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FACULTY OF LAW

From a teaching department of three teachers and 40 students in 1969 to a Faculty today with about 2,600 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 legal profession, and protect 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 350 mainland Chinese judges and government officials in 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, University of Zurich, Peking University and University of California, Berkeley; and research projects and joint conferences with University College London, University of Cambridge, University of New South Wales and National University of Singapore.

The Faculty is committed to academic and professional excellence in meeting the challenges of a rapidly changing environment. While the Faculty has gone a long way from its inception in 1969, it continues its efforts in international outreach, in strengthening the ties with Mainland China, and in enhancing the quality of legal education with a view to train not just good lawyers but also leaders who have a passion to serve, wherever they are.

In 2012, the Faculty moved to the Centennial Campus, and has the privilege of a new home named after Dr Cheng Yu Tung. Our eleven-floor building 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 HKU's revised undergraduate curriculum, the four-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 in legal knowledge, transferable critical and analytical skills, and broadening of intellectual horizons
- 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

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	6
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Common Core courses	18
Core University English (or Free elective ¹ , if exemption is granted)	6

Second Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Constitutional law	6
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Land law I & II	12
Law of tort I & II	12
Common Core courses	18

Third & Fourth Years	120 ² credits
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Equity and trusts I & II	12
Introduction to legal theory	6
Capstone course	6
Designated disciplinary elective	6
Designated research course	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.



INTEGRATED DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES (5 YEARS)

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LAW) AND BACHELOR OF LAWS [BBA (Law) and LLB] (Code: 6808)

This five-year curriculum is jointly offered by the Faculty of Law and HKU Business School (previously named 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 streams: Major in Business or Professional Core in Accounting.

Programme Structure

(A) Major in Business

■ Professional Core in Law

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	0/6 ¹
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Business Core courses / electives ²	18
Common Core course	6/0 ¹
Core University English (or Free elective ³ , if exemption is granted)	6

Second Year	60 credits
Law of tort I & II	12
Legal research and writing	0/6 ¹
Business Core courses / electives ¹	24
Common Core courses	24/18 ¹

Third Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Constitutional law	6
Business Core courses / electives ²	18
Chinese language enhancement course	6
Free electives ³	12

Fourth and Fifth Years	120 ⁴ credits
Equity and trust I & II	12
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Introduction to legal theory	6
Land law I & II	12
Capstone course	6
Designated disciplinary elective	6
Disciplinary electives ⁵	36
Business Core courses / electives ²	18
Free electives ³	18

Upon graduation, students are awarded with two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who decide in their second year not to pursue two degrees and graduate instead with a BBA(Law) degree only.

¹ Candidates may choose to enroll in this course in their first or second year of studies.

² Courses for satisfying the Business major.

³ Courses offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and HKU Business School.

⁴ 60 credits per academic year.

⁵ Law electives.

(B) Professional Core in Accounting

■ Professional Core in Law

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	0/6 ¹
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Accounting Core courses ²	18
Common Core course	6/0 ¹
Core University English (or Free elective ³ , if exemption is granted)	6

Second Year	60 credits
Law of tort I & II	12
Legal research and writing	0/6 ¹
Accounting Core courses ²	24
Common Core courses	18/24 ¹

Third Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Constitutional law	6
Accounting Core courses ²	30
Chinese language enhancement course	6

Fourth and Fifth Years	120 ⁴ credits
Equity and trust I & II	12
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Introduction to legal theory	6
Land law I & II	12
Capstone course	6
Designated disciplinary elective	6
Disciplinary electives ⁵	36
Accounting Core courses ²	36

¹ Candidates may choose to enroll in this course in their first or second year of studies.

² Compulsory courses for satisfying the professional core in Accounting.

³ Courses offered by any faculty, including Faculty of Law and HKU Business School.

⁴ 60 credits per academic year.

⁵ Law electives.

Upon graduation, students are awarded with two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who decide in their second year not to pursue two degrees and graduate instead with a BBA(Law) degree only.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVERNMENT AND LAWS) AND BACHELOR OF LAWS

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

This five-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, by equipping them with knowledge and skills in both law and also political science and public administration.

Programme Structure

■ Professional Core in Law

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	6
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Common Core course	6
Core University English (or Free elective ¹ , if exemption is granted)	6
Social Sciences / Politics and Public Admin courses ²	12

Second Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Constitutional law	6
Law of tort I & II	12
Common Core courses	18
Social Sciences / Politics and Public Admin courses ²	18

Third Year	60 credits
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Land law I & II	12
Chinese language enhancement course	6
Social Sciences / Politics and Public Admin courses ²	30

Fourth & Fifth Years	120 ³ credits
Equity and trusts I & II	12
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Introduction to legal theory	6
Capstone course	6
Designated disciplinary elective	6
Disciplinary electives ⁴	36
Social Sciences / Politics and Public Admin courses ²	36
Free electives ¹	12

Upon graduation, students are awarded with two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who decide in their second year not to pursue two degrees and graduate instead with a 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 and Public Administration major.

³ 60 credits per academic year.

⁴ Law electives.

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF LAWS

[BA 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

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	6
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Core University English (or Free elective ¹ , if exemption is granted)	6
Literary Studies courses	18

Second Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Constitutional law	6
Law of tort I & II	12
Introductory Interdisciplinary core course	6
Common Core courses	18
Literary Studies courses	12

Third Year	60 credits
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Land law I & II	12
Advanced Interdisciplinary electives	6
Chinese language enhancement course	6
Common Core course	6
Literary Studies courses	12

Fourth and Fifth Years	120 ² credits
Equity and trusts I & II	12
Introduction to legal theory	6
Capstone course	6
Disciplinary electives ³	30
Advanced Interdisciplinary core course	6
Advanced Interdisciplinary elective	6
Literary Studies courses	18
Free electives ¹	36

Upon graduation, students are awarded with two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who decide in their second year not to pursue two degrees and graduate instead with a BA degree only.

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

² 60 credits per academic year.

³ Law electives.



INTEGRATED DOUBLE DEGREE
PROGRAMMES (5 YEARS)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND BACHELOR OF LAWS

[BSc and LLB] (Code: 6858)

This five-year curriculum was jointly offered for the first time from September 2022 by the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Science. It is designed to cater for the increasing demand for talented graduates with both science and law training to assume leadership roles relating to innovation and policy-making in today's STEM-driven society, including the Greater Bay Area and globally. It aims to fill the current knowledge and education gap by providing academic training for legal professionals with expertise in science and scientists with the knowledge to understand complex legal and ethical processes associated with their research, innovation and inventions. The programme will equip students with academic and interdisciplinary knowledge, alongside analytical and evaluation skills, in both law and science. Graduates will be ready and able to tackle challenges in STEM-driven regulatory affairs and intellectual property protection.

This programme will prepare students for a variety of careers including in commercial or intellectual property firms, the two branches of the legal profession, entrepreneurship, government/regulatory posts, policy makers, environmentalist, and as researchers/academics.



Programme Structure

■ Professional Core in Law

■ Courses satisfying the Science major

First Year	60 credits
Criminal law I & II	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Legal research and writing	6
The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR	6
Interdisciplinary Core Course	6
Introductory disciplinary courses	12
Core University English (or Free elective ¹ , if exemption is granted)	6
Second Year	60 credits
Administrative law	6
Constitutional law	6
Law of tort I & II	12
Introductory disciplinary courses	24
Common Core courses	12
Third Year	60 credits
Business associations	6
Commercial law	6
Introduction to Chinese legal system	6
Land law I & II	12
Introductory and/or advanced disciplinary courses	18
Chinese language enhancement course	6
Common Core course	6
Fourth and Fifth Years	120 ² credits
Equity and trusts I & II	12
Introduction to legal theory	6
Capstone course	6
Designated disciplinary elective	6
Disciplinary electives ³	24
Interdisciplinary Core Course	6
Advanced disciplinary courses	42
Law and Science interdisciplinary electives	12
Common Core course	6

Upon graduation, students are awarded with two degrees. There is an optional exit at the end of Year 4 for students who decide in their second year not to pursue two degrees and graduate instead with a BSc degree only.

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

² 60 credits per academic year.

³ Law electives.



DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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 studies in both Hong Kong and British Columbia, Canada. Under this joint LLB-JD programme, an LLB student will be able 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.

Pathway Programmes to an LLM with our Strategic Partners

In light of the rapid social, cultural, technological, economic, legal and political changes driving changes in norms and expectations about how university graduates should contribute to society both locally and globally, the Faculty has provided a wider range of options to our law students by way of pathway programmes with strategic partners around the globe. Subject to applications, LLB students may be given the opportunity to obtain an LLB at HKU and an LLM with our partner institutions, such as King's College London, University of New South Wales and University of California, Berkeley, in four or 4 ½ academic years under respective agreements.

Dual Degree Programmes in Law

In addition to our 4-year LLB, students may also consider choosing to study the four-year and five-year Dual Degree Programmes in Law jointly offered with University College London (UCL) and Peking University (PKU) respectively.



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 exposure and expertise in European Union law, and the other in a central hub of legal education in Asia. The students will spend the first two years at UCL and the following two years at HKU.

While at UCL, 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, and broaden their horizons by participating in a vocational internship. 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.

HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme in Law

The HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme in Law was jointly launched by The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and Peking University (PKU) in September 2019. The programme integrates the strengths of two leading law schools in Hong Kong and Mainland China, and allows students to develop a robust understanding of two different, associated legal systems. Selected students will spend the first 2 ½ years in HKU learning the fundamental legal concepts on common law jurisdictions, followed by another 2 ½ years at PKU learning about the civil law system in Mainland China. Students will be able to work with legal professionals in Mainland China in their graduation internships and broaden their horizons. Graduates who have completed this programme will obtain two LLBs from both leading law schools, and open their paths to legal qualifications in both jurisdictions.

For further information, please visit the programme websites or scan the QR codes.



HKU-UCL DD
<https://hkuucl.law.hku.hk/>



HKU-PKU DD
<https://www.law.hku.hk/prospective-students/ug-hku-pku-dual-degree-programme-in-law/>

OTHERS

2024-25 Admissions Statistics

A) JUPAS Admissions

Minimum Requirement	Level	Average Scores of JUPAS Applicants Admitted to HKU in 2024			
English Language	5		English Language	Chinese Language	Best 6 Subjects
Chinese Language	4	LLB	6.516	5.742	35.073
Mathematics	3	BA & LLB	7.214	6.929	38.857
Citizenship and Social Development/ Liberal Studies	Attained/ 3	BBA (Law) & LLB	7.3	5.885	39.825
		BSS (GL) & LLB	7.043	6.586	38.043
Elective 1 ^	3	BSc & LLB	6.5	5.292	36.583
Elective 2	3				

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

[^] The result of the Mathematics Extended Part (Modules 1 and 2) will be recognised as equivalent to that of a full elective in fulfilling the University Entrance Requirement on the condition that one of the elective subjects must be a Senior Secondary Subject (i.e. Category A Subject).

Note: Conversion of HKDSE grades into scores:

Level 5** = 8.5, 5* = 7, 5 = 5.5, 4 = 4, 3 = 3, 2 = 2, 1 = 1, unclassified/ others = 0.

B) Non-JUPAS Admissions

As admission to the four-year LLB programme is very competitive, applicants will be considered individually on their own merits, including interview performance.

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

GCEA-Level examination

With 3 AL subjects: 160 – 168 UCAS Tariff points

With 4 AL subjects: 208 – 224 UCAS Tariff points

(Excluding Chinese and English language subjects)

Note: Conversion of UCAS Tariff System:

For A-Level subjects, A*=56, A=48, B=40, C=32, D=24, E=16, others=0

IB Diploma

Minimum 37 points out of 42 (excluding bonus points), with a minimum of 6 points obtained in each examined subject.

Other international qualifications

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

C) Note to Applicants

Since our introduction of JD programme in September 2009, the Faculty no longer offers admission to the LLB programme to graduates with a degree in any disciplines. Interested applicants with a first degree who wish to pursue a degree in law should apply to our Juris Doctor (JD) Programme, which offers an intensive two-year self-funded programme. The annual intake is 40-50.



For further information, please visit the Faculty website at <https://jd.law.hku.hk/> or scan the QR code.



FEES

LLB: \$44,500 p.a. (Local students)
\$198,000 p.a (Non-local students)

Double degree programmes: The fifth year of integrated double degree programmes is self-funded and the fees are consequently higher than the government-funded undergraduate programme fee of \$44,500. For 2024-25 intake, fees for the final year of double degree programmes will be \$89,260, subject to review annually.

PCLL

Pre-requisites to be completed within the LLB or double degree programmes for eligibility to apply to the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL)* which is required for admission to the legal profession in Hong Kong:

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

*For additional details regarding the PCLL programme and its admission requirements, please visit the programme website at <https://www.ple.hku.hk/>.

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 enable our students to participate in student exchange programme during their undergraduate years. Each year, about 15% 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
- Deakin University
- Flinders University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- Monash University
- University of Adelaide
- University of Melbourne *
- University of New South Wales
- University of Queensland
- University of Sydney
- University of Western Australia

Canada

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

Chile

- Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Czech Republic

- Masaryk University *

Denmark

- Aarhus University
- University of Copenhagen *

Finland

- University of Helsinki *

France

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

Germany

- Bucerius Law School *

Ireland

- Trinity College Dublin *
- University College Dublin *

Israel

- Bar Ilan University *
- Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University *
- Tel Aviv University *
- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem *

Japan

- Chuo University
- Keio University
- Kobe University *
- Kyushu University

Korea

- Seoul National University *

Netherlands

- 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
- Shenzhen University *
- The East China University of Political Science and Law *
- Tsinghua University *
- Wuhan University *
- Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Law *
- Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School *

Singapore

- National University of Singapore *
- Singapore Management University *

Spain

- IE Law School *
- Pompeu Fabra University *

Sweden

- Lund University
- University of Gothenburg
- University of Stockholm *
- Uppsala University

Switzerland

- University of Geneva
- University of St. Gallen
- University of Zurich *

Taiwan

- National Chengchi University *
- National Taiwan University *
- National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University *
- Soochow University *

UK

- Gonville & Caius, University of Cambridge *
- King's College London *
- Queen Mary, University of London *

- Royal Holloway, University of London
- SOAS, University of London *
- The London School of Economics and Political Science
- University College London *
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol *
- University of Durham *
- University of East Anglia
- University of Edinburgh *
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Kent *
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester *
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester *
- University of Newcastle *
- University of Nottingham *
- Hertford College, University of Oxford *
- St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford *
- University of Reading
- University of Sheffield *
- University of Southampton *
- University of Sussex
- University of Virginia
- University of Warwick *
- University of York *

USA

- Boston College
- Boston University *
- Brooklyn Law School *
- Columbia University
- Cornell University *
- Duke University *
- Georgetown University *
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law *
- Northeastern University
- Tulane Law School *
- University of California
- University of Hawaii, Manoa
- University of Iowa *
- University of Miami *
- University of Michigan *
- University of North Carolina *
- University of Pennsylvania *
- University of Southern California *
- University of Washington, Seattle *
- Washington University in St. Louis *
- Yale College *

INTERNATIONAL MOOTING COMPETITIONS

International mooting competitions provide an opportunity for students to sharpen their advocacy and mooting skills in an international setting. The HKU Faculty of Law regularly participates in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot, the Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot, the International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot, and the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot, with teams reaching high levels of success.

HKU MOOTING PERFORMANCE

Competition	Best Team Achievement since 2014
Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition	Hong Kong Championship Team
Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot	Winner
Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot	Winning Team
International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot	Runner-up
Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot	Runner-up Team





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