The University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Law
Guidance Notes on
Outgoing Exchange Programme 2027-2028 (and beyond)
For Integrated Double – Degree Programmes

(Subject to the prevailing exchange policies of HKU, the Faculty of Law, and the partner universities from time to time)

This Guidance Notes contain information you need to know about exchange. If you need any further guidance, please contact the Law Faculty Exchange Team.

First Principles

- Decide whether you wish to do a BSocSc, BBA, BSc or BA exchange OR a law exchange. **It is not possible to do both.**
- If you wish to do a BSocSc, BBA, BSc or BA exchange, you may only transfer a maximum of **12 HKU law credits**, possibly less – at the discretion of the Director of Exchange. Apply through your other faculty in the usual way, making your wish to study some law very clear and giving full details and your other faculty will liaise with us.
- You may need to use some or all of your 72 credit/ year overload allowance in earlier years to clear away sufficient space for exchange, certainly for a full year exchange.
- Your object should be to try to have as many law elective and free elective credits available for exchange as is possible. Even so, you may end up earning more law elective credits than you strictly need to graduate – an education bonus, not a problem.
- Conversely, you should try to clear away as many compulsory/ PCLL prerequisites as possible – to maximize your exchange options.
- Do not concentrate all your attention on the UK. North America, Europe, Australasia are excellent integrated degree students – not so good for transferring PCLL prerequisites but that really shouldn't be the point of exchange.

Securing the Best Exchange Options

- We take both overall CGPA and Law CGPA into account.
- We try to be fair between the different cohorts when allocating the very best places.

BBA(LAW)&LLB

Year 2:

- Complete all business courses that can be completed in Year 2 (FINA 1310, IIMT2601, MGMT2401, MKTG2501, BE)
- Complete all 3 common cores.

Year 3:

- Swap your 3 free electives for Land Law I and II and Introduction to Chinese Legal System. (not available on exchange)
- Possibly move 2 BBA Major electives up from Year 4.
- That leaves 60 law credits, 6 Strategic Capstone + 6-12 BE if not moved in Year 3 + 42 electives for Years 4 & 5.

Advice for Current 4th Years & Accountancy Majors

- Accountancy majors: Only one semester exchange please due to the limited number of free electives.
- It is extremely risky to leave any compulsory courses/ PCLL pre-requisites to your final year exchange. You may end up choosing between your exchange, deferral or staying in HK.

BA&LLB

Years 1 and 2:

- Front load all Common core and language courses into these two years.

Year 2:

- Try to do Introduction to Chinese Legal System Intensive course during summer term if it is offered. (Optional, please consider doing it in summer term of Years 2 or 3)

Year 3:

- Overloading Commercial Law.
- Possibly also take front load additional literary studies. (Optional)

Years 4 and 5:

- A one semester exchange with 30 law electives is easy, a full year exchange is more difficult but not impossible depending on the host.

Advice for Current 4th Year

- It is extremely risky to leave any compulsory courses/ PCLL prerequisites to your final year exchange. You may end up choosing between your exchange, deferral or staying in HK.

BSocSc(Govt & Law)&LLB

- Your limited number of electives is not a problem – because you can transfer back more electives than you need – provided you are NOT deferring.
- Years 1-3 students should submit their online application for transferring courses to the Faculty of Social Sciences.
- Years 4-5 students should submit theirs to the Faculty of Law. Faculty-based exchange is only available for Years 4-5 students.

Year 1

- If you do not need to do University English, do an extra Common Core/PPA electives instead – save the free elective.

Year 3 re Global Citizenship or Social Innovation, you may either

- Do the necessary 12 credits in your Year 1 or Year 2 summer; or
- Leave the 12 credits to use as elective credits on your exchange.
- Either way, you free up 12 Year 3 credits. Use these for compulsory LLB subjects. (Commercial Law and Business Associations) or 2 x PPA electives.
- If you have not yet done CSSC9001 and Introduction to Chinese Legal System, do them now.

Years 4 and 5

- Whatever you do, you will have 4 – 6 PPA electives to do during Years 4 – 5.
- HKUWW with all or mainly PPA electives may be an attractive option.
- For law exchange, if you have deferred Global Citizenship you will have at least 12 + 12 free electives + 1 disciplinary elective, i.e. a full semester of 30 electives. A one semester exchange, even a full year with some PPA electives is not difficult.
- Even without Global Citizenship, because you can incorporate 360 HKU credits in your degree, and do 36 or up to 72 on your return from exchange, one semester or even full year exchanges are still possible with careful planning.
- Courses to be taken to fulfil the 12 credits of Global Citizenship must be transferred as advanced level course.
- Whether the course is transferrable as an advanced level course is determined by the offering department at HKU.
- Where necessary, the Faculty of Social Sciences / Faculty of Law will seek advice on the transferability of courses from the departments offering the respective courses.

BSc&LLB

Given the compressed and highly prescribed structure of this integrated double-degree programme, students are generally unlikely to be able to undertake a full-year exchange and graduate within the normal period of study. Students wishing to participate in a full-year exchange should therefore anticipate that an extension of studies may be required.

Students who wish to gain overseas study experience are encouraged to consider one-semester exchange opportunities, which may offer greater flexibility and are more likely to be compatible with the sequencing of compulsory courses in both the law and non-law components of the degree.

Advice for Current 4th Year

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For enquiry, please contact the Law Faculty Exchange Team by email at lawexchange@hku.hk.