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Message from the Dean

We are Hong Kong’s most enterprising and dynamic Faculty of Law, located within one of Asia’s great teaching and research universities. The Faculty is innovative and responsive to the pace of legal developments locally, regionally and internationally.

Our Faculty is highly international in character, with professors and other teachers coming from nearly twenty jurisdictions including Europe, North America, Australia, New Zealand, Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other parts of Asia. Upon joining the Juris Doctor Programme at CUHK, you will participate in a co-operative and innovative community dedicated to teaching, research, and international exchange bringing the best of China to the world and the best of the world to China.

We offer opportunities and challenges to talented people. We will do everything possible to enrich your educational experience. We are confident that, together, we will form a professional partnership that will equip you to contribute to the development of Hong Kong’s community and the defence and advancement of the rule of law. Hong Kong needs and deserves individuals of your calibre to further its development and enable it to compete in an increasingly global environment.

Join with us to explore this exciting and rewarding journey.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Gane
Simon F.S. Li Professor of Law and
Dean, Faculty of Law

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Our Faculty of Law is a youthful, driven and optimistic enterprise. Our Juris Doctor Programme, and all the teachers and students who contribute to it, reflect these traits. We come from all manner of disciplines, among them the natural and social sciences, the arts, economics, engineering, medicine and mathematics. We enhance the shared study of our art with this abundance of intellectual colour. We hail from every edge of earth and its most venerated colleges.

And we have much to offer you in the study of law. With you we will search the depths of its detail and reach for the heights of its most abstract and elusive principles. We will prepare you to deploy all you learn in the big world beyond our lecture halls. Will you be the lead solicitor in the next great transaction of corporate history? Will you be our finest barrister, the only thing standing between an innocent defendant and legal miscarriage? Will you be a leader in government or a captain of industry? Or will you join the hallowed ranks of academic cognoscenti to pass on to our next generation all we know and hold dear?

Whatever your creed, your discipline, your upbringing and your aspirations, we are ready to welcome you if you are ready to join us.

Are you?

Matthew Paul Cheung
Programme Director of Juris Doctor Programme
Mission and Vision of the Faculty of Law

Overview of the JD Programme

Enriched by the intellectual and cultural heritage of its University and at the heart of the legal system, the Faculty of Law brings together common law and Chinese law with other great legal traditions and values to promote justice and safeguard the rule of law.

An international family of research-led scholars creates a dynamic, flexible learning environment. Students are encouraged to develop a deep and critical understanding of legal theory and practice. Graduates will possess the intellectual skills and ethical values to enable them to become future leaders and better serve the needs of the community.

Supported by world class research, the Faculty of Law provides a flexible, learner-centred environment in which students are actively engaged and prepared for distinction in the legal profession and for leadership roles in Hong Kong, China, and internationally.

The Faculty is building strong and enduring links with alumni and friends so that law students are educated and fully equipped for successful careers in the legal profession, government, business, and industry.

JURIS DOCTOR ASIA
YOUR POSTGRADUATE LAW DEGREE

The Juris Doctor (JD) is a versatile postgraduate law degree that leads potentially to admission as barrister or solicitor in Hong Kong. It is also suitable for candidates who strive to become leaders in fields such as commerce, finance, academia, government, community service, law enforcement, public administration, education and the media. The JD is a respected and internationally recognised award many universities in leading jurisdictions abroad confer. The Faculty of Law teaches and assesses all JD Programme courses at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) entirely in the English language.

The JD Programme gives students an intellectually enriching foundational education in law that also lets them study a wide range of challenging elective courses in the common law, Chinese law, comparative law, international law, and the law of trade, business and finance. The Faculty of Law encourages JD students to look behind the contemporary rules of law to the values, purposes and policies underlying them.

The JD Programme is entirely postgraduate. Our JD students do not share classes with undergraduate students, but often join Master of Laws (LLM) and other postgraduate law students in classes. The JD Programme is a taught Master’s degree and it is not customary for JD graduates to use the title “Doctor”.

With CUHK as its home, experienced and dedicated international teachers and a strong focus on students, the JD Programme gives students an unparalleled opportunity for professional and academic growth.

The JD Programme has already established itself as a leader in professional legal education in Hong Kong and the East Asian region.
The JD Programme consists of 72 units (i.e., the equivalent of 24 term-length courses, each worth 3 units). Students may enroll in full-time or part-time mode of study. Full-time students can complete the JD Programme in as short as 24 months (the normative study period) or as long as 48 months (the maximum study period). Part-time students can complete the JD Programme in 42 months* (the normative study period) or as long as 84 months (the maximum study period).

To graduate, students must complete four required courses. These are Legal System, Jurisprudence, Legal Research, Analysis and Writing and Ethics and Professional Virtue. The Faculty of Law provides these required courses to give JD students the foundational knowledge and skills for a well-rounded general legal education and a first-hand appreciation of the relationship between the legal system and the broader community it serves and regulates. Moreover, all students must complete a mandatory research component by undertaking either Independent Research or the more extensive Independent Research Dissertation. In this research component, students should demonstrate a mastery of legal research and writing and the capacity to think creatively about law.

The Faculty of Law offers its own innovative Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) Programme. Students aspiring to be admitted as a barrister or solicitor in Hong Kong must pursue courses stipulated by the Hong Kong legal professions. Students who pass these may then apply to be admitted to the PCLL Programme. These courses are also open to students who do not plan to enter the PCLL Programme.

Our JD students choose elective courses from a wide range of intellectually enriching and professionally enhancing offerings. Reading these subjects enables our JD students to complete their degree requirements while expanding their intellectual breadth and furthering their professional goals.

Most JD courses are worth 3 units. Students will have an average of 3 contact hours per week with teachers in each course. The Faculty of Law holds classes during daytime and evenings of weekdays and daytime on Saturdays. Evening classes typically begin at 6:30pm. Classes incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, presentations and class discussion.

Finally, all students must meet the minimum cumulative GPA required by the University for postgraduate programmes before they may graduate.

* Part-time students may apply to accelerate their studies and complete the JD Programme in 36 months with the permission of the Graduate Council on the recommendation of the Faculty of Law.
### FULL-TIME

Full-time students aiming to complete the JD Programme in the normative study period of 24 months and to enter the PCLL Programme will follow this study sequence:

| YEAR 1 | Term One | • Ethics and Professional Virtue  
|        |          | • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing  
|        |          | • Legal System  
|        |          | • Principles of Constitutional Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Contract*  
|        | Term Two | • Principles of Administrative Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Civil Procedure*  
|        |          | • Principles of Tort*  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        | Summer Term | • Jurisprudence  
|        |          | • Elective  
| YEAR 2 | Term One | • Principles of Company Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Criminal Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Equity and Trusts*  
|        |          | • Principles of Land Law*  
|        | Term Two | • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation  
|        |          | • Principles of Commercial Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Criminal Procedure*  
|        |          | • Principles of Evidence*  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        | Summer Term | • Principles of Conveyancing*  
|        |          | • Elective  

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.
* The study sequence is subject to review.

### PART-TIME

Part-time students aiming to complete the JD Programme in the normative study period of 42 months and to enter the PCLL Programme will follow this study sequence:

| YEAR 1 | Term One | • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing  
|        |          | • Legal System  
|        |          | • Principles of Contract*  
|        | Term Two | • Principles of Civil Procedure*  
|        |          | • Principles of Tort*  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        | Summer Term | • Jurisprudence  
| YEAR 2 | Term One | • Ethics and Professional Virtue  
|        |          | • Principles of Constitutional Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Criminal Law*  
|        | Term Two | • Principles of Administrative Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Criminal Procedure*  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        | Summer Term | • Elective  
| YEAR 3 | Term One | • Principles of Company Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Equity and Trusts*  
|        |          | • Principles of Land Law*  
|        | Term Two | • Principles of Commercial Law*  
|        |          | • Principles of Evidence*  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        | Summer Term | • Principles of Conveyancing*  
| YEAR 4 | Term One | • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation  
|        |          | • Elective  
|        |          | • Elective  

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.
* The study sequence is subject to review.
The CUHK JD Programme is distinguished not only by the strength and global character of its academic faculty, but also by the quality and breadth of its student body. Admission to the JD Programme is highly competitive. Every year, around half of our students are admitted with an undergraduate degree awarded with first class honours, a doctorate, a master’s degree with distinction or a bachelor’s degree with borderline first class honours or equivalent. The remaining students are admitted with a strong second upper class degree or equivalent. A significant proportion of our students have received one or more of their degrees outside Hong Kong, frequently at leading universities in North America, Europe and Australia. Our students’ academic backgrounds cover virtually every discipline, from accountancy to zoology. This mix of students enriches the JD teaching and learning experience.

The following courses are offered in the JD Programme:

- Australian Constitutional Law
- Business and the Law in Hong Kong
- Canadian Constitutional Law
- Chinese Accounting and Law
- Chinese Banking Law
- Chinese Civil Law
- Chinese Civil Procedure Law
- Chinese Commercial Law
- Chinese Company Law
- Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Chinese Economic and Law
- Chinese Employment Law
- Chinese Environmental Law
- Chinese Finance and Law
- Chinese Financial Law
- Chinese Foreign Trade and Investment Law
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Chinese Investment Law
- Chinese Law and Practice
- Chinese Practice on International Law
- Chinese Securities Regulation
- Chinese Tax Law
- Common Law: Globalisation and Convergence
- Common Law: Origins and Development
- Comparative Company Law
- Comparative Contract Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Comparative Constitutional Traditions
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- Comparative Economic Laws
- Comparative Financial Laws
- Comparative Law
- Copyright, Digital Subject Matter and Information Technology
- Crime and the Sanctioning Process
- Criminal Justice and Society in China
- Cyberlaw and Intellectual Property: Principles and Practice
- Dispute Resolution
- Dispute Resolution in China
- Election Law
- European Union Law
- Global Business Law
- General Business Law
- History, Culture, and the Law
- Human Rights in PRC and Society
- International and Comparative Energy Law
- International and Comparative Environmental Law
- International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
- International and Foreign Law Summer School (Oxford)
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution
- International Economic Development and the Law
- International Economic Law Skills
- International Economics
- International Finance and Accounting
- International Financial and Banking Law
- International Investment Law Policy and Development
- International Legal Advocacy
- International Relations
- International Taxation
- Investing and Managing
- Investment State Dispute Settlement
- Issues in Administrative Law
- Issues in Company Law
- Issues in Competition Law
- Issues in Contract
- Issues in Criminal Law
- Issues in Equity and Trusts
- Issues in Human Rights
- Issues in International Law
- Issues in Land Law
- Issues in Tort
- Issues of Tax Policy
- Jessup International Law Moot
- Law and Literature
- Law of International Business Transactions
- Law of International Business Transactions
- Law of the Sea
- Legal System and Methods in China
- Measurability
- Meaning
- Non-Marine Insurance Law
- Preferential Trade Agreements: Theory and Practice
- Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law
- Principles of Arbitration
- Principles of Construction Law
- Principles of Corporate Crime and Social Responsibility
- Principles of Corporate Inolvency
- Principles of Employment Law
- Principles of Environmental Law
- Principles of Family Law
- Principles of Family Law: Child Law
- Principles of Family Law: Matrimonial Law
- Principles of Information and Privacy Law
- Principles of Intellectual Property
- Principles of International Law
- Principles of International Organizations
- Principles of Mediation
- Principles of Remedies
- Principles of Restitution Law
- Principles of Securities Regulation
- Principles of United Nations Law
- Private International Law in China
- Property Law in China
- Refugee Rights
- Rome: Law and History
- Security Transactions and the Law
- Shipping Law
- The Role of Public Interest Advocacy
- The Individual: The Community, and the Law
- The Law of Electronic Commerce
- Transnational Legal Problems
- World Trade Law

*Courses on this list may be offered from time to time. The offering of an elective course in any term will depend on teacher availability and sufficient student interest.

STUDENT STATISTICS FOR 2017/18 INTAKE

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<th>Banding of students admitted to the JD Programme</th>
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<td>Band 1: 39%</td>
<td>Borderline First Class Bachelor’s degree or distinction Master’s degree or equivalent</td>
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<td>Band 2: 22%</td>
<td>Strong Second Upper Class Bachelor’s degree or credit Master’s degree or equivalent</td>
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<td>Band 3: 39%</td>
<td>Weak Second Class Bachelor’s degree or credit Bachelor’s degree or equivalent</td>
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<th>Range of discipline of Bachelor’s degree</th>
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<td>Arts: 19%</td>
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<td>Accounting / Finance: 14%</td>
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<td>Pure Science: 13%</td>
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<td>Business Administration: 13%</td>
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<td>Law: 8%</td>
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<th>Career fields of students upon admission to the JD Programme</th>
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<td>Business / Management: 3%</td>
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<td>Others: 11%</td>
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<th>Academic qualification upon admission to the JD Programme</th>
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<td>Bachelor’s and other postgraduate degree (Master’s and Doctoral degrees): 23%</td>
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<td>With two or more Bachelor’s degrees: 1%</td>
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<td>With a Bachelor’s degree only: 29%</td>
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International Exchange

Exchanges give students the opportunity to travel to new places, to meet new people, to experience new cultures, to learn new subjects, to refresh their minds and to impress future employers.

JD students may transfer credits they earn abroad to count towards their degree requirements. In addition to university-wide exchanges, which cover more than two hundred destinations, the Faculty of Law offers faculty-based exchanges. Through these, students may study abroad at Melbourne Law School of the University of Melbourne (Australia), Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University (USA), the Faculty of Law of the University of Auckland (New Zealand), the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University (Netherlands) and the School of Law of Bocconi University (Italy).

Further information about destinations, funding, and credit transfer is available on the Faculty of Law website.

The Learning Environment

GRADUATE LAW CENTRE

The Faculty of Law delivers all JD courses in the CUHK Graduate Law Centre, located in Hong Kong’s central business district at 2/F, Bank of America Tower, Central. Teaching facilities in the Graduate Law Centre include the Warren Chan Moot Court, lecture theatres, classrooms and breakout rooms. All rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The Graduate Law Centre also has a Legal Resources Centre, a computer laboratory and a student common area with computer stations that serve all postgraduate students undertaking their studies. JD students also have access to facilities on the main CUHK campus in Shatin on the same basis as other postgraduate students of the University.

Our International Academic Faculty

The Faculty has a strong team of experienced academic staff from various jurisdictions. Our research staff are specialists in many areas of expertise. Some come from extensive practice backgrounds, holding senior positions in legal practice and other fields across many jurisdictions. All strive for excellence in teaching and research and are committed to educating students in the law by drawing on their diverse teaching, research and professional experience.

Mooting

Mooting gives students a taste of life as a lawyer presenting written and oral arguments in complex hypothetical court cases. In recent years, CUHK Law students have participated in faculty, local, regional and international mooting competitions. They have successfully represented Hong Kong at international competitions in Vienna, Washington D.C, The Hague, and Beijing in 2016-17.

The Faculty of Law encourages students to participate in mootling competitions. Participation may attract course credits towards degree completion. For each moot an academic staff member advises the team and supervises its work. Practice moots also take place in the state-of-the-art Warren Chan Moot Court at the Graduate Law Centre.

The Faculty of Law has enjoyed great success in local, regional and international mootling competitions over ten years since mootling was first offered in the Faculty. In 2016, its mootling teams won the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot (Chinese) at The Hague; the David Hunter Award for winning the oral rounds of the competition at the Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Law Moot; the Hong Kong regional rounds (White & Case Cup) of the Jessup moot, together with awards for the Best Applicant Memorial, the Best Respondent Memorial and the Best Oralist.
Student Careers

The Faculty runs a careers advice programme that supports its students in many ways.

Law Student Careers Office

The Faculty’s Law Student Careers Office provides students with guidance on career choices, career preparation and professional development. The Faculty’s Director of Career Planning and Professionalism, Mr Paul Mitchell QC, has designed and runs a programme which includes seminars on career and professionalism topics and presentations by representatives of law firms and barristers’ chambers and other prospective employers. The Office additionally maintains an alumni e-mentoring programme for the benefit of all the students of the Faculty.

Virtual Careers Resource Centre

The Law Student Careers Office also maintains a Virtual Careers Resource Centre (VCRC). This is a powerful online resource that serves as a contact point for employers, teaching faculty members and students. The VCRC has a Legal Careers Directory that contains up-to-date information on law firms and chambers and on internships and other employment opportunities. The VCRC website (http://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk/en/student-careers/vcrc.php) also notifies careers seminars and other events as well as providing students with information on matters such as job applications and CV preparation and with a wide range of other career-related resources.

The Faculty’s academic staff also frequently advise individual students on career development and write references for students to potential employers.

Finally, leading solicitors’ firms and barristers’ chambers, many of which have hired from the ranks of our current students and alumni, invite our JD students to social events. At these, students meet practising lawyers and learn more about their work and working environment.

“Today’s prospective employers look for evidence of a broad range of skills going beyond academic achievement and it is crucial that students understand how to meet this challenge and take steps early in their University career to put themselves in the best position to meet these demands.”

Mr Paul Mitchell QC
Director of Career Planning and Professionalism

What Our Students Say

Benny Chung
JD (CUHK) student
BA (UC Berkeley)
JD Silver Scholarship recipient (2016/17)
Choosing the JD Programme has been one of my best decisions. First, the well-designed curriculum and remarkable list of electives have provided me with a platform to immerse in an intellectually stimulating environment while also receiving a holistic legal education. Second, the highly qualified Faculty members, who come from both academia and practice, have offered me opportunities to explore the sophisticated legal world from numerous perspectives at an early stage. Third, the various meeting, extra-curricular and clinical opportunities have also provided me with a good mix of academic and practical experience.

In short, although the JD Programme is demanding, it is nonetheless rewarding. Whether you are going down the solicitor or barrister track, or pursuing a non-legal career after graduation, the JD Programme will prepare you for the greater challenges ahead and transform you into a more competitive candidate in the market.

Isaac Lam
JD (CUHK) student
BBA (CUHK)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2016/17), Davis Polk & Wardwell/JD Prize (2016/17)
The JD Programme provides a comprehensive and practical curriculum for students to master fundamental legal principles essential to their careers. It trains students to appreciate the rationale of these principles and apply them to factual scenarios. The Faculty is highly international, with lecturers from different jurisdictions. This gives students invaluable insights from different perspectives. The JD Programme’s teaching schedule is flexible, allowing students to manage their time and to have a well-balanced learning experience. The Faculty also offers career support, learning resources and modern facilities in a prime location. I believe the JD Programme equips aspiring students with the core skills and tools for entry to the legal profession.

Eric Chim
JD (CUHK) student
BA (Durham)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2016/17), The Freshfield Brunhoff Dingler Community Investment Award (2016/17)
The JD Programme has been a truly rewarding experience. On joining the JD Programme you will receive tremendous academic and career guidance from internationally renowned academics and reputable practitioners with considerable experience in many areas of law. The support and assistance I received from the Faculty and peers have given me the confidence to attain my goals. One of the highlights of the JD Programme is the opportunity to represent CUHK in international moot competitions and develop one’s interest in advocacy. Despite the intensity of the JD Programme, it is also highly flexible and allows you to cater for vacation schemes and mini pupillages without compromising your studies. The time spent at CUHK will be an invaluable asset in all of your endeavours as a lawyer and as a person.

Emily Ting
JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) student
BA (King’s College London)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2016/17), JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2015/16)
My time on the JD Programme has been an intensive but very rewarding period of personal and professional development. The JD Programme provides a solid foundation in substantive law subjects that will stand me in good stead for a career in legal practice. The Faculty’s international outlook, mix of academics and practitioners and ample resources are all features of its well-structured programme and quality teaching. Other features includes guest lectures, career guidance and a variety of useful electives. As a keen participant in international moot competitions as part of the CUHK team, I have benefitted hugely from the Faculty’s excellent moot programme and investment in advocacy training. This has been invaluable in training me to think, research, analyse, write and persuade in the way lawyers do.
The CUHK JD Programme is comprehensive. Study is intense, for sure, but the JD Programme’s design gives you all the essentials to start a legal career. The JD Programme allows students to touch upon all the basics while leaving capacity for them to pick up electives. This arrangement is helpful in encouraging students to develop their interests.

As a student, you might be concerned about the size of the class, but the Faculty is highly supportive and understands the needs of a JD student. The career team offers seminars, legal news and individual counselling throughout the year. You may also approach the teaching team of distinguished professors and practitioners. All of them are happy to discuss your concerns, ranging from the law to your future. You are under good care.

The CUHK Law Faculty is well recognised. Its JD Programme undoubtedly gives me the confidence to move forward.

The CUHK JD Programme is demanding, yet challenging and rewarding. Following my academic and career background in business, social work and public service, the JD Programme has offered me a wide new angle to look at different issues from the legal perspective. Political developments over the last two decades have been controversial and have affected our fundamental rights and freedoms. The exceptional teaching quality of our experienced and resourceful faculty members has certainly helped me build a solid understanding of the law, taught me a better way to critically assess issues in society in a sensible and pragmatic manner and inspired me to take on roles that will have positive impact. I recommend the JD Programme to you, whether or not you are planning to pursue a legal career or looking for personal development.

The JD Programme at CUHK provides its students with opportunities to study law in an environment that is both rigorous and collaborative. Professors come from multiple jurisdictions and diverse backgrounds, and students have the privilege of learning from renowned researchers and supportive professors who are enthusiastic about their areas of expertise. Interactive classes offer students chances to benefit from a diverse student body trained in a variety of disciplines and different experiences. The Faculty also provides an extraordinary range of resources, a wide array of elective courses, guest lectures and career development advice (including one-on-one career advice sessions). I believe the JD Programme offers a legal education that prepares students well for a variety of legal careers.

The JD Programme is demanding but rewarding, exposing students to the virtues and rigours of the common law system in Hong Kong. It was difficult starting from scratch in the law, but our professors have made it manageable by being supportive and dedicated in their teaching. I believe what makes the JD Programme special is its focus on preparing students for the challenges of professional life. I was also involved in two moot court competitions. Mooting is an invaluable experience because you experience the life of a solicitor and a barrister in just a few months.

The JD Programme gave me a very useful introduction and foundation to core substantive law topics. More importantly however, the JD Programme taught me to think and speak like a lawyer, the problem-solving skills and ability to construct logical, coherent arguments which were introduced to me at CUHK continue to be extremely useful to me today. Additionally, the opportunity to represent the Faculty at an oral in international moot competitions has been invaluable. In training me to respond to difficult questions put to me in argument with level-headed and precise answers.
Entrance Requirements

APPLICANTS TO THE JD PROGRAMME MUST HAVE:

- graduated from a recognised university and obtained a Bachelor’s degree in a non-law subject or a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction, normally with honours not lower than Second Class; or
- graduated from an honours programme of a recognised university with a Bachelor’s degree in a non-law subject or a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction, normally achieving an average grade of not lower than “B” in undergraduate courses; or
- completed a course of study in a tertiary educational institution and obtained professional or similar qualifications equivalent to an honours degree.

Applicants may apply for admission to the JD Programme before having completed a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) provided they are in the final year of study for a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent). In these cases any offer will be subject to the condition that applicants satisfy requirements for graduation in their bachelor’s degrees (or equivalent) and for admission to the JD Programme before commencing the JD Programme.

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO SATISFY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT BY:

- possessing a Bachelor’s degree obtained by completing a programme of study in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country, or which was taught primarily in the English language; or
- achieving a result of Band 7.5 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the JD Programme; or
- achieving a result of 600 (Paper Based Test), or 100 (Internet Based Test) or better in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the JD Programme; or
- providing alternative evidence of English proficiency equivalent to one of the preceding measures.

How to Apply

Applicants should apply via the Internet on the Graduate School webpage at https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk.

Please follow the instructions to submit an application for admission. Applicants must read the “Notes for Applicants” on the Graduate School webpage before submitting an online application.

There is a non-refundable application fee of HK$300.

Application Deadlines

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The Faculty processes applications on a rolling basis until all places are filled. It therefore encourages early applications. The Faculty may consider applications submitted after 13 April 2018, subject to the availability of places.
Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee for 2017/18 is HK$35,000 per unit for a total of 72 units within the normative study period. The Faculty will announce the tuition fee for 2018/19 in due course.

A different tuition fee may apply to students studying beyond the normative study period.

* Subject to annual reviews.

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships and prizes for JD students. For details please visit http://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk

Continuing Education Fund

Thirteen postgraduate courses the Faculty offers have been included in the list of reimbursable courses for the Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes. For details regarding CEF, please refer to the website at http://www.wfseau.gov.hk/cef

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