Generation EU" Recovery Fund, its governance, financing and values. They are both funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme, and will allow students to build upon those activities for their core and optional modules.

Minimum Entry Requirements

To be considered for admission, applicants must have at minimum a second class honours degree (H2.2). Places may also be made available for candidates who have relevant professional experience. (If the applicant has not yet completed their degree, a conditional offer may be made on the basis of most recent grades).

International candidates who are non-native speakers of English must satisfy the University of their competency in the English language. More information about DCU's English language requirements can be found [here](#).

All applicants must apply through DCU's Student Application Portal which is available [here](#).

Careers

Graduates will be equipped to engage in legal and policy advice and analysis across a wide range of fields impacted by European law and policy working in European institutions and national government, policy making or as a legal policy advisor. (Further professional qualification is required to work as a legal practitioner).

Fees

Full-time

— EU Status Fee €7,400 p.a. — Non EU Fee €15,000 p.a.

Part-time

— EU Status Fee €4,000 p.a. — Non EU Fee €7,400 p.a.

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DCU's School of Law and Government was awarded the **Law School of the Year Award** at the Irish Law Awards 2021.

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