The University of Hong Kong
Department of Law

Juris Doctor Programme
Guideline for Course Selection 2019-2020
For JD2 Students

(1) Important Dates

1st semester
- Teaching period
  JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx, and JDOC3xxx courses: 2 September – 30 November 2019
  JDOC6xxx courses: 9 September – 30 November 2019
- Add-drop period Except intensive courses
  JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx, and JDOC3xxx courses: 2 – 13 September 2019
  JDOC6xxx courses: 9 – 21 September 2019
- Assessment period
  7 – 23 December 2019

2nd semester
- Teaching period
  JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx, and JDOC3xxx courses: 20 January – 2 May 2020
  JDOC6xxx courses: 3 February – 2 May 2020
- Add-drop period Except intensive courses
  JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx, and JDOC3xxx courses: 20 January – 7 February 2020
  JDOC6xxx courses: 3 – 15 February 2020
- Assessment period
  11 – 30 May 2020

January semester (Optional)
- Teaching period
- Add-drop period
- Assessment deadline
  January 2020
  Between the first two classes of the course
  February – May 2019 (TBC by course teacher)

Summer semester
- Teaching period
  31 May – 30 June 2020
- Add-drop period
  Between the first two classes of the course
- Assessment deadline
  July 2020 (TBC by course teacher)

Add-drop period for all intensive courses
Including courses in January and Summer semesters
  Between the first two classes of the course

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<td>Total</td>
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Year 2[i]: For students who plan to pursue PCLL.
Year 2[ii]: For students who do not plan to pursue PCLL.
(a) The normal year study load for JD2 student is 78 credits (i.e. 30 credits in each of the two semesters, 12 credits in the Summer semester, and a 6-credit dissertation)

(b) The bulk of the course load in the second year consists of electives. The only compulsory courses are 'Equity and Trusts I & II', 'Land Law I & II', and the dissertation.

(c) [i] If you plan to enrol in the PCLL, you must fulfil all the pre-requisite requirements, including 'Company Law', 'Evidence', 'Civil Procedure', 'Criminal Procedure', and 'Land Law III'. Based on the current timetable, 'Company Law' is offered in the 1st semester, 'Civil Procedure' and 'Evidence' are in the 2nd semester, and 'Criminal Procedure' and 'Land Law III' are in the Summer semester (immediately after 2nd semester examination). That will leave you three more courses to choose, and at the same time you must also fulfil the 'ICT' requirement and 'Chinese Law / Common Law' requirement as listed in section (3)(d)–(f) below.

[ii] If you do not plan to enrol in the PCLL, you have quite a lot of freedom in the choice of electives. The only two requirements that apply to you are the 'ICT' requirement and 'Chinese Law / Common Law' requirement as listed in section (3)(d)–(f) below.

(d) All JD students must take one course listed under 'International, Comparative & Theoretical perspectives of law (ICT) electives'.

(e) If you have substantial background in Chinese Law, you must take one elective course listed under 'Common Law electives'. If you have no substantial background in Chinese Law, you must take one elective course listed under 'Chinese electives'. You should check with Ms Jean Ko (jeanko@hku.hk) if you are in doubt.

(f) If you have a substantial background in Chinese Law and plan to proceed to the PCLL, you must, in addition to Company Law, take another course to fulfil the Common Law requirement. You should check with Ms Jean Ko (jeanko@hku.hk) if you are in doubt.

(g) There will be a few seminars to help you prepare your dissertation. You may find the seminar schedule on JD2 timetable in due course. Attendance in the seminars are compulsory and you may not be permitted to submit your dissertation if you miss any of them. You will be required to submit your dissertation title and name of your supervisor on Moodle before the start of the 2nd semester, and the deadline for dissertation submission will be in early July 2020. When you get a chance, you should start thinking about your dissertation topic or at least narrow down on one area of law. You should also note that your dissertation title will be printed on your official transcript, and you should not make any changes unless with the approval from the General Office.

(4) Online Course Selection

(a) Please use SIS in HKU Portal during the 6–9 August selection period to choose ALL your courses for the entire 2019–2020 academic year, as detailed in section (1) above.

(Courses in the January semester are optional, and have an intensive (compressed) class schedule. Credits earned will count towards your total for 2nd semester.)

(b) You may visit SIS to modify your choice of courses before the end of the course selection period. The General Office will begin to process for all enrolment requests only after the system is closed on 9 August.

(c) Most elective courses have fixed quotas, so selecting a course online may not guarantee a place. Priority in oversubscribed courses is given to students needing to fulfil syllabus requirements.

(d) You may check your course selection results on SIS at the end of August.

(5) Changes to Course Selection

(a) You must obtain prior General Office approval if your intended plan of study differs in any way from sections 3 and 4(a) above. Write before 31 August 2019 to Ms Jean Ko (jeanko@hku.hk), explaining your reasons for requesting a change with a study plan, and citing your full name, student number, programme title and mode of study.
(b) If a course is full and you are unable to enrol into it, you may request to be waitlisted for that course by sending a completed Application for Course(s) Amendment to Ms Estella Ng (elwng@hku.hk) before the first class of the course. The names on the waitlist will be recorded on a first-come-first-serve basis. The waitlist will be closed and no further names added if too many names are already on the waitlist. Ms Ng will process your request if a place becomes available. If your name remains on the waitlist, you may attend the first class and write your name on the attendance sheet for the record.

(c) You may change your selection and finalise your course enrolment during the add–drop period of each semester or intensive course (but see note below*). For courses offered regularly in 1st and 2nd semester, you should add/drop courses by yourself in SIS. For intensive courses (including courses offered in January and Summer semesters), you should send a completed Application for Course(s) Amendment to Ms Estella Ng (elwng@hku.hk).

* Dropping an intensive course in mid–semester means that you may be unable to make up lost credits in that same semester, and will need to take an extra course in the semester that follows.

(d) The General Office deals with hundreds of queries during the add–drop period and may be unable to respond immediately to your request. If you receive no reply to a submitted Application for Course Amendments form, you may assume that the request has been accepted. If your name is missing from a course attendance list, then when classes begin simply inform the course instructor and politely ask if he or she could add your name to the attendance list.

(e) No amendments to course enrolment will be permitted after the add–drop period.

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