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The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law

Factsheet for Incoming Exchange & Visiting Programmes 2026-27



For over half a century, HKU Law has set the standard for legal scholarship and education in Hong Kong. Our Faculty is consistently ranked among the top law schools globally, renowned for its rigorous academic programmes, pioneering research, and unwavering commitment to shaping the legal landscape. Here, you will find an environment that values critical thinking, integrity, and the courage to question and innovate.

From a teaching department of three teachers and 40 students in 1969 to a Faculty today with about 2,700 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.



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General Information

Faculty website	https://law.hku.hk/
Website for inbound exchange students	https://www.law.hku.hk/international-exchange-programmes/international-exchange-programme-incoming-exchange-visiting-programme/
Mailing address	Faculty Office 10/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus The University of Hong Kong Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong
Contact information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Simon Young Director of Incoming Exchange Programme• Dr. Angus Young Deputy Director of Incoming Exchange Programme• Ms. Perry Cheung, Exchange Coordinator <p>E-mail address: laffairs@hku.hk</p>

Academic Entry Requirements

Generally, students should demonstrate good academic performance with a grade point average of 3.33 (which converts to the letter grade of B+) on a 4.3 scale. Applications with a slightly lower GPA will be considered if justifications are provided. Given that different universities adopt different grading systems, the Director of Incoming Exchange Programme retains overriding discretion in mapping between different grading systems. In addition, students should have completed at least one year of law studies prior to their exchange study depending on agreement between universities. For students enrolled in a double degree programme of Law, Law GPA will be taken into account.

English Language Requirements

The teaching medium for majority of the courses offered by our Faculty is English unless specified. Following the University's entry requirement for incoming exchange students, both native and non-native English speakers are required to submit a valid and acceptable [English Proficiency Proof](#). Students should achieve minimum an overall band of 7.0 with no subtest lower than 6.5 in IELTS Academic Module or 97 in the TOEFL internet-based test.



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Online Nomination and Application

Exchange partners are required to nominate their students via HKU Incoming Exchange Application System (<https://goglobal.hku.hk/incoming/partner/auth/login>).

The following supporting documents should be uploaded by the home institution during nomination. If any of these are not available at the time of nomination, nominees should upload them during the application process.

- i. Official Academic Transcript
 - a. Academic transcript must be official and in English. (Provide an English translation if transcript is in other languages.)
 - b. Online/Unofficial academic results will NOT be accepted.
- ii. English Proficiency Proof
Native & non-native English speakers must both provide valid and acceptable English Proficiency Proof.

Nominees will then be invited for online exchange application by email via our International Affairs Office. Students will then follow the step-by-step application procedures. A Proposed Study Plan at HKU is required as part of the application for reference only. There is no word limit for the Personal Statement Requirements. Both passport copy and Curriculum Vitae must be uploaded by students during the online application.

Nomination deadlines:

September (Fall) Semester / Full-year: March 31 in the same calendar year.
January (Spring) Semester: August 31 of the previous calendar year.

Application deadlines:

September (Fall) Semester / Full-year: April 30 in the same calendar year.
January (Spring) Semester: September 30 of the previous calendar year.

Visa Application

All students without the right of abode/right to land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa for the purpose of education from the Hong Kong Immigration Department. The processing time for a visa/entry permit application for study upon receipt of all the required documents is 8-10 weeks. **Failure to possess valid travel documents may jeopardise your ability to participate in the exchange programme.**

For application and detailed instructions, please refer to <https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/>.



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Accommodation Information

You can apply for accommodation once you have been offered and accepted a place to study here in Hong Kong. Due to Hong Kong's limited land supply and large population, housing is scarce, and the number of spaces provided by the University is also limited, especially since HKU is located on Hong Kong Island. **Please note that housing is not guaranteed and allocation is subject to availability.** Students are encouraged to also explore off-campus housing information provided by CEDARS Housing at <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/offcampushousing>.

Fees for students residing in Residential Colleges & Non-hall housing. Please visit <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/sections/Accommodation/files/hallcharges.pdf>

You may contact CEDARS Accommodation at cedars.housing@hku.hk for further enquiries.

Academic Year 2026-27 (Tentative)

1st Semester (Fall)

First Day of Teaching	01.09.2026 (Tuesday)
Last Day of Teaching	30.11.2026 (Monday)
Assessment Period	07.12.2026 – 23.12.2026

2nd Semester (Spring)

First Day of Teaching	18.01.2027 (Monday)
Last Day of Teaching	30.04.2027 (Friday)
Assessment Period	08.05.2027 – 25.05.2027

Master Registration

Students will receive their HKU university number (UID) & Portal account details by email about three to four weeks before their exchange semester starts. They should follow the instructions to complete the registration process.



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Selection of Courses

Exchange students should select courses according to the Faculty's regulations, procedures and rules. The normal course load for HKU LLB students is 30 credits (i.e. equivalent to 5 LLB courses) in each semester; or 60 credits (i.e. equivalent to 10 LLB courses) for one academic year. With the prior approval from their home university, exchange students should inform the faculty office by email (laffairs@hku.hk) if they wish to opt for one of the following variations of workload for each semester:

- i. a reduced workload of 24-29 credits; or
- ii. a maximum load of 34-36 credits.

For students who wish to enrol non-law courses offered by other faculties, approval must be sought from the respective units, and the final approval rests with the offering department. Please also note that students are permitted to enroll 12 credits (i.e. equivalent to 2 HKU courses) of non-law subjects in each semester.

Course availability varies from year to year subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrolment. Please refer to the website of Faculty of Law <https://course.law.hku.hk/law-electives/> for the list of elective courses offer in 2025-26 for reference. Please note that courses listed under "Core courses", "PCLL Pre-requisites" of undergraduate courses and mandatory courses for specialized LLM programmes are **not open** to exchange students. Some taught postgraduate courses with course code LLAW6XXX are open to designated JD students from North America and Australia only.

A detailed guideline for course selection as well as the final course list offered for exchange students will be sent by email in August (for exchange students in the 1st semester and full-year) and December (for exchange students in the 2nd semester).

Orientations

The Faculty-level orientation session for incoming exchange students is normally scheduled in the last week of August (for 1st semester and full-year exchange students) and mid of January (for 2nd semester students).

The International Affairs Office will also arrange an orientation for all incoming exchange students.

Details of Weeks of Welcome (WoW) programmes for incoming exchange students are available at: <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/campuslife/non-local/orientation>.

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