DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND HUMANITIES

There are three areas of study within this Department: Law, Sports and Languages. Each area of study offers exciting and varied career prospects to graduates, whether they wish to work in local businesses or travel abroad to different organisations overseas.

The courses appeal to people with an interest in how law impacts our everyday lives, how sports studies and coaching can transform health performance, and how learning languages and transferable skills can open pathways to many different career opportunities. If you are interested in developing your interest in any of these areas, then your future starts here.

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CAO Course Listing

CAO Code	CAO Course Title
LY208	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law
LY218	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business with Irish/French/Spanish/German
LY228	Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sports Coaching & Performance
LY207	Bachelor of Arts in Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/Spanish/German
LY206	Higher Certificate in Sports Studies

Law

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law (LLB)

National Framework: Level 8
CAO Code: LY208
Duration: 3 years
Number of Places: 40
Points in Recent Years: WP

Year	Final	Median
2014	270	320
2015	270	340

Is this course for you?

This course is a three-year honours law degree. The course has approved degree status with King's Inns and qualifying law degree status with the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (Northern Ireland).

It combines the study of all the core areas of law with new and emerging areas of legal study such as dispute resolution. Third year students have the opportunity to undertake a work placement.

Career opportunities

Successful graduates find themselves working in the following sectors:

- Legal Profession
- Law Enforcement
- Journalism
- Social Work
- Advocacy
- Civil Service

Professional recognition

- Accredited law degree by King's Inns
- Accredited law degree by the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (Northern Ireland).
- Approved law degree to sit the final examination of the Law Society – first part FE1

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Six O6/H7
English or Irish O6/H7
At least two H5

Graduate careers typically include:

- Solicitor or barrister
- Legal Executive
- Civil Service Regulatory Bodies Careers in criminal justice – Garda, Advocacy, Probation, Social Work
- Company Secretary
- Legal Advisor
- Researcher
- Journalist
- Banking & Finance Solicitor
- Tax Solicitor

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Learning & Communication Skills in Law (M)	10	Contract Law (M)	10
	Legal Systems (M)	10	Constitutional Law (M)	10
	Information Technology (M)	5	Employment Law (M)	5
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language (E)	5	Succession Law (M)	5
	Intercultural Communications (E)	5		
Year 2	Family & Child Law (M)	10	Criminal Law (M)	10
	Land Law (M)	10	Company Law & Governance (M)	10
	Tort (M)	10	**Choose two of the following Electives (E):**	
			Administrative Law	5
			Conveyancing	5
			Communications Law	5
Year 3	European Union Law (M)	10	Equity, Trusts & Succession (M)	10
	Human Rights (M)	10	Professional Practice (M)	5
	Choose one of the following Electives (E):		Jurisprudence (M)	5
	Evidence	10	**Choose one of the following Electives (E):**	
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	10	Law in Action	10
	Workplace Learning	10	Entertainment Law	10

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Masters degrees in institutes and universities at home and abroad

Business with Irish/ French/Spanish/ German

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business with Irish/French/ Spanish/German

National Framework: Level 8
CAO Code: LY218
Duration: 4 years
Number of Places: 30
Points in Recent Years: WP

Year	Final	Median
2014	225	320
2015	AQA	315

AQA All Qualified Applicants

Is this course for you?

Do you have business flair and enjoy learning about different cultures? Are you interested in the possibility of an international placement? This course combines the study of business with languages and will provide you with a strong advantage in the international jobs market. Students will study Irish, French, Spanish or German at post-Leaving Certificate level. In the third year students will work or study abroad to develop their language skills and improve their intercultural awareness.

Career opportunities

Successful graduates find themselves working in the following sectors:

- Multinational Companies
- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
- Consultancy
- Public Sector Bodies
- Education

Graduate careers typically include:

- Interpreter
- Secondary School Teacher
- Translator

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Six O6/H7
Maths O6/H7
English or Irish O6/H7
At least two H5
Chosen language O6/H7

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Learning & Communication Skills (M)	10	Accounting 1 (M)	10
	Business Organisation & Management (M)	10	Basic Business Statistics (M)	10
	Language 1 (French, German, Irish or Spanish) (M)	5	Language 2 (French German, Irish or Spanish) (M)	5
	Information Technology (M)	5	Business Law (M)	5
Year 2	Marketing (M)	10	Managing People (M)	10
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language (M)	5	Economics (M)	10
	Intercultural Communications (M)	5	Language 4 (French, German, Irish or Spanish) (M)	5
	Language 3 (French, German, Irish or Spanish) (M)	5	Social Technology Project (M)	5
	Professional Development & Pedagogy	5		
Year 3	**Choose one of the following 30 Credit Electives (E):**		**Choose one of the following 30 Credit Electives (E):**	
	Year Abroad: Workplace Learning	30	Year Abroad: Workplace Learning	30
	Year Abroad: Erasmus Placement	30	Year Abroad: Erasmus Placement	30
	Language 5 (French, German, Spanish) or Irish & Communication Skills 1	10	Language 6 (French, German, Spanish) or Irish & Communication Skills 2	10
	Workplace Learning	20	Workplace Learning	20
Year 4	Language 7 (French, German, Spanish or Irish & Communication Skills 3) (M)	10	Language 8 (French, German, Spanish or Irish & Communication Skills 4) (M)	10
	International Marketing (M)	10	Research Methods & Dissertation (M)	10
	Financial Information & Decision Making (M)	5	Managing Change (M)	10
	Culture & Business Project (M)	5		

M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Master of Science in Marketing Practice or Master of Science in Management Practice
- Masters degrees in institutes and universities at home and abroad

Sports Coaching & Performance

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sports Coaching & Performance

National Framework: Level 8
CAO Code: LY228
Duration: 4 years
Number of Places: 40
Points in Recent Years: WP

Year	Final	Median
2014	245	310
2015	250	295

Is this course for you?

Do you have a love of sport? Do you have a passion for sports coaching and performance? This four year honours programme focuses on sports coaching and performance across the spectrum from beginner to competitor levels. You will specialise in your chosen area of coaching; for example GAA, soccer or athletics and work in conjunction with the national governing bodies to progress through the relevant coaching stages. You will have the opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the physiological aspects of training and exercise, diagnostic and analytical skills related to performance, and applied psychological and dietary influences on athlete preparation. The programme is designed to equip learners with the skills and experience necessary to coach, develop and support athletic performance.

Career opportunities

Successful graduates find themselves working in the following sectors:

- Sports
- Leisure
- Health-care
- Fitness

Graduate careers typically include:

- Exercise Physiologist
- Fitness Centre Manager
- Sports Administrator
- Sports Coach
- Sports Development Officer
- Sports Therapist

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Six O6/H7
Maths O6/H7
English or Irish O6/H7
At least two H5

Special requirements

Garda vetting: This programme may bring students into contact with vulnerable adults or children, therefore Garda Vetting is required. Applicants will be unable to go on placement or complete the course requirements until vetting is satisfactorily completed. Registration is temporary until such time as vetting is satisfactorily completed.

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Learning & Communication Skills (M)	10	Exercise Prescription & Programme Design (M)	10
	Physical Literacy & Fitness Assessment (M)	10	Learning to Train & the Principles of Training (M)	10
	Sport Leisure & Society (M)	5	Information Technology (M)	5
	Choose one of the following Electives (E):		**Choose one of the following Electives (E):**	
	Language 1 (French, German, Irish or Spanish)	5	Language 2 (French German, Irish or Spanish) (E)	5
	Intercultural Communications	5	Civil Engagement in Action (E)	5
Year 2	Biomechanics and Data Collection (M)	10	Sports Nutrition & Hydration (M)	10
	Sports Models (M)	10	Exercise Physiology (M)	10
	The Coaching Process (M)	5	Introduction to Sports Psychology (M)	5
	Anatomy & Physiology (M)	5	Resource Management (M)	5
Year 3	Personal Fitness Instruction (M)	10	**Choose one of the following 30 Credit Electives (E):**	
	Performance Analysis & Technology (M)	10		
	Foundations of Strength & Conditioning (M)	5	Work Placement	30
			Erasmus Placement	30
	Speed, Agility & Quickness (M)	5	Work Placement (Coaching)	10
			Advanced Coaching (ECC Level 2)	10
			Innovation & Creativity	10
Year 4	Applied Sports Nutrition (M)	10	Video Analysis (M)	10
	Applied Sports Psychology (M)	10	Strategic Sports Management (M)	10
	Performance Coaching (M)	10	Innovation & Creativity (M)	10

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Masters degrees in institutes and universities at home and abroad

Steven O'Reilly

Bachelor of Science in Sports Development and Coaching, LYIT (2013)

Masters in Physical Education, University of Limerick

"Doing my Masters, I find I have a lot more knowledge than people from other colleges because of the quality of teaching at LYIT."

Boxing clever

Boxing for Ireland and having your face on an Irish postal stamp are pretty impressive achievements for any student but LYIT Sports Coaching & Development graduate Steven O'Reilly took it all in his stride. Now studying for a Masters in Physical Education at the University of Limerick, he enjoyed every moment of his four years in Letterkenny, despite all the hard work.

Steven's passion for boxing began at the age of eight and by the time he finished his Leaving Certificate he had already represented his country. For the Ballybofey native, LYIT was the obvious place to further his interest in sport. Arriving in 2010, while part of the Irish boxing team, he was able to continue training for twelve hours a week in his home town while he studied at the Letterkenny campus.

Somehow Steven managed to cope with the four-year course while taking on Europe's best in the ring. Overall, the middleweight boxer has won nine national titles as well as a European title. In 2012, while still at LYIT, only a cut eye in the last round of the finals of the Irish Championships prevented him from qualifying for the Irish Olympics team.

By that stage he already won the rare distinction of being pictured on an Irish stamp, issued to commemorate the centenary of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association.

Intensive as it was Steven found the Sports course very fulfilling and even found time to join the boxing and GAA (another passion) clubs on campus.

"The quality of teaching was excellent," he says.

> "The lecturers are so accommodating and do everything to bring you along and help you succeed."

Steven is also very impressed with the sporting facilities at LYIT, not least the state-of-the-art new sports lab, which opened after he left. "They really cater for the elite athlete with the new sports lab. There's a focus on the cardiovascular system, running with a mask on the treadmill, along with blood tests and dehydration tests, all done in the lab."

While completing his Masters, which followed a one-year bridging course at LYIT, Steven is spending his summers selling healthy food at festivals around Ireland, along with his brother and sister. "My degree taught me about nutrition and also had a strong business component so this seemed a good idea," he says. Selling healthy food like fruit salad and wraps rather than burger and chips at festivals has proved a winner commercially too with festivals eager for their services.

For the time being boxing is on hold as Steven completes his Masters. Ultimately, he would like to become a sports lecturer. "My goal shifted," he says, "after seeing the lecturers at LYIT and how they worked and how rewarding it was, I would also like to guide students in that way."

Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/Spanish/German

Bachelor of Arts in Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/Spanish/German

National Framework: Level 7
CAO Code: LY207
Duration: 3 years
Number of Places: 60
Points in Recent Years: WP

Year	Final	Median
2014	145	350
2015	140	350

Is this course for you?

Do you have an interest in how law is practiced and what it means in our everyday lives? Legal Studies provides entry to a range of rewarding and stimulating careers. Fascinated by criminal law? Interested in a career as a corporate lawyer? Curious about children's rights? This exciting programme allows you to combine the study of a law degree with criminal justice or a language. You will also have the opportunity for work placement or a stint in our in-house law advice clinic. If you are interested in the study of crime, criminology, understanding conflict and discrimination then the criminal justice minor will provide a gateway to a wide range of exciting careers. You may choose instead to combine your law degree with the study of a language. We offer Irish, French, Spanish or German from post Leaving Certificate level. Students will have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner institutions for one semester.

Professional recognition

- Accredited law degree by King's Inns
- Approved law degree to sit the final examination of the Law Society – first part FE1

Career opportunities

Successful graduates find themselves working in the following sectors:

- Legal Profession
- Law Enforcement
- Journalism
- Social Work
- Advocacy
- Civil Service
- Public Service

Graduate careers typically include:

- Solicitor or barrister
- Legal Executive
- Civil Service Regulatory Bodies Careers in Criminal Justice – Garda, Advocacy, Probation, Social Work
- Company Secretary
- Legal Advisor
- Researcher
- Journalist
- Banking & Finance Solicitor
- Tax Solicitor

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Points Score 160

Minimum Five O6/H7

English or Irish O6/H7

If choosing language - chosen language F2/O6/H7

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Learning & Communication Skills (BOTH) (M)	10	Contact Law (BOTH) (M)	10
	Legal Systems (BOTH) (M)	10	Constitutional Law (BOTH) (M)	10
	Introduction to Criminal Justice (BOTH) (M)	5	Information Technology (BOTH) (M)	5
	Language 1 (LANG) (M)	5	Language 2 (LANG) (M)	5
			Introduction to Sociology (BOTH) (M)	5
Year 2	Family & Child Law (BOTH) (M)	10	Criminal Law (BOTH) (M)	10
	Land Law (BOTH) (M)	10	Company Law & Governance (BOTH) (M)	10
	Language 3 (LANG) (M)	5	Language 4 (LANG) (M)	5
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language (LANG) (E)	5	Succession Law (BOTH) (E)	5
	Intercultural Communications (LANG) (E)	5	Criminal Practice & Procedure (CRIM) (E)	5
	Introduction to Conflict Studies (CRIM) (E)	10	Administrative Law (BOTH) (E)	5
Year 3	Tort (BOTH)	10	Law Reform Project (CRIM) (M)	10
	Alternative Dispute Resolution (BOTH)	10	Jurisprudence (CRIM) (M)	5
	Anti-Discriminatory Practice (CRIM)	5	Conveyancing (Crim) (E)	5
	Victims of Crime (CRIM	5	Professional Practice (CRIM) (E)	5
	Language 5 (LANG) (M)	10	Workplace Learning (CRIM) (E)	10
	Workplace Learning (LANG) (E)	10	Civic Engagement (CRIM) (E)	10
	Erasmus Placement (BOTH) (E)	30	Language 6 (LANG) (E)	10

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

(BOTH) = Must be complete by both BA award streams. (CRIM) = BA with Criminal Justice stream (LANG) = BA with French/German/Spanish/Irish stream.

Add-on Level 8 Course

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Law with Criminal Justice/Irish/French/Spanish/German

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 4	European Union Law (BOTH) (M)	10	Equity, Trusts & Succession (BOTH) (M)	10
	Criminology (CRIM) (M)	10	Law in Action (CRIM) (M)	10
	Human Rights (BOTH) (E)*	10	Restorative Justice (CRIM) (M)	10
	Language 7 (LANG) (M)	10	Jurisprudence (LANG) (M)	5
			Professional Practice (LANG) (M)	5
			Language 8 (LANG) (M)	10

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Masters degrees in institutes and universities at home and abroad

Sports Studies

Higher Certificate in Sports Studies

National Framework: Level 6
CAO Code: LY206
Duration: 2 years
Number of Places: 40
Points in Recent Years:

Year	Final	Median
2014	AQA	205
2015	AQA	217

Is this course for you?

Is sport your passion? Do you want a career which will enable you to use your talent and skills for sport? This two year course will take your enthusiasm for sport and help you to carve out an exciting career in an area you love. The course covers key aspects of sport, health and fitness.

Career opportunities

Successful graduates find themselves working in the following sectors:

- Sports
- Leisure
- Health-care
- Fitness

Graduate careers typically include:

- Fitness Instructor
- Sports Development Officer
- Sports Coach

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Five O6/H7
Maths F2/O6/H7
English or Irish O6/H7

Special requirements

Garda vetting: This programme may bring students into contact with vulnerable adults or children, therefore Garda Vetting is required. Applicants will be unable to go on placement or complete the course requirements until vetting is satisfactorily completed. Registration is temporary until such time as vetting is satisfactorily completed.

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Learning & Communications Skills (M)	10	Exercise Prescription & Programme Design (M)	10
	Physical Literacy & Fitness Assessment (M)	10	Learning to Train & the Activity Spectrum (M)	10
	Sports Leisure and Society (M)	5	Information Technology (M)	5
	Choose from the following Electives (E):		**Choose from the following Electives (E):**	
	Language 1 (French, German, Irish or Spanish)	5	Language 2 (French, German, Irish or Spanish)	5
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)	5	Civic Engagement in Action	5
	Intercultural Communications	5		
Year 2	Group Exercise Instruction (M)	10	Marketing (M)	10
	Marketing Sports Models (M)	10	Sports Nutrition & Hydration (M)	10
	Anatomy & Physioloy (M)	5	Introduction to Sports Psychology (M)	5
	Choose one of the following Electives (E):		**Choose from the following Electives (E):**	5
	Language 3 (French, German, Irish or Spanish)	5	Language 4 (French, German, Irish or Spanish)	
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	5	Resource Management	
	Intercultural Communications	5		

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Sports Coaching & Performance (Year 3 - subject to completion of bridging modules)

Preparatory Studies

Certificate in Preparatory Studies for Higher Education (Access Course)

National Framework:	Level 6 (Minor Award)
LYIT Internal Code:	LY_CFOUN_F
Duration:	1 year
Number of Places:	100

Is this course for you?

The course is intended for adult learners who wish to return to study after a break in their educational experience and who may not have benefited from, or had access to, previous educational opportunities. Students who are successful on this course will have the educational qualification for admission to higher education courses in a wide range of disciplines. This will not depend on the particular electives chosen. The skills, knowledge and competence developed by the students during this course should ensure a reasonable prospect of success in subsequent studies.

Minimum Entry Requirements

- School leavers between the ages of 17-22 years who have been out of school at least 2 years and who meet the socioeconomic and academic criteria as set down by the institution.
- Adult students 23 years of age or over on 1st January of the year of application to the Access Course. There are no specific entry requirements, such as Leaving Certificate but applicants may have to sit an aptitude test or undergo an interview.
- Current LCA students, who have 160 credits may apply.

What will I study?

	Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits
Year 1	Communications (M)	10	Writing Skills (M)	10
	Information Technology (M)	5	**Choose 20 Credits from the following Electives (E):**	
	Mathematics (M)	15	Introduction to Business Studies	10
			Introduction to Computing	10
			Introduction to Science	10
			Arts module with NUIG	10

(M) = Mandatory, (E) = Elective

Follow-on courses

- Students who successfully pass this course with an overall average of 50% or over will have the opportunity to progress to any course of their choice (except Nursing) at Letterkenny Institute of Technology. Quotas may apply for some courses.