



THE LAW SCHOOL
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“The study of law opens up more possibilities than you could ever imagine...”

Philip Burke, LL.B (Hons), BL
Joint Head of Law School,
Independent Colleges

“There are few more stimulating or intellectually rigorous disciplines than law...”

Val Corbett, BCL (Hons), LL.M
Joint Head of Law School,
Independent Colleges

Why Study Law at Independent Colleges?



Have you ever wondered what the study of law could offer you? Independent Colleges offers unique and student-centric undergraduate and professional programmes in law for those who wish to become solicitors, barristers, legal executives or legal secretaries, as well as for those who simply have an interest in the discipline of law and wish to know more.

Our Commitment to Academic Excellence

Independent Colleges is committed to providing all students with a rewarding, professional, and career-orientated third level experience. The School of Law at Independent Colleges is a close-knit community of full-time academics supported by part-time practising barristers and solicitors. This team is committed to promoting academic excellence through the delivery of the highest quality teaching while offering personal support to all learners on an individual basis. Class sizes are limited in order to ensure the classroom dynamic is one where all can contribute to debate and discussion.

About Independent Colleges

Independent Colleges is part of, and supported by, the Independent News & Media plc group. Ideally situated on Dawson Street in the city centre, the College is a minute's walk from Dublin's main shopping thoroughfare on Grafton Street, and closely located to the Four Courts and the Houses of Parliament. This location provides a wonderful educational environment for students both before and after lectures, and is easily accessible with excellent transport links including the Luas, bus and rail.



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The LL.B (Honours) Programme in Irish Law

The LL.B (Hons) degree programme will be of interest to those who have a strong sense of justice (both legal and social), who possess a questioning mind and enjoy identifying and applying solutions to problems.

About this Course

Students who have a strong interest in reading, current affairs, history and politics should enjoy the study of law. Much of the work on the LLB will involve reading case law, legislation, articles and textbooks which enables the student to form their own opinions on particular legal issues and problems.

While most people begin their study of law with the idea of becoming a solicitor or barrister, a law degree also offers graduates the opportunity to use the skills acquired during their studies in other occupations throughout commerce, financial services, journalism and the Civil Service. A law degree is well recognised as providing analytical, problem-solving and research-orientated training which is highly-valued by employers.

To facilitate student research, each student will be provided with copies of the key legal text in each core module as part of their course fee. Students will also obtain written and oral feedback on their performance in continuous assessment so that performance can be improved from stage to stage.

About the University of West of England & Bristol Law School

The University of the West of England (UWE) validates Independent Colleges' LLB (Hons) degree in Irish Law. UWE is a modern, vibrant university in the thriving city of Bristol. It is one of Britain's most popular universities, with around 30,000 students and 3,000 staff and is the largest provider of higher education in the south west of England. Students come to the university from all parts of the United Kingdom, as well as a significant and growing number of international students from nearly 100 countries worldwide.

The University offers more than 600 programmes at undergraduate, postgraduate, professional and short course levels. UWE has a history of providing high-quality education and training to students, achieving consistently high assessment scores for teaching quality. In the latest Teaching Quality Assessment league table published in the Times Higher Educational Supplement, UWE was ranked fifth in England out of 83 Higher Education institutions.

Bristol Law School is one of the largest law schools in the UK, with 2,000 students following undergraduate degrees (LLB), postgraduate degrees (LLM), and pursuing research degrees (PhD/MPhil). The student body is drawn from the four corners



University of the
West of England

of the globe, a reflection of the School's international outlook and growing reputation as a centre of excellence in legal education. Bristol Institute of Legal Practice, part of the Bristol Law School, is the leading provider of professional legal education in the south and west of England and one of the leading providers in the United Kingdom. Its courses have consistently been rated as excellent by the profession and the School take great pride in ensuring that its courses remain of the highest quality possible.

Admission to the LLB (Hons) Programme

- 1. Minimum Entry Requirements.** To be admitted to the LLB programme, students must have obtained a minimum of 300 points in the Leaving Certificate.
- 2. Holders of Other Qualifications.** Students holding other qualifications (e.g. A level, BTEC, GNVQ, HETAC National Certificates and Level 7 Degrees, Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) qualifications, etc.) will also be considered.

- 3. Mature Age Entry.** Applicants of 21 years of age who, at the date of entry, have useful experience to bring to their studies may be admitted although they have not met these formal admission requirements. The Heads of the Law School will determine all such applications.

Key Features of the LL.B (Hons) Degree

Three year Irish law degree programme at Honours Level (Level 8) validated by the University of West of England, Bristol

A unique commitment to personalised tuition

Varied assessment strategy including research-based written coursework, oral presentations of legal argument, group work and traditional closed book examinations

Coverage of all core subjects prescribed by the Law Society of Ireland and the Honourable Society of the King's Inns

A wide range of electives in specialist areas including: Media Law, Medical Law, Family Law and Employment Law

Highly qualified and experienced full-time academic staff and practitioners

Links to Ireland's largest professional law school and the Professions

Internships with some of the most prestigious law firms in Ireland and the United Kingdom for full-time students



“ I have wholeheartedly recommended Independent Colleges to my friends. The lecturers have a more personal relationship with the students, and you know they care.

Ademipo Ajiboye

The Requirements of the Legal Professional Bodies

The Law Society of Ireland governs the training of solicitors in Ireland while the Honourable Society of King's Inns governs the training of barristers.

The Law Society of Ireland

As holders of a University law degree, graduates of the LL.B degree programme will be eligible to apply to the Law Society for entry to the solicitors' profession. As part of the admissions procedure, the Law Society requires individuals to sit and pass all eight entrance examination subjects.

The LL.B programme will encompass all eight subjects which form the Entrance Examinations: Law of Tort, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Law of Contract, Land Law, Equity and Trusts, European Union Law, Company Law.

Honourable Society of the King's Inns

The Honourable Society of King's Inns require students to have studied the following subjects as part of their LL.B degree: Land Law (including the Law of Succession), Equity and Trusts, Jurisprudence, Company Law, the Law of the European Union and Administrative Law. Students are also obliged to sit an entrance examination in the following subjects: Contract, Criminal, Constitutional, Tort, Evidence. The LL.B degree contains all the subjects mandatory by the Honourable Society of King's Inns. Applicants to the Honourable Society of King's Inns must hold an approved law degree. The LL.B degree offered at Independent Colleges

will be submitted to the Honourable Society of King's Inns for such approval. To obtain further information on how to qualify as a solicitor consult The Law Society, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7, www.lawsociety.ie. To obtain further information on how to qualify as a barrister consult the Director of Education, The Honourable Society of the King's Inns, Henrietta Street, Dublin 1, www.kingsinns.ie.

YEAR ONE

The Irish Legal System
Law of Tort
Criminal Law
Constitutional Law

YEAR TWO

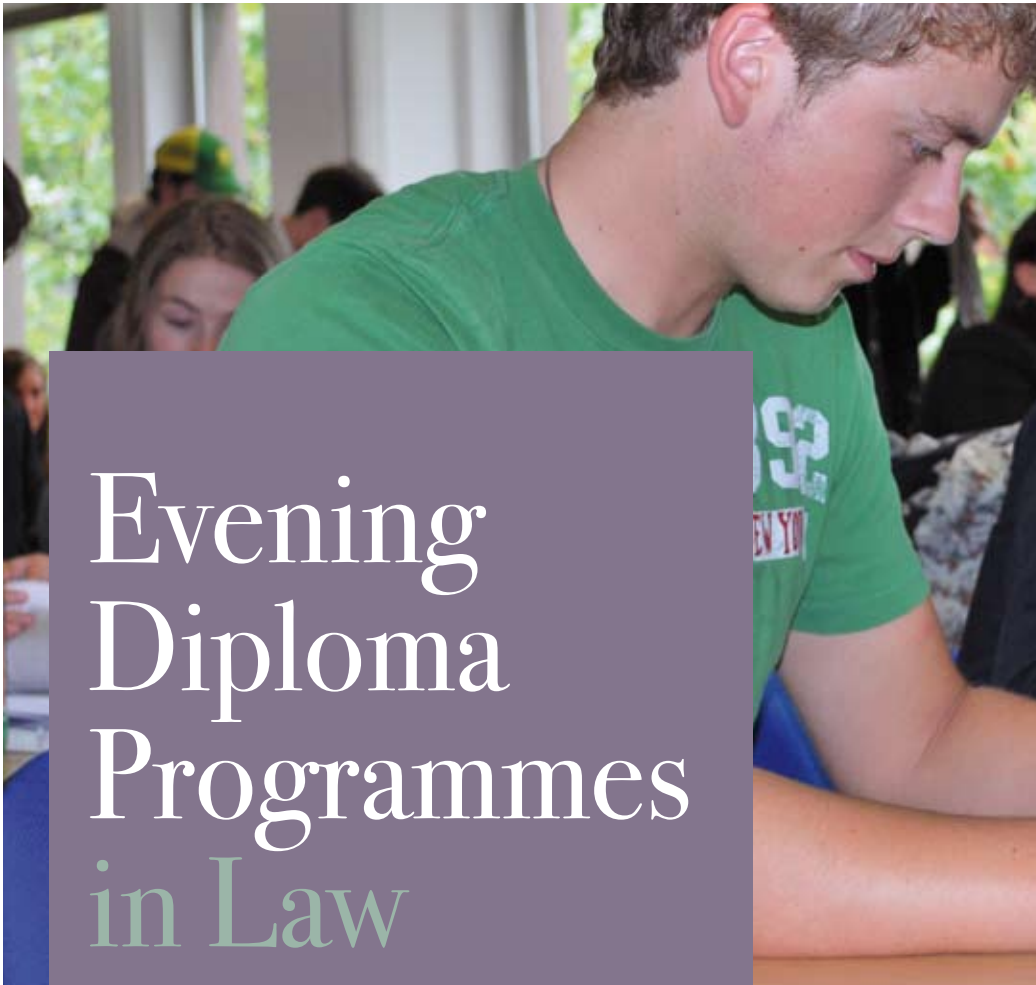
Law of Contract, Law of Equity & Trusts, Land Law

Electives (choose one):
Human Rights/Administrative Law/Employment Law/Media Law/Medical Law/Law of Evidence/Family Law

YEAR THREE

Jurisprudence, European Union Law, and Company Law

Electives (choose one):
Human Rights/Administrative Law/Employment Law/Media Law/Medical Law/Law of Evidence/Family Law



Evening Diploma Programmes in Law

Independent Colleges' evening diplomas in law are designed to provide students with an informative and enjoyable learning experience in specialised areas of law. Course materials are provided on a weekly basis and are used to stimulate in-class discussion and debate.

Diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods

Diploma Aims

This short term diploma is designed to provide participants with a detailed knowledge and understanding of all aspects of ADR. The course will cover a comprehensive range of cutting edge topics in the field of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and adjudication. This diploma will be of interest to anyone working in Human Resource Management, Professionals in Industrial Relations and Trade Unions, Social Workers and Community Workers.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. The diploma will rely heavily on materials from other jurisdictions particularly, the United States and the United Kingdom. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

Course Duration

The diploma will be delivered by a 2.5 hour seminar once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

Distinguish between different forms of alternative dispute resolution

Discuss the role of mediation in personal injury litigation

Explain the role, duties and obligations of a mediator or arbitrator

Analyse future developments in ADR

Syllabus

Course Overview –

An introduction to ADR

Introduction to Commercial Mediation

Mediation in Personal Injury Litigation

Mediation Process and Ethics

International Developments in Commercial Mediation

The Future of Mediation

Commercial Arbitration

Domestic and international arbitration:

The arbitration agreement

The removal of arbitrators

Diploma in Entertainment Media & the Law

Diploma Aims

This short term diploma is designed for anybody with an interest in the entertainment industry and the legal issues surrounding it. This programme will delve into areas of law ranging from defamation, privacy and freedom of expression to copyright and the principles of contract. This diploma will be of interest to anyone seeking a greater understanding of the legal responsibilities, obligations and rights of those involved in the entertainment industry.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. The diploma will rely heavily on materials from other jurisdictions particularly, the United States. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

Duration

The diploma will be delivered by a 2.5 hour seminar once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

Identify the legal duties and obligations of those involved in the entertainment industry

Debate the policy issues which arise surrounding the right to privacy and the freedom of expression in general

Demonstrate an understanding of copyright law

Syllabus

Defamation Law

- Publication
- What is defamatory?
- Was the plaintiff identified?
- Defences to defamation
- Remedies
- The Role of the Press Council
- Case Study Discussion

The Right to Privacy

- The Constitutional right to privacy
- The Breach of Confidence action
- The European Human Convention on Human Rights
- The U.S. Experience
- The Privacy Bill
- Case Study Discussion

The Right to Publicity

- The right to one's own image
- The U.S. experience
- The passing off action
- Case Study Discussion

Copyright Law

- Infringement of Copyright
- Defences to Copyright Infringement
- Moral Rights
- Ownership and Dealings in Copyright Works
- Protected Works (Literary and Artistic Works)
- Protected Works (Neighbouring Rights, State Copyright, Performers' Rights)
- Musical Copyright
- Remedies for Copyright Infringement
- Case Study Discussion

Contractual Issues

- Contractual Capacity
- Restraint of Trade Clauses
- Remedies
- Case Study Discussion

Censorship of the media

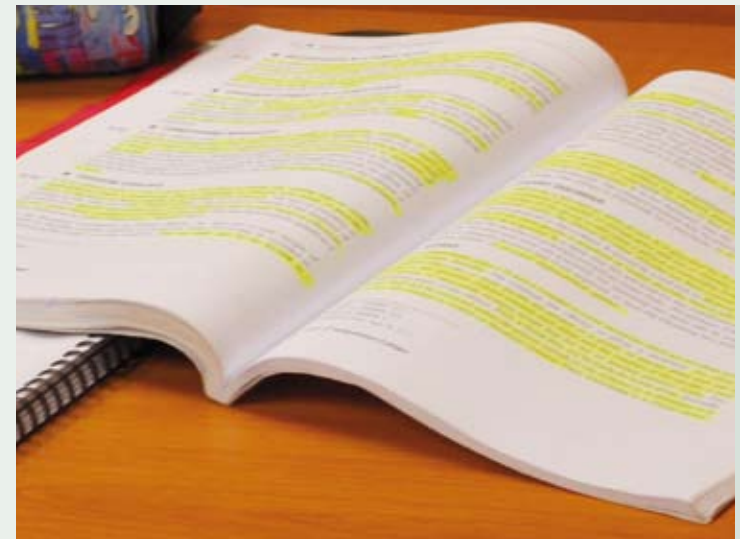
- Constitutional Issues
- Freedom of Expression
- Blasphemy
- Obscenity

Other types of Tort Liability

- Liability in Negligence
- Intentionally Inflicted Emotional Distress

“Great lecturers, both engaging and funny!”

Daniel Hamilton



Diploma in Family Law

Diploma Aims

This short term diploma is designed for anyone with an interest in the fundamental principles of Irish family law. The purpose of the programme is to engender debate and discussion on some of the key aspects of this, at times, controversial area of law.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

Course Duration

The diploma will be delivered in 2.5 hour seminars once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

Discuss the role of the family under Irish law

Identify the manner in which a marriage may be annulled

Outline the protections available in cases of domestic violence

Detail how the law will deal with the division of matrimonial property upon separation or divorce

Describe how the courts will deal with custody and access of children following separation or divorce

Indicative Syllabus

Module 1: The Role of the Family

- Definition of family
- Constitutional implications
- Jurisdiction of the courts
- Case Study Discussion

Module 2: Marriage

- The engagement
- Formalities and capacity to marry
- The legal implications of marriage

Module 3: Nullity

- Void and voidable
- Grounds
- Bars to relief
- Consequences of decree
- Case Study Discussion

Module 4: Domestic Violence

- Barring order; Safety order; Interim order
- Grounds for relief
- Spousal and other violence
- Role of the Health Executive
- Enforcement of orders

Module 5: Separation & Violence

- Historical background
- Grounds for Judicial Separation
- Consequences of a decree
- Case Study Discussion
- The Family Law Act, 1995
- Grounds for divorce
- Effect of a decree
- Ancillary Relief
- Recognition of foreign divorces

Module 6: Maintenance and Matrimonial Property

- The right to maintenance
- Maintenance orders after separation and divorce
- Enforcement of orders
- Property rights during marriage

- Property rights and orders after separation and divorce
- Resolution of disputes between spouses
- Protection of the family home
- Succession rights within families
- Case Study Discussion

Module 7: Guardianship and Custody

- Influence of the Constitution
- Child custody and access disputes
- The welfare principle
- Custody disputes with third parties
- Case Study Discussion

Module 8: Child Law

- Wardship
- Child care and the protection of children
- The rights of children
- Child abduction
- Adoption
- Case Study Discussion

Module 9: Child Law

- The Constitution
- Parenthood
- Status of Children
- Financial obligations
- Proposals for reform



Diploma in Criminal Law

Diploma Aims

This short-term diploma is designed for anyone with an interest in Irish criminal law. The purpose of the programme is to engender debate and discussion on some of the key aspects of an area of law dealing with controversial topical issues.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up-to-date course materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

Course Duration

The diploma will be delivered by 2.5 hour seminars once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

Explain the key elements of a crime

Identify the different types of crime

List the defences to a crime

Syllabus

Module 1: Introduction to Criminal Law

- The sources of criminal law
- The purpose of criminal law
- The presumption of innocence
- The right to silence
- Classification of crime

Module 2: The Elements of a Crime

- Actus reus
- Omissions
- Causation
- Mens rea
- Intention
- Recklessness
- Strict liability
- Case Study Analysis

Module 3: Complicity

- Doctrine of Innocent Agency
- Doctrine of Common Design
- Accessorial Criminal Liability
- Case Study Analysis

Module 4: Offences against the Person

- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Assault-based Offences
- Case Study Analysis

Module 5: Sexual Offences

- Rape
- Sexual assault
- Unlawful carnal knowledge
- Buggery
- Case Study Analysis

Module 6: Offences Against Property

- Theft
- Making a gain or causing a loss by deception
- Obtaining services by deception
- Making off without payment
- Burglary
- Aggravated burglary
- Robbery
- Handling and possessing stolen property
- Case Study Analysis

Module 7: Public Order Offences

- Intoxication in a Public Place
- Offensive Conduct in a Public Place
- Obscene Displays in a Public Place
- Affray
- Riot
- Case Study Analysis

Module 8: Defences

- Lawful Use of Force
 - Lawful use of fatal force*
 - Lawful use of non-fatal force*
- Provocation
- Intoxication
 - Self-induced intoxication*
 - Innocent intoxication*
- Case Study Analysis
- Insanity
 - Fitness to plead*
 - The defence of insanity*
- Automatism
- Duress
- Necessity
- Infancy
- Mistake
- Consent
- Case Study Analysis



Diploma in Employment Law

Diploma Aims

This short term diploma is designed for anyone with an interest in Irish employment law. The purpose of the programme is to engender debate and discussion on some of the key aspects of an area of law that impacts on the working life of both employers and employees. The course should prove invaluable for those with an interest in learning more about their rights as employees or their obligations as employers.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate discussion. Upon the completion of each module, students will engage in group discussion of various case studies.

Course Duration

The diploma will be delivered in three hour seminars once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment. See The Professional Law School section for information on the Certificate and Diploma Programmes in Professional Legal Studies.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of the programme students will be able to:

Identify the essential terms of the employment contract

Distinguish fair dismissals from unfair dismissals

Detail the grounds of illegal discrimination in relation to employment

Identify the obligations owed by employers towards employees regarding health and safety

Demonstrate an understanding of the applicability of employment legislation

Syllabus

Module 1: The Employment Relationship

- Employee v. Independent Contractor
- The Contract of Employment
- Case Study Discussion

Module 2: Termination of the Employment Relationship

- The Minimum Notice and Terms of Employment Act, 1973
- Wrongful Dismissal
- Constructive Dismissal
- Case Study Discussion
- Potentially Fair Reasons for Dismissal
- Automatically Fair Reasons for Dismissal
- Remedies
- Case Study Discussion

Module 3: Health and Safety at Work

- General Principles of Negligence
- Common law duties of the employee
- Liability for Stress-Related Illness
- The Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Acts, 1989–2005
- Common law duties of the employer
- Statutory duties of the employer
- Enforcement of the Act
- Case Study Discussion

Module 4: Equality in the Workplace

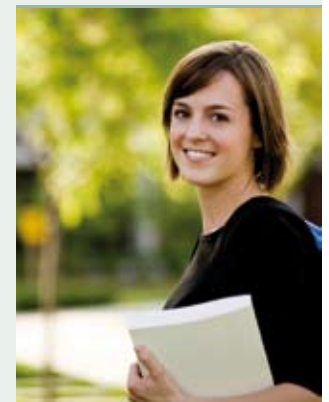
- The Equality Act 2004
- Grounds of Illegal Discrimination
- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Harassment
- Case Study Discussion

Module 5: Industrial Relations

- History of collective bargaining
- Recognition of Trade Unions
- The Industrial Relations Act, 1990
- Case Study Discussion

Module 6: Protective Legislation

- The Maternity Protection Acts 1994–2004
- The Adoptive Leave Act 1995
- The Parental Leave Act 1998–2006
- The Carer's Leave Act 2001
- Payment of Wages Act 1991
- The Organisation of Working Time Act 1997
- The Worker Protection Act 2002
- The Protection of Fixed Term Workers Act 2003



Diploma in Family Law & Mediation

Diploma Aims

This short term diploma is designed for anyone with an interest in the principles of Irish family law and family mediation.

Students review the law as it relates to divorce and separation, and examine the practice of family mediation. The course includes a relatively comprehensive overview of the family mediator's role in the family mediation process.

The purpose of the programme is to engender debate and discussion on some of the key aspects of this, at times, controversial area of law.

Course Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars.

Each student will be provided with the most up-to-date course materials to facilitate discussion.

Course Duration

The diploma will be delivered via 2.5 hour seminars once a week for a total duration of 12 weeks.

Assessment

The programme will be assessed based on attendance and successful completion of a written course assignment.

Syllabus

- The role of the family under Irish law
- The manner in which a marriage may be annulled
- How the law will deal with the division of matrimonial property upon separation or divorce
- The protections available in cases of domestic violence
- How the courts will deal with custody and access of children following separation or divorce
- The purpose and benefits of mediation and the role of the mediator in family law disputes
- What it takes to become an effective mediator
- How parties usually behave in mediation; why and what you can do about it.



The Professional Law School

Independent Colleges' Professional Law School is the largest in Ireland. Its faculty have an unrivalled reputation for getting law students into, and to the top of, fulfilling careers in law.



The Law Society of Ireland's Entrance Examination Preparatory Course (FE1)

About this Course

The purpose of Independent Colleges' FE1 Preparatory Course is to provide students with the necessary skills to successfully negotiate the eight entrance examinations of the Law Society of Ireland. The course provides examination-focused tuition in each of the core subjects which form the FE1 Entrance Examinations.

Course Duration

The programme will be delivered over a 14 week period. Courses commence in June and November each year in Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Waterford and Sligo.

Exam-Focused Lectures

Course lectures and manuals are specifically designed for the needs of students facing the FE1 exams. Our lecturers focus on explaining the key principles and fundamental issues contained in the syllabi of each of the subjects as prescribed by the Law Society of Ireland. All lectures are examination-focused. Each class includes consideration of key principles and practical advice on how those principles can be applied to the examination papers. Our lecturers are experts in focusing students' minds on the areas which are most likely to appear on examination papers.

For Law Graduates

The course will benefit law graduates by:

- Providing them with an ideal focused environment to prepare for examinations,
- Helping them to reach their full potential when attempting the examinations,
- Acting as an excellent revision programme of study for students who have covered these subjects at undergraduate level, but who possibly have not revisited the material in some time. Providing tailored course materials which are particularly useful in providing exam-focused material and the most recent case law and judicial developments.

For Non-law Graduates

This course will benefit non-law graduates by:

- Providing a thorough grounding in all eight entrance examination subjects,
- Imparting the level of knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in these demanding examinations,
- Adopting an exam-focused style which enables students to concentrate their learning in order to have the best opportunity possible to excel in the examinations.

“ You have all put so much into the College, and I don't think you realise how much it means to the students. Most colleges could only dream of the service that you provide... ”

Quinzil du Plessis
FE1 Student,
Independent Colleges

To experience our lectures, visit our online lectures web page at www.independentcolleges.ie/law

The Law Society of Ireland's Entrance Examination Preparatory Course (FE1) Continued



Additional teaching and learning support

- Each student is provided with the most up-to-date manuals that cover all of the key principles and case law.
- Materials are geared specifically towards the Law Society of Ireland's syllabus and designed with the FE1 examinations in mind.
- Our tailored course manuals are the ideal companion piece to the weekly lectures and present the course material in easily digestible form.
- Provision of this material in print form allows students to concentrate fully on the lectures as they are freed from the distraction of excessive note taking.
- We offer individual tutorials and, by appointment, meetings with individual lecturers who can deal with queries as they rise.
- Students have a facility to attempt questions from past examination papers, submit them to the College and have them corrected by the lecturers who will provide the class with general feedback on performance. Students will also receive a copy of their questions with personalised feedback.

“ Central location, facilities second to none, cutting edge online resources, the best lecturers, it would have to be Independent Colleges!

Maurice Regan, FE1 Student

Recorded Lectures

Live lectures are delivered each week from our premises on Dawson Street. These lectures are also recorded and made available on DVD. If a student misses class from time to time and needs to catch up, DVDs can be booked and viewed in the Joshua Dawson library.

Regional Venues

Live lectures delivered in Dublin will be recorded and delivered remotely to our facilities in Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. Email and telephone support from the Dublin office will be provided to those students with any queries that may arise.

The Honorable Society of King's Inns' Entrance Examinations Preparatory Course



Independent Colleges' King's Inns Entrance Examination preparatory course is delivered annually in Dublin and Cork. This course, which boasts an exceptional lecturing team and the most up-to-date study manuals, has been specifically designed in order to maximise the likelihood of excelling in these examinations.

Our Honorable Society of King's Inns manuals contain the most up to date and course specific information available to students. Each manual is laid out in a student friendly style, incorporating an elaborate case index, and a special King's Inns Entrance Examination exam tips section. Our lecturers have a unique insight into how best to prepare students for these examinations.

Course Duration

Lectures for all five entrance examinations are delivered from Monday to Wednesday for 11 weeks.

The Honorable Society of King's Inns' Law School

The King's Inns' Barrister-at-Law degree has been revised to incorporate a new vocational approach. The aim of the course is to enable students to acquire and develop the skills, knowledge and values needed to become an effective member of the Bar. It is a practical, interactive course which bridges the gap between the academic study of law and the practice of law.

Throughout the course teaching and learning focuses on what happens in practice. While some teaching is delivered to large lecture groups, most teaching and learning takes place in groups of 15 or 16 with the emphasis on student exercises and group work based on realistic case papers. Students participate actively in all classes and have numerous opportunities to practice and receive feedback in skills classes.

The Law School of King's Inns delivers the degree of Barrister-at-Law, which entitles the holder to be called to the Bar of Ireland. Admission to the Barrister-at-Law degree course is via an entrance exam. To be eligible to take the entrance exam a candidate must hold either an approved law degree or the Society's diploma in Legal Studies.

In addition, the applicants must show that, in the course leading to the approved degrees, he/she has passed the following core subjects required by the Society:

- Land Law (including Law of Succession)
- Equity
- Administration Law
- Company Law
- Law of the European Union
- Jurisprudence

The Examination

All applicants who are eligible for entry to the Barrister-of-Law degree course will be required to sit an entrance examination in five subjects.

The entrance examination subjects are:

Law of Contract

Criminal Law

Constitutional law

Law of Torts

Law of Evidence

On successful completion of the degree course, students are conferred with the degree of Barrister-at-Law. Only holders of the degree may be called to the Bar by the Chief Justice and admitted to practice in the Courts of Ireland as a member of the Bar of Ireland (elements extracted from the Honorable Society of King's Inns' website).

The New York Bar Examinations Preparatory Course



About this Course

Independent Colleges is proud to offer a unique and intensive preparation course for the New York State Bar Examination.

The Independent Colleges' New York Bar programme is the first of its kind in Ireland. It features live lectures delivered by legal professionals who have been admitted to practice at the Bar of New York by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York as Attorneys and Counsellors-at-Law.

Course Duration

The course is delivered over 12 weeks plus 2 reading weeks and Mock Examinations at the end of the course.

Why should I apply for the New York Bar?

The Attorney-at-Law qualification is highly sought after because;

- To practice law in New York or elsewhere in the United States, or for employment by or on behalf of US law firms or corporations
- Provides holders with an internationally recognised legal qualification of the highest calibre.
- In the competitive world of legal employment and it will enhance your qualifications, portability and marketability to prospective employers.

- It provides an unparalleled opportunity to expand your career prospects and employment options.

Unique training Programme

This unique and comprehensive training program has been developed specifically to prepare law graduates and legal practitioners from Ireland for the New York Bar Examination.

We know what it takes to pass the New York Bar and this programme ensures that you will be given the skills and confidence to pass the New York Bar Examination. This exclusive programme provides:

- Live lectures from experienced lecturers who are both academic and legal professionals and are qualified to practice law in New York.
- An innovative and practical programme which emphasises candidates' real needs, and is designed to provide effective preparation and guidance for maximum return.
- Expert guidance on New York Bar Examination skills and technique, from New York qualified Attorneys, mock examinations, mentoring, assessment and personal writing critiques on preparatory questions for all written aspects of the New York Bar Examination.
- An enhanced and easy to use self-study programme utilising advanced interactive technology, "The MicroMash Way®" which

includes diagnostic software to continually assess candidate's changing needs with customized study sessions tracking proficiency, strengths and weaknesses.

- The programme calculates a student's average score on each of the six Federal law subjects while providing 'at a glance' summaries of Federal law for enhanced and efficient exam preparation.
- Provision of clear, concise and regularly updated course materials from a leading United States Bar Review which includes a condensed outline for the MBE to facilitate quick and easy comprehension of core principles.

Additional Facilities

Access to Independent Colleges' on campus library; a comfortable, quiet environment in which to study located on Dawson Street in the heart of Dublin City Centre.

Extensive library opening hours.

Use of world class electronic legal databases Westlaw and Lexis-Nexis from the library's PCs and Apple Macs.

Provision of car parking spaces at a discounted rate.

Student discounts are available for students of Independent Colleges at the following restaurants: Lemon, The Farm, Reader's Café and Waterstones.

The following course materials are provided:

State Bar Review Introduction

MBE Review Introduction

MBE In Brief (Condensed Outline of Federal Law)

The MicroMash Way®/MicroMash MBE Review CD-Rom

The MicroMash Bar Review on Constitutional Law, Criminal Law & Procedure, & Evidence

The Micro-Mash Bar Review on Contract, Real Property & Tort

Multi-State Bar Exam Sample Test & Answers

Multi-State Performance Test Review

Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam Review Text

New York Review Texts, Volumes I, II, III & IV

Certificate and Diploma Programmes in Professional Legal Studies

Legal Executive Programme

Delivery

The programme is delivered through weekly seminars. Each student will be provided with the most up to date course materials to facilitate discussion.

Course Duration

The diploma takes place over two years at 20 week per year. Candidates will be awarded a certificate on successful completion of the first year, and a Diploma upon successful completion of the second year.

Assessment

This diploma is assessed by examination in each topic.

Certificate Stage

Introduction to the Irish Legal System
Legal Research, Writing & Communications
The Law of Torts
Law of Contract
Civil Litigation
Land Law
Conveyancing

Diploma Stage

Family Law & Practice
Law of Wills & Succession & Probate Practice
Choose two from the following electives:
Criminal Law & Procedure
Company & Partnership Law & Practice
Employment Law & Practice
Practice Management

Certificate and Diploma Programmes in Legal Secretarial Studies



Diploma Aims

Independent Colleges' Legal Secretarial Certificate and Diploma Programmes are awarded by the Institute of Legal Executives (UK) and Independent College Dublin.

These programmes are designed to establish a national standard for those working in the legal environment. They offer a flexible route with no entry requirements and are assessed by task-based assignments. Specially produced course books are provided.

These programmes will be the benchmark for those aspiring to work or who are currently working in a legal environment as secretaries or personal assistants.

Course Duration

Each stage is delivered over one semester of 15 weeks. Candidates will be awarded a certificate on successful completion of the first stage, and a Diploma upon successful completion of the second stage.

Assessment

This programmes are assessed by examination.

Certificate Stage

Unit 1: Legal Word Processing

Learning to use audio and word processing skills to produce legal documentation

Unit 2: Working in the Legal Environment

Learning the different organisation structures that exist within different legal offices, explain the roles of key personnel within a legal office, identify and describe the relevant legislation, policies and procedures that apply to the business environment

Diploma Stage

Unit 3: Advanced Legal Word Processing

Using advanced word processing software features and audio equipment to produce legal and business documents, apply audio and word processing skills to produce legal documentation

Unit 4: Business Skills in the Legal Environment

Evaluating the use of different types of information and communication equipment and systems in a legal office, describe how legislation affects the legal office and describe the legal system, identify and explain the importance of continuous improvement within an organisation, identify ways of resolving potential conflict



The Law Faculty at Independent Colleges

Our Heads of School and full and part-time faculty members are recognised experts in their respective fields. They have many decades of experience in delivering high quality, career focused law programmes.

Philip Burke

LL.B (London), Barrister-At-Law
Equity & Trusts

Philip is a graduate of the University of London. He graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree in 1994. He then completed the Barrister at Law degree of the Honorable Society of King's Inns, Dublin. He established Griffith College Dublin's Professional Law School in 1998, and held the post of Head of School until 2007. He has co-written a textbook on the Law of Torts (Thomson Roundhall) and was founding editor of the Independent Law Review. He is the Chief Operating Officer of Independent Colleges, and is Joint Head of the Colleges' Law School.

Val Corbett

BCL, LL.M (NUI)
Law of Torts & Contract Law

Val is a graduate of University College Cork. He was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law in 1997 and in 1998 he was awarded the degree of Masters of Law (LL.M). Val recently completed a postgraduate qualification in third level teach & learning. He was head of the Undergraduate Law School at Griffith College from 2001 to 2007 where he lectured Contract Law and

the Law of Torts at undergraduate and professional levels. Prior to that he worked in the legal department at KPMG. Val has written textbooks and a number of articles on the Law of Torts. He is currently co-authoring a book on Employment Law. He is a member of the board of Independent Colleges and is Joint Head of the Colleges' Law School.

Mark Cockerill

LL.B, LL.M
Criminal Law & Company Law

Mark graduated with an LL.B (Hons) degree from Nottingham Trent University in 2002. He went on to complete a Masters of Laws (LL.M) at Trinity College Dublin where he specialised in Comparative Freedom of Expression Law, European Competition and Intellectual Property Law. In 2004 he won 1st prize for Company Law in the Law Society of Ireland's Entrance Examinations. He also won the Law Society's prize for Best Individual Advocate and was a member of the winning team in the Law Society Trainee Moot Court Competition.

Patricia Cronin

Solicitor
Property Law

Patricia is a practising solicitor. She qualified in 2004 and has lectured extensively in both Property and Family Law. She was awarded the Law Society Business Law Prize in 2002. In addition to her lecturing commitments, she currently practices as a solicitor.

Stephen J. Dowling

LL.B, LL.M (Cambridge),
Barrister-at-Law
Company Law

Stephen graduated from Trinity College Dublin. He then received a first Class Honours Masters of Law from Cambridge University having specialised in Commercial Law. He is a practising barrister and lectures in Company Law for Independent Colleges' Professional Law School. He has recently authored *The Commercial Court* (Thomson Roundhall 2007).

Gary Fitzgerald

BA, Barrister at Law

Gary is a graduate of the Honorable Society of the Kings Inns and University College Cork. He was called to the Bar in 2007. He won the Antonia O'Callaghan prize for Constitutional Law in 2005 and Oratory in 2006. His practical experience of the subject matter on the F4 syllabus together with his excellent presentation skills make him one of the most respected lecturers in the country for this subject.

Maura Kelly

BCL, M Phil

Constitutional Law

Maura is a graduate of Law Faculty at University College Dublin and holds a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Wales. In 1992, she was responsible for establishing the Law School at Portobello College Dublin and held the position of Head of Law School and Senior Lecturer in Constitutional Law until 2000. From 2003 to 2007, she acted as Senior Tutor in Constitutional Law at University

College Dublin on the Bachelor of Civil Law and Bachelor of Business and Legal Studies programmes. Maura has recently submitted a PhD to the Law Faculty at University College Dublin in the area of Private Property Rights under the Irish and United States Constitutions. Maura pursued her doctoral research as a Government of Ireland Scholar. She lectures in Constitutional Law at Independent Colleges.

Anthony Lowry

BA, LL.B, LL.M (King's College, London) Barrister-At-Law

European Union Law

Anthony graduated from University College Galway with BA and LL.B degrees. He then completed an LL.M at King's College London where he specialised in European Law. He was called to the Bar in 2003. Anthony also worked as a legal intern in the chambers of Justice O'Caomh at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He is a practising barrister.

Mark O'Riordan

BCL, LL.M, Barrister-at-Law
Constitutional Law

Mark graduated from University College Dublin with a first class honours BCL degree in 1999. He later completed a Masters of Laws (LL.M) degree by research on 'Cultural Heritage Law' at UCD as a Government of Ireland Scholar. Following his studies at the Honorable Society of the King's Inns, he was called to the Irish Bar in Trinity Term 2001. He has tutored Land Law at UCD and the Law of Torts at Trinity College Dublin. In 2001-2002 he worked in the Law Reform Commission as legal researcher and secretary to the Landlord and Tenant Law Working Group and the e-Conveyancing Working Group. Mark lectures in Constitutional law at Independent Colleges. He is also a practising barrister.

Anastasia Ward

BCL, Barrister-at-Law

Anastasia qualified from University College Dublin in 1992 with a Bachelor of Civil Law and was called to the Bar in 1994. She currently tutors in The Law Society of Ireland's Law School, and Dublin V.E.C. Anastasia has also lectured Civil Litigation and Case Management on the Irish Legal Executive Diploma Programme. She lectures in Property Law for Independent Colleges.

Michelle Quinn

LL.B, LLM

Michelle is a graduate of Nottingham Trent University, and Trinity College Dublin. Having completed her LL.B degree in 2005, she went on to take a Masters in Laws. She is an accredited mediator, and lectures in alternative dispute resolutions methods at Independent Colleges.

Elizabeth Gavin

BA, LL.B, LLM (Cambridge),
Barrister-at-Law

Elizabeth is a graduate of University College Galway. She later completed an LLM in Cambridge University. She completed the Honorable Society of King's Inns' Barrister at Law degree in 2006, and currently practices as a barrister in Dublin.

Justine Quinn

LL.B (Dub), LL.M (LSE),
Attorney-at-Law (New York),
Barrister

Justine was a 1999 Entrance Exhibition Scholar at Trinity College from where she graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Laws. She qualified as an Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law in 2004 and has been called to the Bar of New York. She was called to the Bar of Ireland in 2005 and later completed a Masters in Laws at the London School of Economics. She is the course director of Independent Colleges' New York Bar programme, and is a practicing barrister.

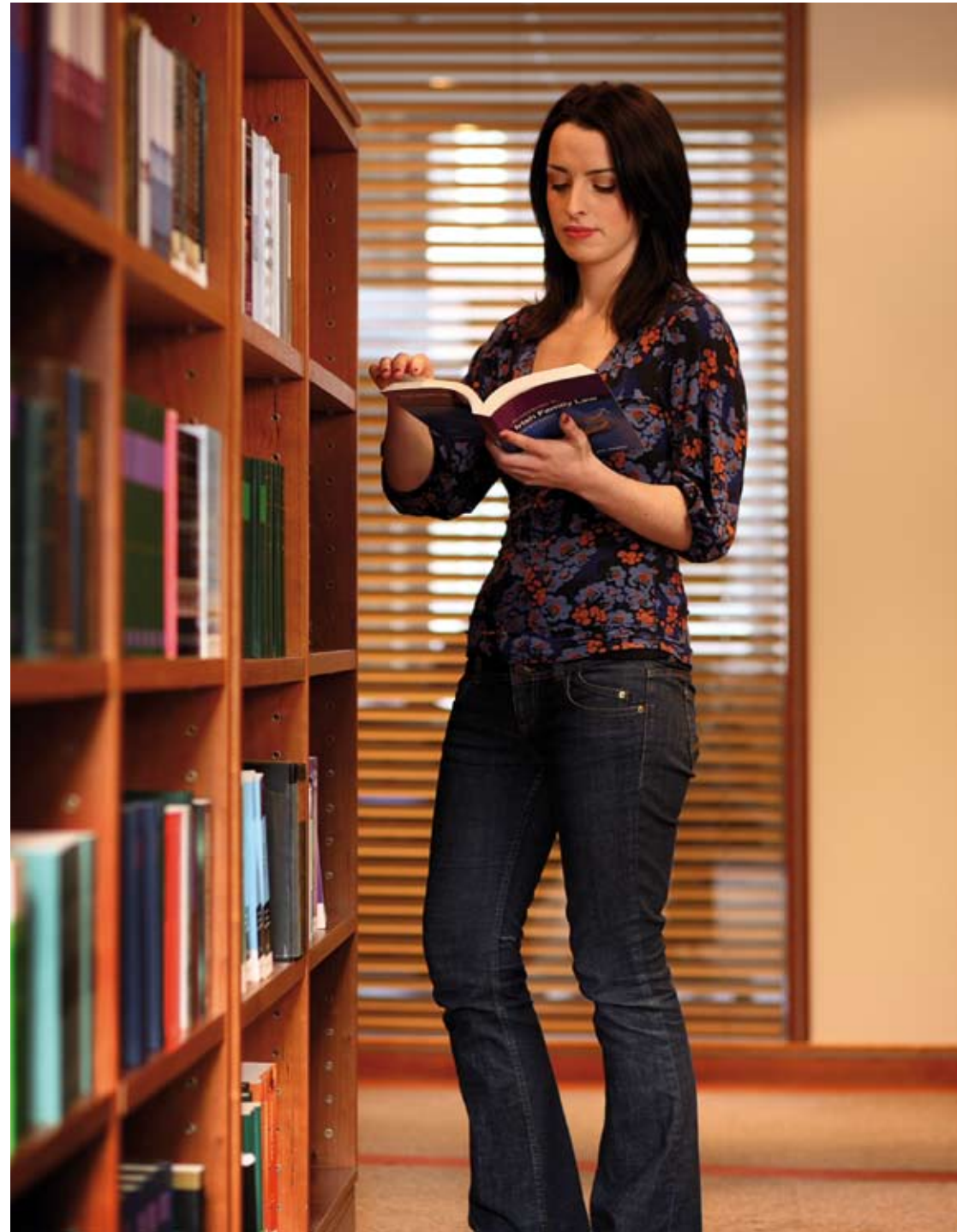
The Joshua Dawson Library at Independent Colleges

The library represents one of the most important resources available to law students. Independent College Dublin has an extensive library on campus, which provides students with a quiet and comfortable environment in which to study and prepare for assignments and examinations. The library is supplied with state of the art computing facilities, comfortable study desks and chairs, and multiple copies of relevant texts in each subject area.

In addition, students may access the best electronic resources such as Westlaw, Firstlaw and Lexis-Nexis from the library's computers or from home.

The library has extensive opening hours to reflect the needs of the busy student. Students will not be limited to the collection of textbooks and journals available in the library. They will be able to access any book or periodical that is not directly available through the use of the inter-library loan service.

The library staff will provide support to students when conducting their research and will provide training seminars for students in order that they may best learn how to use the library and the online resources to effectively conduct their research.



Student & Campus Life at Independent Colleges



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Independent Colleges' positive, high-energy environment, deeply committed faculty and staff, and strong network of support systems make it the perfect place to find your niche – academically, socially, and professionally.

Whether you're looking for sports and fitness, student organizations, local night life, or student activities, Independent Colleges has great resources and access to the finest facilities. If a quiet place to study or read a book is more your style, the Joshua Dawson Library is the perfect place.

Transportation

The College is minutes from the LUAS and DART networks and a multitude of Dublin and regional buses stop right outside our door.

Student Services include

New-student Orientation: All new students at Independent Colleges begin their college experience with a few days on campus before lectures start in order to acclimatise themselves to college life.

International Student Services: Specific services are available for international students before they attend and post entry in order to assist with their transition to Ireland.

Disability Resources: Support structures are available for students with a disability. Please contact the admissions office directly with any queries you may have.

Graduate Student Services: Graduate and professional students have specific needs and requirements whilst at College. The Student Services Office is open from 9am–5pm for students.

Dining: As well as our on Campus Common Room, there is a wealth of local eateries within minutes of campus most offering discounts of 10%-30% discount for students.

Academic services

Academic Induction: Attending college can be not only an exciting time in a student's life but also a daunting experience from an academic perspective. Each of our programmes has an academic coordinator who assists with the induction of each student into their academic programme.

Computing Services: Access to services such as Moodle, online resources & journals, wireless internet access, and online storage are all provided on a complimentary basis.

Academic Support: Each academic programme has a dedicated staff member who deals with any academic issues students may have.

Career Advice: This service is available to all second and third year degree students in assisting them in planning the next steps in their careers.

Student & Campus Life at Independent Colleges Continued

Health and safety

College Health Services:

The health and welfare of our students is of utmost importance. Access to healthcare is provided to all students. Services also include:

- Counselling services
- Alcohol/drug abuse services
- Secure Campus Facilities
- Campus safety Office
- Finances and money

Bursar's Office

Undergraduate & Postgraduate

Scholarships: Scholarships and bursaries are available for most programmes. Please contact the admissions office for more information.

Student Employment: There are limited opportunities for part time work on campus. There are also ample part-time employment opportunities within the surrounding business and retail communities.

Getting involved

Leadership opportunities:

Students are invited to represent their class and programme on various committees across campus.

Student Organisations: Students are welcome to join or even create a new student organisation. These become part of the Students Union.

Alumni Office: Graduates of Independent Colleges enjoy access to its extensive alumni network.

Public Service Opportunities:

Students are actively encouraged to volunteer with one of the many voluntary organisations.

Religious Organisations: All major faiths are represented within a few minutes of campus. The College also has a Catholic Chaplain who is available to meet with students.

Events, activities and culture

Students Union: The students' union is the representative body of the students at Independent Colleges. All students are members and have a say in the running of the Union.

Arts on Campus: Independent Colleges host the McCarthy Art Collection and all students are encouraged to get involved in campus activities.

Recreational sports: There are numerous sports club in our locality and all students can avail of significant discounts at nearby gyms, such as the Fitness Dock and Jackie Skelly's.

Getting around

Parking: Discounted parking is available for all students and there are a number of dedicated cycle spots.

Disability Resources: Most areas of campus are wheelchair accessible. Please contact reception should you have any accessibility queries. Your question will be passed to the Disabilities Officer.

Bus Rail & DART: please visit www.dart.ie and www.luas.ie for full information and timetables.

Travel Cards (USIT): All full-time students are eligible for a USIT card which offers significant discount on local, national and international travel.

Our Dublin Location

Independent Colleges' is located at 60–63 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. This city centre campus is ideally situated within a few minute's walking distance from Grafton Street and St Stephen's Green.

In addition, Independent Colleges has negotiated a special rate with Q-Park, at the Setanta Place Car Park. Students can avail of a 50% discount on parking by purchasing a SmartCard at the Customer Service Desk (on production of an Independent Colleges' student card).





A young man with brown hair, wearing a green sweater and a backpack, is looking at a stack of books on a wooden table in a library. The background shows wooden bookshelves filled with books. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

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