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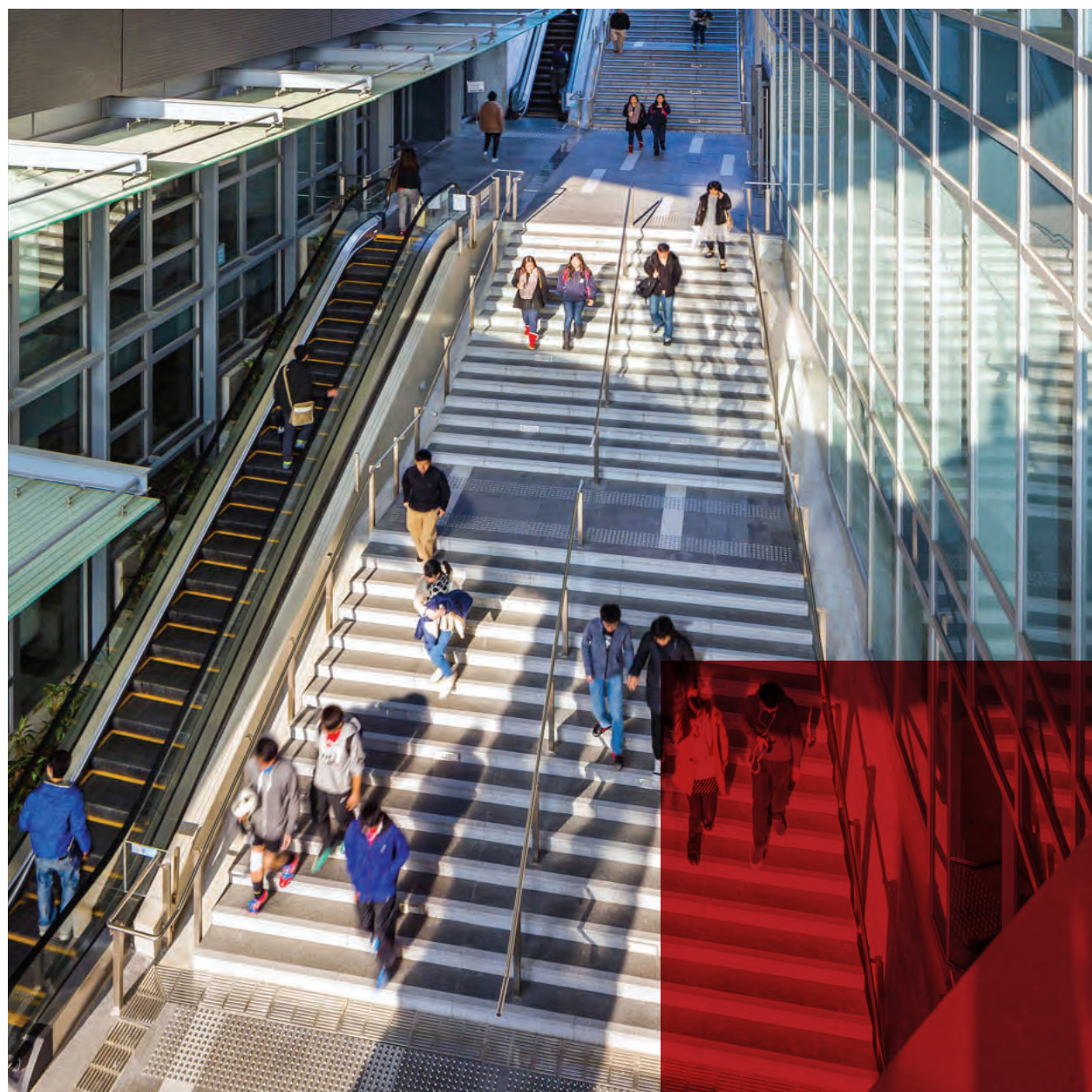


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Message from the Dean

Established in 2004 the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK LAW) is the youngest of the legal education providers in Hong Kong. However, with an emphasis on very practice-oriented programmes delivered by first-class professors from over 20 different jurisdictions, the adoption of innovative teaching methods and last but not least the recruitment of a highly qualified student body, CUHK LAW has moved from strength to strength. The outstanding quality of our taught programmes is globally acknowledged and evidenced by collaborations with many leading law schools in the world. The research conducted by our professors and by our research students meets the highest standards and generates significant impact. We are proud that CUHK LAW is on a regular basis ranked amongst the top 50 law schools in the world by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking exercise. We are providing a truly global learning environment. In 2018 CUHK LAW was ranked by THE as the world's most international law school worldwide.

The Juris Doctor (JD) Programme offered by CUHK LAW is designed for top graduates from non-law disciplines who wish to pursue a legal career or to work in law-related sectors. Taught by international experts in their respective fields our JD students are receiving top-notch legal education which qualifies them to become future legal leaders. We are CUHK LAW! If you are committed to excel in your professional career through the study of law then join our JD Programme.

Yours faithfully,

*Lutz-Christian Wolff
Wei Lun Professor of Law and
Dean, Faculty of Law*



Message from the Programme Director

The Juris Doctor (JD) Programme at CUHK offers a fantastic opportunity for candidates looking to enter the legal sector at the postgraduate level from other disciplines. Our curriculum provides a comprehensive and rigorous legal education to prepare our students for a successful legal career. Our graduates have gone on to find success at top international and local law firms, barristers' chambers, Government and regulatory bodies, NGOs and in private sector businesses.

Our JD Programme offers great flexibility to cater to the needs of our postgraduate students. Our students can customize their curriculum by selecting from a wide range of elective courses depending on their interests. The JD degree can normally be completed in 24 months (full-time) or 48 months (part-time).

We also offer an outstanding teaching environment. Our courses are taught by a world-class Faculty drawn from many jurisdictions. Our students will be taught at the CUHK Graduate Law Centre located conveniently in the heart of Central, with the Court of Final Appeal, the High Court and many law offices just a short walk away. If you are interested in pursuing a postgraduate law degree, the JD Programme at CUHK has a lot to offer. We look forward to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

*Elliot Fung
Programme Director of the Juris Doctor Programme*



Mission and Vision of the Faculty of Law

Overview of the JD Programme

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.

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.



JD Programme Requirements

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 *Comparative Legal Studies*, *Legal System*, *Legal Research, Analysis and Writing* and *Ethics and Jurisprudence*. 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.

Study Sequence



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing • Legal System • Principles of Constitutional Law* • Principles of Contract* • Principles of Criminal Law*
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Administrative Law* • Principles of Equity and Trusts* • Principles of Tort* • Elective • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Legal Studies • Elective
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Civil Procedure* • Principles of Company Law* • Principles of Criminal Procedure* • Principles of Land Law* • Elective
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Jurisprudence • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation • Principles of Commercial Law* • Principles of Evidence* • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Conveyancing* • Elective

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing • Legal System • Principles of Contract*
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Administrative Law* • Principles of Equity and Trusts* • Principles of Tort*
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Constitutional Law* • Principles of Land Law* • Elective
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Criminal Law* • Elective • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Legal Studies
YEAR 3	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Civil Procedure* • Principles of Company Law* • Principles of Criminal Procedure*
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Jurisprudence • Principles of Commercial Law* • Principles of Evidence*
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Conveyancing*
YEAR 4	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation • Elective • Elective

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.

ELECTIVE COURSES*

Students may choose, subject to availability and enrollment priority, from the wide range of elective courses offered under the JD Programme as well as the LLM Programmes. The elective courses offered in 2019/20 are:

- Business and the Law in Hong Kong
 - Business Taxation: Principles and Practice
 - Chinese Civil Law
 - Chinese Company Law
 - Chinese Contract Law
 - Chinese Energy Law
 - Chinese Environmental Law
 - Chinese Financial Law
 - Chinese Intellectual Property Law
 - Chinese Investment Law
 - Chinese Law on Corporate Finance
 - Chinese Securities Regulation
 - Clean Energy and Climate Law
 - Common Law: Origins and Development
 - Comparative Constitutional Law
 - Comparative Contract Law
 - Conflict of Laws
 - Copyright, Digital Subject Matter and Information Technology
 - Disaster Law
 - Dispute Resolution in the Energy and Natural Resources Sector
- European Union Law
 - International and Comparative Energy Law
 - International and Comparative Environmental Law
 - International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
 - International Commercial Dispute Resolution
 - International Financial and Banking Law
 - International Legal Advocacy
 - International Taxation
 - Issues in Contract
 - Issues in Tort
 - Law and Literature
 - Law and Practice of Investment Arbitration
 - Law of International Business Transactions I
 - Law of International Business Transactions II
 - Legal System and Methods in China
 - Mediation Practice
- Merger Control
 - Oil and Gas Law
 - Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law
 - Principles of Aviation Law
 - Principles of Competition Law
 - Principles of Employment Law
 - Principles of Environmental Law
 - Principles of Family Law
 - Principles of Information and Privacy Law
 - Principles of Intellectual Property
 - Principles of International Law
 - Principles of Mediation
 - Principles of Remedies
 - Principles of Revenue Law
 - Principles of Securities Regulation
 - Project Finance and Infrastructure Law
 - Shipping Law
 - Trans-national Legal Problems
 - World Trade Law

* The offering of an elective course in any term will depend on teacher availability and sufficient student interest.



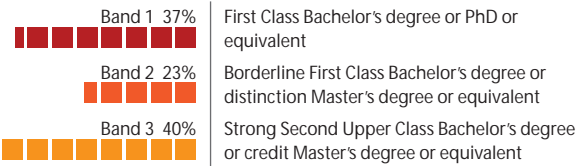
Our Student Profile

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.

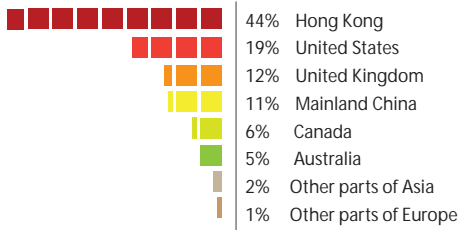
Admission to the JD Programme is highly competitive. Every year, around half of our students are admitted with an undergraduate degree awarded with first class honours, a doctorate, a Master's degree with distinction or a Bachelor's degree with borderline first class honours (or equivalent). The remaining 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, China and Australasia. Our students' academic backgrounds cover virtually every discipline, from accountancy to zoology. This mix of students enriches the JD teaching and learning experience.

STUDENT STATISTICS FOR 2019/20 INTAKE

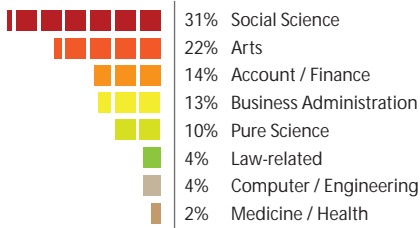
Banding of students admitted to the JD Programme



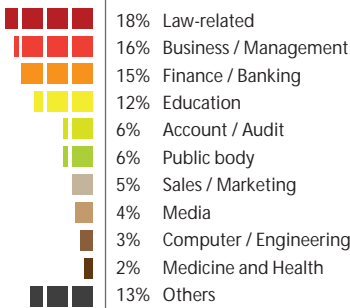
Geographic origins of Bachelor's degree



Range of discipline of Bachelor's degree



Career fields of students upon admission to the JD Programme





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.

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 CUHK main campus in Shatin on the same basis as other postgraduate students of the University.



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), Washington College of Law of American University (USA), 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), the School of Law of Bocconi University (Italy) and Osgoode Hall Law School of York University (Canada).



Mooting

Mooting gives students a taste of life as a lawyer presenting written and oral arguments in complex hypothetical court cases. CUHK Law students annually participate in internal, local, regional and international moot competitions. The Faculty has enjoyed great success in all moot competitions since moot was first offered twelve years ago. In 2018-19 law students successfully represented the Faculty at international competitions in Hong Kong, Austria, the Netherlands, England and India.

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

In 2018-19 CUHK moot teams achieved the following results:

The ICC moot team received awards for the Best Prosecution Team, the Best Prosecution Counsel, the 2nd Best Defense Memorial and the Best Oralist award for individual advocacy in the Preliminary Rounds at the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot at the Hague, and advanced to the final of the competition.

The Philip C. Jessup International Law moot team received awards for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd best oralist and advanced to the final of the Hong Kong qualifying rounds.

At the Vis (Vienna) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, one of the team's oralists received an Honourable Mention (top 10%) for oral advocacy and the team qualified for the competition's final rounds. The team advanced to the final 16 teams out of some 380 participating teams. The Vis (East-Hong Kong) International Commercial Arbitration Moot team received an Honourable Mention (top 10%) for its Memorandum on Behalf of Respondent and the David Hunter Award for Best Memorandum on Behalf of Claimant, placing first out of some 130 law schools for this memorandum.

In the Leiden- Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition in India the team was ranked 5th for Respondent and 6th for Applicant.

At the Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot in London the CUHK team was the winning team and received the award for Best Written Pleading, and the Best Advocate award for individual advocacy.

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 Mitchard QC, has designed and runs a programme which includes seminars on career and professionalism topics and presentations by representatives of law firms, 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 (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, participate in careers events, giving our JD students an opportunity to 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 Mitchard QC
Director of Career Planning and Professionalism

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What Our Students Say

Jina Kim



JD (CUHK)
LLB (Tsinghua University)

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.

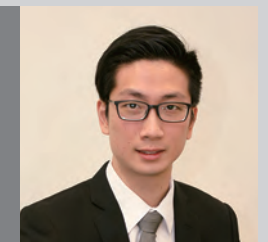
Esther Ho



JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) student
BA, MSci (University of Cambridge)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2017/18),
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2018/19)

Doing the CUHK JD Programme has been a truly rewarding and enjoyable experience. What I especially love about the Programme are the highly qualified and international faculty members, who bring to us not only high-calibre teaching but, more importantly, insightful understanding into their respective expertise. The faculty members who are practitioners share with us their first-hand experience and insights in landmark cases that they have been involved in, while the academics open our eyes with their in-depth knowledge through stimulating in-class discussions. Their passion and willingness to teach have been especially inspiring for aspiring lawyers like me. The Programme also provides a wide range of electives that includes more niche areas of law, so every student will always be able to pick something s/he is interested in. All in all, the JD Programme has been a truly invaluable and privileged experience and I believe wholeheartedly that the teaching and training the Programme provides will equip every student with the necessary skills to excel in their careers.

Isaac Lam



JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BBA (CUHK)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2016/17 & 2017/18),
Betty Ho Prize in Law (2016/17 & 2017/18),
The Davis Polk & Wardwell Prize (2016/17 & 2017/18)
Trainee Solicitor, Clifford Chance

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.

Zavier To



JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) student
BA (UC Berkeley)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2017/18)

The JD Programme is a comprehensive and well-structured curriculum that equips students for their careers as legal professionals. Various scenarios are provided by the lecturers from time to time to train students' ways of thinking and to apply principles to facts. Despite the intensity of the JD Programme, it is highly flexible, since it allows students to manage their time properly to fit in different vacation schemes or mini pupillages without compromising their studies. It has been a valuable time studying in the JD Programme, and I am sure that this unique experience will serve as an important building block in all my endeavors as a legal professional or in other careers.

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Will Chan



*JD (CUHK) student
BS (Penn State)
JD Scholarship recipient (2018/19)*

After entering into the workplace for a considerable number of years, I firmly believe CUHK JD Part-time Programme is a wise choice for full-time professionals striving for a good work-study balance edge. The JD Programme has a flexible curriculum which allows students to cater for their personal living pace, and concurrently offers a wide spectrum of electives to further broaden the knowledge scope and create a fabulous brain-crossing opportunity with their careers. The professors encourage critical thinking and in-depth sharing on various law topics, which grant students further insight and solidifies the learning experience. Whether applicants are aiming for a career switch or simply learning law for self-enrichment, this programme deserves my high endorsement and I am confident that the skill-set and knowledge accumulated from the programme will efficiently facilitate further excellence in the next stage of career progression.



Melody Yu

*JD (CUHK) student
MSSc (CUHK), BBA (HKUST)
JD Scholarship recipient (2016/17)*

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.

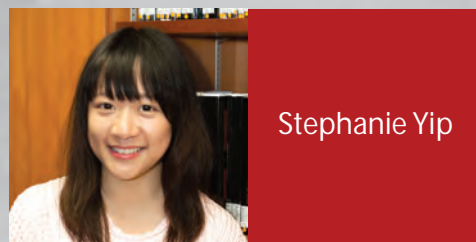
Ferdinand Loo



*JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) student
MSci (Imperial College London)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2017/18),
JD Silver Scholarship recipient (2018/19),
Morrison & Foerster Prize for JD Students (2017/18)*

I was considering a career transition and the CUHK JD Programme appealed to me. The Programme provides an overview of the Hong Kong legal system and equips students with the knowledge and qualification to pursue a legal career. Students are free to choose from a range of elective courses to specialise in areas of interest, ranging from information privacy law to intellectual property. This allows students to explore various topics and identify their interests at an early stage. What is perhaps more important is the career development support CUHK offers. The Faculty encourages students to attend law firm open days, recruitment talks and skills development workshops. It is extremely important to make early career planning and development preparations and the Faculty certainly provides the necessary support and resources. Whatever your career aspirations may be, the JD Programme is a life-changing and value-adding experience.

Stephanie Yip



*JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BA (University of Cambridge)*

If you would like to pursue a legal career in Hong Kong, the JD Programme is your best option. I previously considered receiving my legal education in the UK, but ultimately decided that if I wanted to begin my legal career in Hong Kong, I should acquaint myself with Hong Kong and Chinese law as much as possible during my legal studies - and I am glad to know that I made the right decision. With its impressive list of electives, the JD Programme offers you the chance not just to learn about Hong Kong and Chinese law, but also about the many different areas in which law is essential in our society.

Velda Yau



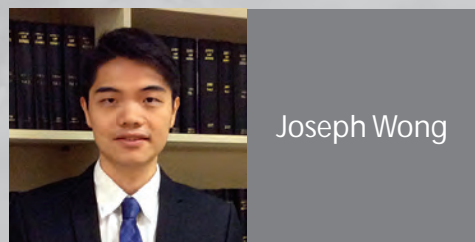
*JD (CUHK) student
BA (King's College London)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2018/19),
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Community Investment Award (2018/19)*

Pursuing a new career direction is never easy, but the CUHK JD Programme has prepared and equipped me well for the journey ahead.

I have thoroughly enjoyed studying in an intellectually stimulating environment with a diverse cohort of bright and expressive students. Besides the heartfelt teaching by a group of international and highly qualified Faculty members, the Faculty is extremely resourceful as it provides a wide array of elective courses, guest lectures and international conferences. These events keep students up to date with the latest happenings in the legal industry and serve as great networking platforms to meet leading practitioners in their fields. The Faculty also offers practical support for career development. Students benefit from regular legal newsletters on latest career opportunities and topical issues, as well as workshops and individual advice sessions offered by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners. The overall training and support provided by the Faculty explains why our graduates are highly regarded by market leaders in the industry.

Whether you want to embark on a legal career or wish to commence a challenging yet fruitful exercise of intellectual pursuit - the JD Programme has my unqualified recommendation.

Joseph Wong



*JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BCL (Oxon), LLM (Harvard), MPhil (CityU), BBA (HKUST)
Barrister-at-law, Des Voeux Chambers*

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 competition. Mooting is an invaluable experience because you experience the life of a solicitor and a barrister in just a few months.

Shiu Lik King



*JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
MA (Oxon), MBA (HKUST)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2014/15 & 2015/16)
Barrister-at-law, Wyndham Chambers*

I am lucky to have chosen CUHK and its international faculty that fully respects students' freedom of thought. The JD Programme is highly intense, making it a tough challenge but good preparation for a legal career.

It is not easy for someone who has worked more than ten years to pick up books again. But work and life experience help me appreciate the law from a different perspective. My own background in public service, for instance, allows me to look at constitutional and administrative law from a practical angle.

In this age, an understanding of the law is essential for everyone. It helps you distinguish the good tree from the bad tree. It is useful to people considering career changes or advancement, or purely for personal intellectual enrichment.

Justin Ho



*JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
LLM (Harvard), BCL (Dist) (Oxford), BA (Tufts)
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Barrister, Temple Chambers*

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 as an oralist in international moot competitions has been invaluable in training me to respond to difficult questions put to me in argument with level-headed, 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 Bachelors' 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/admissions/programme/law>

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

Application Deadlines

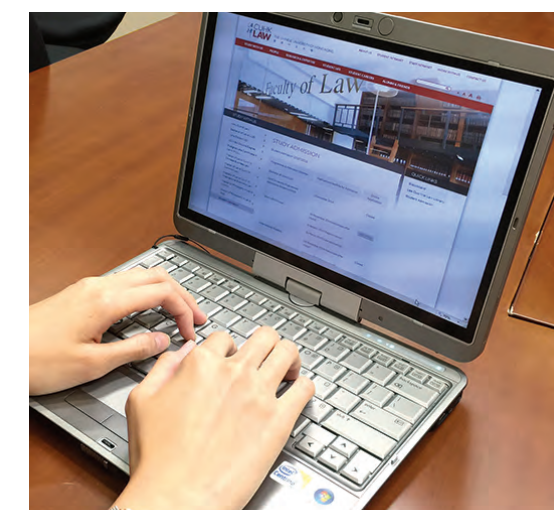
31 January 2020
(first round)

28 February 2020
(second round)

9 April 2020
(third round)

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 9 April 2020, subject to the availability of places.





Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee for 2020/21 is HK\$5,880 per unit for a total of 72 units within the normative study period.

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

** Subject to annual review.*

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 under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF). The Office of the CEF does not have record of registration of these courses under the Qualifications Framework.

The Faculty will submit the registration record to the Office of the CEF to complete the registration in due course. This process will not affect eligible students to claim reimbursement upon successful completion of CEF reimbursable courses.

For eligibility and reimbursement procedure of CEF, please refer to <https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef>.

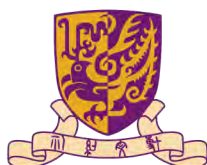
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