FACULTY OF LAW
BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)
2020-21
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.

Our Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme is designed for critical and creative thinkers who are ready to become leaders in law and related fields, who want to be successful in the increasingly globalised legal arena and who are dedicated to serve the society. We invite you to join our exciting journey into the legal future. Join CUHK LAW!

Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff
Wei Lun Professor of Law
Dean, Faculty of Law
Hong Kong is one of the most exciting places to study law in the world. Not only is it the only common law jurisdiction in East Asia, it remains a highly internationalised jurisdiction notwithstanding the resumption of Chinese sovereignty: the Basic Law, Hong Kong’s constitutional charter, resulted precisely from the interaction of international law and Chinese law. Today, eminent judges from the rest of the common law world continue to serve on the courts of Hong Kong and virtually all of the globe's largest law firms maintain an active presence within Hong Kong's borders.

Hong Kong prides itself on its robust rule of law, fiercely independent judges, and world class financial regulatory system. Life in Hong Kong has always been shaped by the law. Those with the specialised knowledge a legal education provides are uniquely positioned to help shape the future of Hong Kong.
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CUHK students are among the best and brightest Hong Kong has to offer. Competition for a place of study is fierce — we receive roughly 1,500 applications for about 80 possible places in the LLB each year. Our students have won top prizes in internationally-recognised mooting competitions, graduate scholarships, and training contracts in top international and local law firms. In recent years over 80% of CUHK LLB graduates who sought a place on the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) course, the next step in the process of qualifying as a solicitor or barrister in Hong Kong, were successful.

CUHK Law

CUHK Law provides a world-class academic and professional education in law. In just ten years’ time CUHK Law has become a world-leading law school and is the top-ranked Hong Kong law school in terms of research excellence (HK Research Assessment Exercise 2014).

Choosing to study law at CUHK Law means many things. It is the chance to surround yourself with some of the brightest and most committed students in Hong Kong. It is the opportunity to learn from dedicated academics and lawyers drawn from all parts of the world. It is the privilege to study at a beautiful campus with top-class facilities. It is the benefit of studying at the only university in Hong Kong to adopt the collegiate system. Most importantly, it is the choice to expose yourself to new ideas and challenges, and in so doing, take a first step towards a profession that can help shape the fabric of Hong Kong life.

CUHK Law expects its students to not only develop their academic skills and specialised knowledge in a particular area of study, but to develop the skills necessary for the transition to adulthood and full participation as a member of Hong Kong society. General education and other non-law courses are also available to allow students to study fields outside of law, and participation in the social life of the university community is encouraged and expected. Students have the chance to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, including membership in student clubs and societies, participating in overseas exchanges, or volunteering with social or charitable organisations in Hong Kong.
Double Degree Study Options

CUHK Law offers LLB students with the double degree options, which allow them to pursue academic interests and enhance competitive edge in the most efficient way.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Double Degree Programmes at CUHK

CUHK Law provides maximum flexibility to offer students two double degree programmes that can be combined with an LLB: an LLB with Bachelor of Arts in Translation, and an LLB with Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology. Students will be given the opportunity towards the end of the first year of studies to register for the double degree option. After completing the first degree, the second degree can be deferred for up to three years.

Master of Laws (LLM) Programme at the Dickson Poon School of Law of King’s College London

In collaboration with the Dickson Poon School of Law of King’s College London (KCL), CUHK Law offers a study option for LLB students to join the KCL’s Master of Laws (LLM) Programme. This option provides students with an opportunity to obtain both an undergraduate degree (LLB from CUHK) and a postgraduate degree (LLM from KCL) in four years. Students will spend their first three years at CUHK in Hong Kong and the fourth year at KCL in London. Students will gain invaluable exposure to two legal systems in Hong Kong and England and prepare themselves for work in an international workplace by studying at two world-class law schools.
The CUHK LLB is a full-time four-year academic journey designed to expand students’ intellectual capabilities. The LLB provides students not only with the first steps into a well-regarded profession, but also with the tools and knowledge to be engaged members of the community. Students will learn of Hong Kong’s shared heritage with other common law legal systems around the world, as well as its place within the broader Chinese context. The LLB includes the study of not only the practical elements of Hong Kong’s legal system, but also the theoretical and normative perspectives that undergird it. This approach provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the laws and legal principles upon which Hong Kong society is founded and operates.

Intellectual coherence is the overarching principle which guides the ordering and grouping of subjects, and which sets the CUHK LLB apart from comparable degree programmes. The first two years in the CUHK LLB contain compulsory subjects, grouped together into three themes: Foundations of Law, Public Law, and the Law of Obligations, while the second two years consist mainly of electives and pre-requisite courses for admission into the PCLL. Students may organise their academic programme so as to leave space for a term or an entire year abroad, if they wish. The elective courses vary year on year depending on the expertise of staff in the Faculty, and students may also elect to identify a particular stream of specialisation in either Global Law or Chinese Law.

### Programme Structure

**YEAR 1**
- **33 UNITS**
  - Legal Analysis & Argumentation
  - Hong Kong Legal System*
  - Legal System of the PRC
  - Contract I & II*
  - Hong Kong Constitutional Law*
  - University Language Courses
  - General Education Courses
  - Physical Education Courses
  - IT Course

**YEAR 2**
- **35 UNITS**
  - Administrative Law*
  - Criminal Law I & II*
  - Tort I & II*
  - Equity & Trusts I & II*
  - Jurisprudence & Ethics
  - Elective Non-Law Courses
  - University Language Courses
  - General Education Courses

**YEAR 3**
- **29 UNITS**
  - Companies and the Law I & II*
  - Civil Procedure*
  - Land Law I & II*
  - Commercial Law*
  - Criminal Procedure*
  - Evidence*
  - Elective Non-Law Courses

**YEAR 4**
- **30 UNITS**
  - Independent Research Paper
  - Conveyancing*
  - Elective Law Courses#
  - Elective Non-Law Courses
  - General Education Courses

* Required for admission to the PCLL programme
Professor Steven Gallagher
Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning

CUHK Law is one of the most globalised law schools in the world. The Faculty is a mix of internationally-recognised professors specialising in a variety of fields and professional consultants with real-world experience in the practice of law. Together, they offer our LLB students the very best legal education in Hong Kong in all areas of study and practice. At CUHK Law, no matter which area of law attracts your interest, you will find an expert in our Faculty.

Mentorships
Students enjoy a close mentoring relationship with Faculty members - each student is assigned an Academic Advisor to help ensure success both in legal studies and in university life in general. CUHK Law’s priority is to provide you with an excellent legal education that prepares you for your future career and aids you in developing as a lifelong learner.

CUHK LLB students belong to a vibrant community. They regularly meet remarkable people who inspire them to realise their goals. Each student has a Distinguished Professional Mentor, a solicitor or barrister or judge or government lawyer, eager to share their professional and life experience with their mentees. The Sir TL Yang Society, named after a former Chief Justice of Hong Kong and Honorary Professor at CUHK Law, provides opportunities throughout the year to hear expert speakers and meet distinguished guests. It also provides up to HK$10,000 to every student towards Summer Study Abroad Programmes.

Overseas Exchanges & Summer Study Abroad Programmes (SSAP)
Students participating in an SSAP travel as a group and study short courses from leading professors at a top law school outside of Hong Kong, and also participate in local cultural and professional activities. Current summer programme locations include Tsinghua University in mainland China, the University of Sydney in Australia, and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Canada. All the SSAPs are designed and run exclusively for the benefit of CUHK Law students.

Over 280 term or year-long foreign exchange programmes at University, Faculty and College levels are also offered to provide students with the opportunity to study worldwide. These programmes can broaden students’ life experience and academic understanding. Credits earned abroad may count towards completing the LLB.

Mooting
CUHK Law’s award-winning mooting teams compete around the world. Its clinical programmes enable students to provide legal assistance to refugee asylum seekers. And its Chinese mainland internship programme provides students with opportunities to undertake short-term work at a court in China.

Scholarships
There are academic scholarships at University level, Faculty level, and College level. Within CUHK Law there is a student-run law society and a student-run law magazine. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities that the Faculty offers.

“We aim to help you develop your existing learning skills and develop new skills in learning, which will be invaluable in your future career and life pursuits.”

Professor Steven Gallagher
Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning

Professor Steven Gallagher has taught equity and trusts, land law and culture heritage law. His research interests include cultural heritage, legal history and equity. He is currently researching issues in cultural heritage law in Asia. Steven was formerly Associate Dean (Academic Affairs) in the Faculty of Law at CUHK.
The Faculty runs a careers advice programme that supports undergraduate students in a variety of 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 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 demands of legal recruiters are becoming increasingly sophisticated: it is therefore important for students, right from the start of their university career, to keep abreast of what is going to be required of them in addition to academic achievement and to take steps to enable them to meet those demands.”

Mr. Paul Mitchard QC
Director of Career Planning and Professionalism

Mr. Paul Mitchard QC is a graduate of the University of Oxford. He spent more than 35 years in practice as a Solicitor in England and, since 2009, in Hong Kong. He was appointed as Queen’s Counsel in 2008 and was one of the first solicitors to be granted higher rights of audience in Hong Kong. From 2001 until his retirement in 2014, Mr. Mitchard was a partner at the US law firm of Skadden Arps, where he set up and headed the firm’s litigation and arbitration practice in Europe and Asia. He was Visiting Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law 2012-15.
Given that legal practice in the modern era is increasingly cross-border and international, I have sought to find international experiences throughout my 5-year university life at CUHK Law. In particular, representing CUHK Law in the 15th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot broadened my international perspective and allowed me to further explore the discipline of Public International Law.

Also, the invaluable experiences of studying at the University of Cambridge, Tsinghua University and Trinity College Dublin with the support of CUHK Law, have provided me with international experience and knowledge of a multitude of cultures and languages.

With the intellectually challenging yet rewarding education provided by CUHK Law, I am grateful to have completed Vacation Schemes and secured Training Contracts at a Magic Circle firm and a White Shoe firm. CUHK Law fostered my growth to be an all-rounded lawyer who will always take the initiative and strive for perfection, both in the intellectual and professional context.

The LLB program at CUHK has provided me with an intellectually challenging and rewarding learning experience. The lectures and small group tutorials illuminate the theoretical grounding of the law, and its practical application respectively. Collectively, they have served as an effective preparation for my studies with CUHK’s PCLL program in the coming year.

Besides financial support, the faculty has enriched my learning experience by providing mentoring opportunities for students to represent the university. Specifically, mooting enabled me to engage in in-depth study of various areas of international law, and polished my advocacy skills, thus better preparing me for legal practice with a nuanced understanding of the skills sets required.

The faculty’s support does not stop within the classroom, but further extends to arranging scholarship opportunities. While I have had the opportunity to be awarded with the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship thanks to the faculty’s nomination, this pales in comparison to the large number of subject prizes and scholarships specifically offered to CUHK law students.

Ultimately, the curriculum and the opportunities outside the classroom together have made my learning experience an extremely enjoyable and smooth process.
Admissions
CUHK Law admits approximately 80 outstanding new members to the LLB student body every year through the JUPAS and Non-JUPAS routes. There are no shortcuts to the application process: each application will be carefully evaluated on the basis of academic merit and overall quality.

JUPAS (Code: 4903)
Prospective students taking the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination should apply through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS). Applicants must fulfil the following minimum requirements in order to be considered. However, meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission – in the past, the vast majority of admitted students have far exceeded them.

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Non-JUPAS
Prospective students who do not apply on the basis of the HKDSE should apply through the Non-JUPAS route. Most Non-JUPAS applicants apply on the strength of their results in the International Baccalaureate (IB), GCE Advanced-Level examinations, or other comparable secondary school qualifications.

Applications
Applications for admission should be directed to the CUHK Office of Admissions and Financial Aid: http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm

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