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**Application for Leave of Absence and Study Plan for Outgoing Exchange Students**

\* For students who are under 4-year LLB Programme and will go on exchange in their 3rd / 4th year \*

Students should fill in this form and submit all necessary materials. The form should be emailed to our Exchange Team (Outgoing) (lawexch@hku.hk) in WORD format at least 3-4 weeks before the host institution’s course enrolment deadline.

1. **Personal Particulars**
2. Name:
3. Student No.:
4. Email Address:
5. Mobile No.:
6. Which year and which semester do you intend to go abroad for exchange:

Academic year:

Year of study:

Semester:

1. Host institution:
2. Exchange Programme: Faculty-Level / HKUWW / Visiting
3. Requirements at the University of Hong Kong – you are required to complete at least 240 credits (see <https://dm.law.hku.hk/> ) at HKU to graduate. How many credits have you completed or will have completed by the end of this academic year?

LLB Year 1:

LLB Year 2:

LLB Year 3:

LLB Year 4:

1. Do you intend to pursue PCLL after you have completed this degree?  Yes  No
2. Do you intend to specialize in any stream of legal studies[[1]](#footnote-1)? If yes, please specify the stream and the no. of credits you have completed.

 Yes, the specialisation stream is ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have completed \_\_\_relevant credits so far. No

1. Do you intend to minor in another discipline[[2]](#footnote-2)? Please state the area of study and the no. of minor credits you have completed.
 Yes, the area of study is and I have completed minor credits so far.  No
2. Preference of credit combination transferring from exchange after deducting LLB Core and PCLL Pre-requisite:

e.g. 12 law + 18 free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Course Enrolment Record**
	1. Have you satisfied the following requirements? Please put a “” the appropriate boxes:-

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| Courses that you must take in your 3rd and 4th years | Fulfilled | To be fulfilled by the end this semester | To be satisfied at the overseas university |
| Commercial Law |  |  |  |
| Introduction to Chinese Legal System |  |  |  |
| Introduction to legal theory |  |  |  |
| Business Associations |  |  |  |
| Administrative Law |  |  |  |
| Equity and trusts I-II |  |  |  |
| Mooting and dispute resolution[[3]](#footnote-3) |  |  | Not Applicable |
| **5 x Disciplinary elective courses:[[4]](#footnote-4)**1. Evidence
2. Land Law III
3. Designated Research Course
4. 2 x Disciplinary elective courses[[5]](#footnote-5) (Please put in number)
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| 6 x free electives courses (Please put in number) |  |  |  |
| Practical Chinese for law students |  |  |  |

* 1. If you are going for an exchange for one semester, please state the courses and credits that you will have completed at HKU of the same academic year. Ignore this part if you will be on full-year exchange.

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| **Course(s)** | **LLB core / free elective / law elective** | **No. of Credits** |
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1. **Exchange Study Plan**
2. The normal load at the host university: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (per year / per semester)
3. Courses that you plan to take at the host university:

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| **Course(s) that you will have completed at an overseas university** | **Equivalent HKU course(s). Put ‘N/A’ if there is no equivalent** | **LLB core /** **free elective /** **law elective, etc** | **Related HKU Offering Department** | **No. of credits at host university** | **Sem 1/ Sem 2/ Full Year** | **Contact Hours** |
| **EXAMPLE: Philosophy of Law** | **Introduction to Legal Theory** | **LLB Core** | **Law Depart** | **2 credits** | **Sem 1** | **14 wks x 13 hrs** |
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| **Back-up Course(s):[[6]](#footnote-6)** |
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Note about the True Law Elective Rule:

* Students who go on **Law Faculty-based Exchange Programme** must take at least **one true law elective per semester (including one full year course)**, that is, NOT a required course for the LLB or the PCLL and not a non-law elective. Compulsory introductory courses on the host jurisdiction’s legal system do NOT count.
* Students who go on **HKUWW** must also comply with the Rule. If the host universities do not allow you to take ANY law electives, you should take **at least one non-law elective**, which is, NOT a core course or required course.
1. Courses that you plan to take after you come back from exchange:

(Include a single combined entry for elective courses and credits, grouping together courses not required for your LLB Degree or PCLL entry (for instance: 3 x law elective). Ignore this part if you are final year student and will be on full-year exchange.)

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| **Course(s)** | **LLB core / free elective / law elective**  | **No. of Credits** |
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**Important Note:**

1. If you decide to change your course selection after approval has been obtained, you must notify the Director of Student Exchange (Outgoing) via email (lawexch@hku.hk) to confirm that the new selection is acceptable for credit transfer purposes and/or in satisfaction of a compulsory HKU course, otherwise you will be held responsible for all the consequences.
2. Please submit the application for Leave of Absence online as soon as possible or at least 3 weeks before the start of your exchange. In the leave application, you are required to submit the letter of admissions from the host university (in which your full name and exchange period are listed clearly). Please allow us 2-3 weeks to handle your application and you will receive a letter from the Faculty Office to confirm your application for Leave of Absence.

**Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. The Department of Law offers three streams of law specialisation: (i) Chinese Law (PRC), (ii) Commercial, corporate and financial Law (CCF); and (iii) International trade and economic law (ITEL). Students may refer to the course list to check out the courses which can count towards specialization (<https://course.law.hku.hk/>). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. If you intend to take a minor in another discipline and have it duly recognised and stated in the official academic transcript, you must take the requisite number of credits (which shall not be less than 36 credits and not more than 48 credits) specified by the Board of the Faculty of Law. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution a compulsory law course in your 3rd / 4th year, which may be substituted by representing the University of Hong Kong in one of the designated competitions in the International Mooting Programme of the Faculty of Law. Eligible students may write to the Head of the Department of Law to apply for an exemption. Nevertheless, they are still required to take another 6-credit law course to satisfy the credit requirements. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. For the purpose of PCLL admission, a candidate must satisfactorily complete Evidence I and Land Law III. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Students are required to take a Designated Research Course (DRC) under their LLB degree. It is possible to satisfy DRC requirement while on exchange. If you plan to do so, **your research paper must be on substantive law area with at least 6,000 words (inclusive of footnotes but exclusive of bibliography) but not more than 8,000 words**. Drafting an agreement or legal document does not satisfy the DRC requirement. The research topic has to be pre-approved by the Director of Exchange. Once you have confirmed the research topic with your supervisor in your host university, please let us know the title of your research paper for seeking approval. Upon return to Hong Kong, you are required to submit a copy of your paper (the original copy with teacher’s comments) to the Faculty Office to confirm your successful completion of DRC requirement. Failing to submit your research paper to the Faculty Office will cause needless delay in processing your credit transfer’s application. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. It is not uncommon that the courses you intend to take are full or are not open to exchange students. Exchange students are therefore strongly advised to list a few back-up courses. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)