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Faculty of Law The University of Hong Kong

From a teaching department of three teachers and 40 students in 1969 to a Faculty today with about 1,800 students and over 80 full time academic staff from about 17 jurisdictions, the Faculty of Law has been the training ground of many distinguished legal minds. Generations of lawyers who graduated from the Faculty now form the backbone of the Rule of Law in Hong Kong, which is crucial to the success of the territory.

The founding Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme, together with the double degrees, are ranked among the top undergraduate curricula in HKU. So is the highly competitive Juris Doctor (JD) programme introduced in 2009. The Master of Laws (LLM) programmes have since 1989 offered specialist, cutting-edge law courses to meet the demands of a rapidly changing global environment. The Master of Common Law (MCL) programme has trained more than 200 Mainland judges in the common law since 1997. In recent years, the Faculty has partnered with some of the most eminent law schools in the world, including double degree programmes with University of British Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, University College London, and

Peking University, research projects and joint conferences with University of Pennsylvania, University College London, University of New South Wales and National University of Singapore, just to name a few.

The Faculty is committed to excellence in meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing environment. While the Faculty has gone a long way from its inception in 1969, what is fundamental still holds true: The Faculty will continue its efforts in international outreach, in strengthening the ties with Mainland China, and ultimately in enhancing the quality of legal education to train not just good lawyers but leaders who have a passion to serve, wherever they are.

In 2012, the Faculty moved to a new law building of its own, the Cheng Yu Tung Tower, in the Centennial Campus. The building also befits the importance of our independent legal system which is the cornerstone of Hong Kong's continued prosperity.

Bachelor of Laws

[LLB] (Code: 6406)

Introduced in the 2004-2005 academic year and revised to incorporate the requirements of the new HKU undergraduate curriculum, the 4-Year LLB curriculum is designed to meet the changing demands on law graduates. It is benchmarked against law programmes offered by the best law schools in the world and has a number of characteristic features to ensure the competitiveness of our graduates. These include:

- Solid foundation years focusing on legal knowledge
- Systematic honing of professional skills such as critical thinking, analytical and problem solving skills, research and writing skills, and bilingual language proficiency
- Integrated experiential learning and capstone experience through an integrated sequence of legal research and writing, mooted, internship and clinical legal education
- Broad-based education with maximum exposure to different disciplines and flexibility for students to specialize in a legal field or a minor in another discipline
- Extensive opportunities for exchange and international experience

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

■ Professional Core in Law

Year 1 60 credits	The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
	Law and society	6
	Law of contract I and II	12
	Legal research and writing I	6
	Common Core courses	24
	Core University English or Free elective ¹ (if exempted from English)	6
Year 2 60 credits	Constitutional law	6
	Criminal law I and II	12
	Land law I and II	12
	Law of tort I and II	12
	Legal research and writing II	6
	Common Core courses	12
Year 3&4 120 credits ²	Administrative law	6
	Business associations	6
	Commercial law	6
	Equity and trusts I and II	12
	Introduction to Chinese law	6
	Introduction to legal theory	6
	Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)	6
	Disciplinary electives ³	30
	Chinese language enhancement course	6
	Free electives ¹	36

¹ Courses offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law.

² 60 credits per academic year.

³ Law electives, including the 6 credits "Designated Research Course".



Bachelor of Business Administration (Law) and Bachelor of Laws

[BBA (Law) and LLB] (Code: 6808)

This 5-year curriculum is jointly offered by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business and Economics. It is designed to prepare students for careers in the highly competitive banking, financial and business sectors as well as the legal profession, by equipping them with knowledge and skills in both disciplines. It is designed to be highly flexible to allow maximum exchange opportunities and other international experience options. The BBA (Law) and LLB offers the choice of two Business majors: Business or Professional Core in Accounting.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE (A) Business Stream

Professional Core in Law

Year 1	60 credits	The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
		Law and society	6
		Law of contract I and II	12
		Legal research and writing I	6
		Business Core courses / electives ¹	18
		Common Core courses	6
		Core University English or Free elective ² (if exempted from English)	6
Year 2	60 credits	Law of tort I and II	12
		Legal research and writing II	6
		Business Core courses / electives ¹	24
		Common Core courses	18
Year 3	60 credits	Administrative law	6
		Business associations	6
		Commercial law	6
		Constitutional law	6
		Business Core courses / electives ¹	12
		Chinese language enhancement course	6
Free electives ²	18		
Year 4&5	120 ³ credits	Criminal law I	6
		Criminal law II	6
		Equity & trust I	6
		Equity & trust II	6
		Introduction to Chinese law	6
		Introduction to legal theory	6
		Land law I	6
		Land law II	6
		Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)	6
		Disciplinary elective ⁴	30
		Business Core courses / electives ¹	18
		Free electives ²	18

Upon graduation, students are awarded two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who wish to graduate with BBA(Law) degree only.

¹ Courses for satisfying the Business major.

² Course offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and Faculty of Business and Economics

³ 60 credits per academic year.

⁴ Law electives.



(B) Professional Core in Accounting

■ Professional Core in Law

Year 1	60 credits	The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
		Law and society	6
		Law of contract I and II	12
		Legal research and writing I	6
		Accounting Core courses ¹	18
		Common Core courses	6
		Core University English or Free elective ² (if exempted from English)	6
Year 2	60 credits	Law of tort I and II	12
		Legal research and writing II	6
		Accounting Core courses ¹	24
		Common Core courses	18
Year 3	60 credits	Administrative law	6
		Business associations	6
		Commercial law	6
		Constitutional law	6
		Accounting Core courses ¹	30
		Chinese language enhancement course	6
Year 4&5	120 ³ credits	Criminal law I	6
		Criminal law II	6
		Land law I	6
		Land law II	6
		Introduction to Chinese law	6
		Equity & trust I	6
		Equity & trust II	6
		Introduction to legal theory	6
		Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)	6
		Disciplinary electives ⁴	30
		Accounting Core courses ¹	36

Upon graduation, students are awarded two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who wish to graduate with BBA(Law) degree only.

¹ Compulsory courses for satisfying the professional core in Accounting.

² Course offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and Faculty of Business and Economics

³ 60 credits per academic year.

⁴ Law electives.

Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws

[BSocSc (Govt&Laws) and LLB] (Code: 6810)

This 5-year curriculum is jointly offered by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social Sciences. It allows students to take a variety of courses in both disciplines. It is designed to prepare students for careers in law, government and politics.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

■ Professional Core in Law

Year 1	60 credits	The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
		Law and society	6
		Law of contract I and II	12
		Legal research and writing I	6
		Common Core courses	12
		Core University English or Free elective ¹ (if exempted from English)	6
		Social Sciences / Politics & Public Admin courses ²	12
Year 2	60 credits	Administrative law	6
		Constitutional law	6
		Law of tort I and II	12
		Legal research and writing II	6
		Common Core courses	12
		Social Sciences / Politics & Public Admin courses ²	18
Year 3	60 credits	Criminal law I and II	12
		Land law I and II	12
		Chinese language enhancement course	6
		Social Sciences / Politics & Public Admin courses ²	30
Year 4&5	120 ³ credits	Business associations	6
		Commercial law	6
		Equity & trusts I and II	12
		Introduction to Chinese law	6
		Introduction to legal theory	6
		Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)	6
		Disciplinary electives ⁴	30
		Social Sciences / Politics & Public Admin courses ²	36
		Free electives ¹	12

Upon graduation, students are awarded two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who wish to graduate with BSS(GL) degree only.

¹ Courses offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and Faculty of Social Sciences.

² Courses for satisfying the Politics & Public Administration major.

³ 60 credits per academic year.

⁴ Law electives.

Bachelor of Arts (Literary Studies) and Bachelor of Laws

[BA (Literary Studies) and LLB] (Code: 6078)

This five-year programme is jointly offered by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Arts. Law and literature have intertwined institutional histories: the study of rhetoric was originally designed to develop the oratory skills of lawyers in the courts, and the works of literary authors such as William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens can be interpreted as responses to contemporary legal developments. Moreover, both lawyers and literary critics engage closely with language, and law schools and departments of literature are sites at which questions of rhetoric, interpretation and meaning receive the most intense scrutiny. This programme draws on the complementary strengths of the two Faculties where questions of textual interpretation are paramount. It aims to develop competence in both legal and literary analysis, encourage interdisciplinary thinking, and enrich students' sense of human and social values. It also prepares them for a variety of careers in the law, the humanities, and beyond.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

■ Professional Core in Law

Year 1	60 credits	Law and society	6
		Law of contract I and II	12
		Legal research and writing I	6
		The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
		Common Core courses	6
		Core University English or Free elective ¹ (if exempted from English)	6
		Literary Studies courses	18
Year 2	60 credits	Administrative law	6
		Constitutional law	6
		Law of tort I and II	12
		Legal research and writing II	6
		Common Core courses	12
		Literary Studies courses	12
		Introductory Interdisciplinary core course	6
Year 3	60 credits	Criminal law I and II	12
		Introduction to Chinese law	6
		Land law I and II	12
		Chinese language enhancement course	6
		Common Core courses	6
		Literary Studies courses	12
		Advanced Interdisciplinary core course ²	6
Year 4&5	120 ³ credits	Business associations	6
		Commercial law	6
		Equity & trusts I and II	12
		Introduction to legal theory	6
		Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone)	6
		Disciplinary electives ⁴	18
		Advanced Interdisciplinary core course - research project (Law and Literary Studies)	6
		Advanced Interdisciplinary core course ^{2/5}	12
		Literary Studies courses (Capstone for BA(LS))	12
		Free electives ¹	36

Upon graduation, students are awarded two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who wish to graduate with BA degree only.

¹ Courses offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts.

² Including a 6 credits of the Capstone experience for BA (Literary Studies).

³ 60 credits per academic year.

⁴ Law electives.

⁵ 6 credits counted towards Professional Core in Law.

Joint Education Programme with UBC

In 2009, The University and the University of British Columbia (UBC) established a joint legal education programme that allows current LLB students to pursue professional qualification study in both Hong Kong and British Columbia. Under this joint LLB-JD programme, an LLB student will be allowed to complete 2 degrees in two jurisdictions in 5 years. Subject to application, eligible law students may be nominated for admission after having successfully completed the third year of study at HKU.

For further information, please visit the Faculty website at <http://www.law.hku.hk/programmes/joint.php>.

HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme in Law

The HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme in Law was jointly launched by The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and University College London (UCL) in September 2016. The Programme enables selected students to study in two of the world's key global financial centers, London and Hong Kong, and to gain insight into the legal systems of two important common law jurisdictions – one as the origin of the common law with expertise in European Union law, and the other in an important hub of legal education in Asia. The students will spend the first two years at UCL and the following two years at HKU.

Upon successful completion of the whole programme, separate Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degrees will be awarded by these two prestigious and highly ranked law schools.

► Programme Highlights

Students will be required to take a compulsory extra-curricular placement in the UCL Center for Access to Justice where students will have the opportunity to interact with legal professionals in providing legal assistance to the local community. During the last two years of study at HKU, they may also have an opportunity to study a course in an eminent university in Mainland China by way of intensive teaching. They may also have the opportunity to broaden their horizons by participating in a vocational internship.

Students who are interested in this dual degree programme can get more information from the Faculty website at <https://www.law.hku.hk/prospectivestudents/hkuucl.php>.

► Students' Sharing

Michiko Head

Apart from enjoying the perfect mix between study and leisure at UCL, this dual degree programme truly offered me the opportunity to acquire a detailed knowledge of the two distinct jurisdictions as well as help in my intellectual and personal development as a global citizen.



Curtis Pak

London will never disappoint you as a place for both studying and entertainment. Small group tutorials; limited exams and essays at UCL become our motivation for self-learning and deeper appreciation of the contents.

Ho Chi Yan

I choose this programme because of the chance to qualify in both the UK and Hong Kong is incredibly rare and an understanding of both local and foreign legal systems is a key to limitless professional opportunities, especially in an increasingly globalized world occupied by multi-national corporations.

Emily Ha

I have learnt a lot from joining Grassroots Human Rights Project – teaching teenagers the significance of human rights in society and how we should respect each other. This year, I become the Project Leader and am very excited to see what an impact I can make.

Clement Cheung

At UCL, we have students and tutors from all over the world, bringing contrasting views and different regional perspectives. I enjoy such interaction and am impressed by how responsive UCL Laws is to current events like 'Brexit litigation'.



Ann Marie Choy

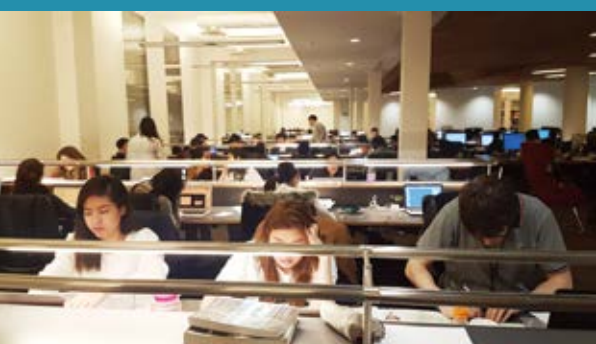
To make the most of this unique programme, I tried a little bit of everything: I joined the UCL AIESEC and became Marketing Director, participated in different competitions offered by the Law Society, and sailed on the River Thames at various boat parties.

Katch Camacho

My experiences at UCL have been fruitful and stimulating, especially the chance to do some pro bono work at its Centre for Access to Justice, where I worked as a receptionist and gained an insight into the struggle to obtain legal advice and what it really meant for people to have access to justice.

Rachelle Tong

I saw that studying both Hong Kong and English law would be invaluable in such a socially volatile and legally complex time in Hong Kong's "One Country Two Systems" era, as I will be able to bring my understanding of Western democracy and common law to Hong Kong's distinctive combination of common law and HKSAR Basic Law.



Lillian Wong

This programme allows me to experience the life in two different reputable universities and meet friends from two distinct places. Apart from normal schoolwork, the placement in the Centre for Access to Justice has enhanced my practice skills outside the classrooms.

Fees

LLB: \$42,100 p.a.
 Double-degree programmes: The last year for the 5-year integrated programmes is self-funded and hence the fees are higher than the government-funded undergraduate programme fee of \$42,100. For 2017-18 intake, fees for the final year of double degree programmes will be \$70,000, subject to review annually.

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Pre-requisites to be completed within the LLB or double degree programmes

Courses	credits
# Evidence	6
# Criminal procedure	6
# Civil procedure	6
# Business associations OR Company law	6
# Land law – Land law III	6
Land law – Land law I and II	12
Constitutional law – Hong Kong constitutional law	6
Legal system – The Hong Kong legal system	6
Criminal law – Criminal law I and II	12
Equity – Equity and trusts I and II	12
Commercial law	6
Contract – Law of contract I and II	12
Tort – Law of tort I and II	12

Students may be able to demonstrate competence in these core subjects by passing the relevant subjects in the Hong Kong Conversion Examination for PCLL Admission. For details of entry requirements, please visit: <http://www.pcea.com.hk/newrequirement.pdf>

2017-18 Admissions Statistics

A) JUPAS Admissions

Minimum Requirement	Level
English Language	5
Chinese Language	4
Mathematics	3
Liberal Studies	3
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3

Applicants may be required to submit their student learning profile (SLP).

Average Scores of JUPAS Applicants Admitted to HKU in 2017			
	English Language	Chinese Language	4 core subjects & best 2 electives
LLB	6.182	5.610	5.836
BA (Literary Studies) & LLB	6.407	5.889	5.827
BBA (Law) & LLB	6.188	5.813	6.017
BSS (GL) & LLB	6.279	5.698	5.888

*Note: Conversion of HKDSE grades into scores:
Level 5** = 7, 5* = 6, 5 = 5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1, unclassified/ others = 0.*

B) Non-JUPAS Admissions

As admission to the LLB programme is very competitive, applicants will be considered individually on his or her own merits, including interview performance. With our introduction of JD programme in September 2009, the Faculty is no longer to offer admission to graduate with a degree in any discipline. Interested applicants with a first degree who wish to pursue a degree in law should apply to our Juris Doctor (JD) Programme which is an intensive 2-year self-funded programme. The annual intake is 40-50. For further information, please visit the Faculty website at www.law.hku.hk/postgrad/jd.

In past years, successful candidates who have applied on the strength of the following popular public examinations have achieved outstanding examination results as follows:

GCEA-Level examination

Minimum A*, A*, A

IB Diploma

Minimum 38 points of which a minimum of point 6 is obtained in each examined subject, excluding bonus points.

Other international qualifications

Equivalent standard as above in an alternative qualification which satisfies HKU entry requirements.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The Faculty has established academic links with about 200 major universities in many parts of the world, notably the UK, Canada, Australia and the US, to allow our students to participate in student exchange programme during their undergraduate years. Each year, about 15%-20% of law students spend one academic year or one semester in one of our overseas partners as exchange students.

Some Partner Universities (*Faculty Level Exchange Partners)

Australia

- Australian National University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- Monash University
- University of Adelaide
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Queensland
- University of Western Australia

Canada

- McGill University
- Osgoode Hall Law School, York University *
- Queen's University *
- University of Alberta
- Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia *
- University of Calgary
- University of Ottawa
- University of Toronto
- University of Victoria *
- University of Western Ontario *

Chile

- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Denmark

- University of Copenhagen *

Finland

- University of Helsinki *

France

- Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

Germany

- Bucerius Law School *

Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin *
- University College Dublin *

Israel

- Bar Ilan University *
- Radzyner School of Law (IDC) *
- Tel Aviv University *
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem *

Japan

- Chuo University
- Kobe University *
- Kyushu University *

Netherland

- Erasmus University Rotterdam *
- Maastricht University *
- Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University *

New Zealand

- University of Auckland *
- University of Canterbury
- University of Otago

PRC

- China University of Political Science and Law *
- Fudan University
- Peking University
- Renmin University of China
- The East China University of Political Science and Law *
- Tsinghua University *

Singapore

- National University of Singapore *
- Singapore Management University *

Spain

- IE Law School *
- Pompeu Fabra University *

Sweden

- Stockholm University
- Uppsala University
- University of Gothenburg

Switzerland

- University of Zurich *

Taiwan

- National Chengchi University *
- National Taiwan University *
- Soochow University *

UK

- King's College London *
- Newcastle University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- University College London *
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Durham
- University of East Anglia
- University of Edinburgh *
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow *
- University of Kent *
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham *
- University of Southampton *
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick *
- University of York

USA

- Boston College
- Boston University *
- Brooklyn Law School *
- Columbia University
- Cornell University *
- Duke University *
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law *
- Tulane Law School *
- University of Michigan *
- University of North Carolina *
- University of Pennsylvania *
- University of Southern California *
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington School of Law, Seattle *
- Washington University in St. Louis *

Students of the Faculty have carried on the tradition of excelling in major international mooting competitions, participants in which came from the best law schools from around the world.

Performance of HKU Moot Teams in 2016-2017

INTERNATIONAL MOOTING COMPETITIONS	2016-2017
Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot 22 – 24 June 2017, London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championship • Three Oralist Awards in the Preliminary Rounds
Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 18 February 2017, Hong Kong (Regional Round) 9 – 15 April 2017, Washington DC (International Round)	<p><u>Regional Round (Hong Kong)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championship • Best Applicant Memorial • Top Three Oralist Awards <p><u>International Round (Washington DC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked 36th out of 127 teams in the Preliminary Rounds
Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot 8 – 11 March 2017, Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Runner Up
International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot 30 June – 5 July 2017, Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked 3rd out of 26 teams in the General Rounds and proceeded to the Semi-finals • Second runner up for the Best Speaker Award in the General Rounds



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