



UCD Sutherland
School of Law

Trimester 1: 2020, Taught Graduate Programmes

Class Times

The School has adopted the following principles:

Most lectures and seminars will be taught face to face. Where class size is less than 50, the class will meet weekly. This is the case for almost all Masters seminars.

Where the class size is above 50 you will be assigned membership of a group of students and will attend on weeks indicated in the rota (which will be either on the timetable or in the module Brightspace area).

All seminars are expected to be recorded and/or livestreamed.

Should public health regulations change (e.g. a restriction on the numbers permitted in classrooms, campus shutdown), all teaching will move online. Should public health regulations ease (e.g. allowing 1m social distancing), then the numbers in a lecture will increase.

Assessments

All assessments will be done online. Some of these may occur during a specific period of time (i.e. an assessment to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded during a limited number of hours). All times will be according to Dublin time. The specifics for each module will be provided at the start of term by the Module Coordinator.

Office Hours

Staff will run office hours remotely and, where appropriate, in person also. No meetings will be undertaken without a prior appointment. Further guidance will be issued in due course on meeting staff.

Academic Expectations

UCD's expectations are that students will take advantage of as much of the on-campus experience as possible. The principle is one of blended learning – it is not an exclusively online trimester. That said, the School recognises that there are challenges for students who e.g. have to isolate for health reasons, so our approach is make our classroom time available online also.

We expect students to pay very close attention to Brightspace for each of their modules and to regularly check what is required of them. This will be the main point of contact for your learning.

The School expects all its community to take their personal responsibility for public health seriously. UCD's current policy on masks follows that coming from the Department of Higher Education which is that masks must be worn at all times where 2m social distancing cannot be maintained. There are students and staff in high risk groups and wearing your mask in the classroom helps protect their health as well as your own. Of course, do not come to campus if you feel unwell.

UCD's approach is that students and staff are personally responsible for cleaning whatever classroom spaces they use themselves. As such, in addition to bringing your mask to campus, you should plan on bringing cleaning materials to wipe down your desk space before the start of class. Don't forget your mask and maintain social distance.

Calendar

Postgraduate	
Dates	Trimester Structure
Mon 21 Sep. – Fri 23 Oct.	Formal teaching (five weeks)
Mon 26 Oct. – Fri 30 Oct	Reading/assessment (one week)
Mon 2 Nov. – Fri 4 Dec.	Formal teaching (five weeks)
Mon 7 Dec. – Wed 23 Dec.	Revision/assessment

Please note that the information below is subject to change as Public Health guidelines change.

All MCL seminars (but for Negligence), LLM and MSc modules are expected to be delivered face to face.

MCL students should also read the information for undergraduate law students for information on the lectures they will attend.

Historically a very small number of graduate modules exceed 50 and these will be face to face with a rota.

At the moment, the following modules will be online only: Competition Law and International Economic Law.

Further detail will be provided as it becomes available even if this is after registration commences.
