

Pathways Programme with University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley Law)

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

This programme is designed for single LLB students with a maximum annual intake of three students. Students will spend the summer before their final year to start the first half of a US LLM Programme (under the Professional track) at Berkeley Law, and complete the remainder of the LLM in the summer after graduation. Upon successful completion of the LLM at UC Berkeley, students will be awarded an LLB degree from HKU and an LLM degree from UC Berkeley.

Under the Berkeley Law's LLM professional track, students will complete courses from May to August during two consecutive summer semesters. The normal duration for each summer session is 10-13 weeks. This programme would also allow students with an LLB degree to become eligible to register for the California Bar Examination.

The curriculum structure is as follows:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>No. of Credits</u> |
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| Year 1 | 60 Credits |
| Year 2 | 60 Credits |
| Year 3 | 60 Credits |
| 1st Summer at Berkeley Law (Mid-May to Mid-August) | 10-16 units at Berkeley Law, which is an equivalent of up to 18-24 HKU credits that may be transferred towards to your LLB degree with no effect on GPA, subject to application and approval by the Law Faculty. |
| Year 4 | 60 Credits |
| 2nd Summer at Berkeley Law (Mid-May to Mid-August) | N/A |

Information about the LLM at UC Berkeley can be found at:

<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/academics/llm/professional-llm/courses/>.

ELIGIBILITY

LLB Year 2 students with a minimum CGPA of 3.30 at the time of application (The nominees should also have a minimum CGPA of 3.30 at the end of the semester prior to departure)

TUITION AND FEES

Students will pay the tuition fees for two consecutive summers to UC Berkeley, while selected students will be eligible for application fee waivers.

The tuition fee at Berkeley Law for the Summer Semester 2020 (3 Months) is USD 31,681.

APPLICATION TO THE PATHWAY PROGRAMME WITH BERKELEY LAW

Interested applicants should apply for the respective programme online, via the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) website: <https://llm.lsac.org/login/access.aspx?appl=4833L1>.

The application will be closed in December every year.

ENQUIRIES

- (1) For further information about your HKU LLB degree and study plan, please contact the Exchange Director (Outgoing) via. Mr Tristan Wong (wtristan@hku.hk).
- (2) For information about the admissions process, please contact Berkeley Law's Advanced Degree Programmes Office at llm@law.berkeley.edu.