HKU JURIS DOCTOR (JD) PROGRAMME
Overview

The Juris Doctor (JD) is a full-time, two-year law degree that provides comprehensive and in-depth legal education to students without prior background in the law. The emphasis of the programme is not on rote learning of legal rules, but on critical appreciation and assessment of the underpinnings of these rules. The programme distinguishes itself by its small class size. JD students will be taught as a separate group of about 40 students. We believe that an intimate environment will facilitate interaction and enhance the learning experience.

The JD programme offers all the courses required for admission to the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws programme (PCLL). Graduates who have taken these courses will be eligible to apply for admission to the PCLL and eventually to practise either as a barrister or a solicitor in Hong Kong.

Suggested Sequence of Study
(Effective from academic year 2017-2018)

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* Students who intend to proceed to PCLL must take five PCLL pre-requisite courses as electives: Civil Procedure, Company Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Land Law III.
* All students must choose at least one elective from the “International, Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives of Law (ICT)” list of courses. Students with no substantial background in Chinese Law must take one elective course listed under “Chinese Law electives”. Students with a substantial background in Chinese Law must take one elective course listed under “Common Law electives”.

No. of core courses = 16 (96 credits)
No. of elective courses = 8 (48 credits)
Admission Criteria

• Applicants with a non-law first degree or a law degree from a non-Common Law jurisdiction are eligible to apply.
• Additional English language requirement for applicants who did not graduate from a university using English as medium of instruction:
  » IELTS: a minimum overall band score of 7.5, with no individual score below 6.5, and a minimum band score of 7.0 in the academic writing module.
  » TOEFL: a minimum score of 100 (internet-based test).
  » (These results must be obtained no more than two years prior to the expected date of entry to the JD programme.)

How to Apply

• All applications must be submitted online at https://goo.gl/YnkRgw
• Applications for admission will open from October/November to January to the following year. For details, please refer to https://goo.gl/quWZiK
• Subsequent to the submission of the online application, applicants are required to submit the following supporting documents within one week after the application deadline:
  1. One photocopy of applicant’s HKID card or passport page showing personal particulars;
  2. One personal statement of no more than 600 words;
  3. One writing sample, which should be an assignment or coursework submitted during undergraduate or postgraduate study, and of no more than 10 double-spaced pages (font size 12);
  4. Original or certified copies of academic transcript(s) (certified translations in English where appropriate);
  5. Original or certified copy of IELTS / TOEFL test score report(s), if required;
  6. Two letters of reference and standard reference request forms from academic referees (each must be kept in a sealed envelope with referee’s signature across the flap); and
  7. One copy of applicant’s curriculum vitae (optional).
• The above should be sent to the following address by registered mail or by courier:
  
  Faculty of Law
  10/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower
  The University of Hong Kong
  Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong
  (Re: JD Application [Your Name and Application Number here])

Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend in-person or a phone/ video interviews.
Application Result

- Most applicants will receive a decision by the end of April. Admitted applicants will then be required to accept the offer and pay the non-refundable deposit within ten days.

- For applicants who have received admission offers from other programmes that expire prior to our usual notification time, they may get in touch with the Admissions Committee at jdinfo@hku.hk for an expedited review with documentary proof of an offer from another programme. The Admissions Committee reserves the right not to entertain such request.

Information Session
For details and registration, please refer to https://goo.gl/3xSdGE

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