FACULTY OF LAW
BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)
2018-19

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
As Dean of the Faculty of Law I am delighted that you are interested in our Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme. The LLB will provide you with a comprehensive legal education, reflecting Hong Kong’s position as a Common Law jurisdiction within the broader Chinese and Asian contexts. It will both equip you for legal practice in Hong Kong and offer you a first-class general University education that provides a sound foundation for other careers as well.

The Faculty has only recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary, so we are still a new, dynamic and growing community. At the same time, we have been recognised as the leading law School for research in Hong Kong (in the University Grants Committee’s Research Assessment Exercise 2014), so your professors will be amongst the leading experts in their fields, drawn from nearly twenty different legal jurisdictions across the world. We offer an exciting environment in which to pursue the study of law, whether your dream is to practice commercial law in Hong Kong, to work with an NGO to uphold human rights, or pursue a legal career beyond Hong Kong. Your LLB from CUHK Law will provide you with a great start.

Christopher Gane
Simon F S Li Professor of Law
Dean
CUHK Faculty of Law
Message from the Programme Director

The study of law is far more than the study of the countless written rules and regulations that make up a legal system. It is also the study of a system of norms and values that underpin the very foundations of a society. The law, in many ways, a language all its own – and those who understand it are therefore best placed to have their voice heard about precisely what those norms and values should be.

The CUHK LLB is a first-rate degree – both our entry standards and on-going expectations of you are high, but the rewards to you are tremendous. You will be surrounded by fellow students of the highest quality, and taught by a diverse and highly regarded faculty drawn from all over the world. You will be exposed to challenging ideas and thought-provoking discussions. You will learn how to synthesize large amounts of information and present it in a coherent fashion. Whether in an assignment, in an exam, or during a classroom debate, you will be expected to advocate for a particular position or idea, right from your very first week.

Your professors will not simply teach you the facts and rules that make up the many cases you will learn, but will also teach you to "think like a lawyer." Our focus on developing both your substantive legal knowledge and your critical thinking skills means you will be comfortable delivering the high quality analysis and advice that your employers will seek and that your clients will value.

Students who graduate with a CUHK LLB have a key advantage over budding solicitors and barristers who hope to practice in Hong Kong but have completed their legal training elsewhere. Choosing to study overseas, even in another common law jurisdiction, means you must complete a number of conversion courses upon your return to Hong Kong before you are eligible to enter the PCLL, the next step in professional qualification. Graduates from CUHK Law, on the other hand, can complete all of the necessary courses as part of their degree.

Of course, though the study of law is the first step into a highly-respected profession, it also provides students with a broad set of skills valued by employers of all kinds. The LLB is therefore also an ideal first degree for those who want to keep an open mind about their future career, or who intend to pursue advanced graduate studies. We are committed to ensuring your success at the very highest levels, regardless of which career path you choose.

CUHK

Established in 1963, and with roots traceable back to the 1940s, CUHK has a unique mission to bring together East and West. It is highly regarded for its research excellence and four of its professors, including a former Vice-Chancellor, have been awarded Nobel Prizes.

CUHK strives to provide an environment where students are exposed to a variety of cultures, while enhancing both their Chinese and English language proficiency. CUHK has over 4,000 non-local students, drawn from 50 countries all over the world including Australia, Canada, mainland China, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong to have adopted the collegiate system found in institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge. The colleges create a nurturing environment, offering the chance for interaction with students and staff from other disciplines and backgrounds. They offer residential accommodation, and include dining rooms, sports facilities, and a wide range of clubs, activities, and societies. You can find more information about CUHK’s different colleges on the main university webpage.

Professor Hargreaves holds a doctorate in law from the University of Toronto, graduate degrees in law from the University of Oxford and Osgoode Hall Law School, and an undergraduate degree in politics and sociology from McGill University. Prior to coming to Hong Kong he taught law to students at Osgoode Hall and worked as a lawyer specialising in constitutional law for the government of Ontario. His research interests include constitutional law, information and technology law, privacy law, and related issues. He is always happy to chat with students about routes to success in the LLB or how to make the most of their time at CUHK in general.

Professor Stuart Hargreaves
Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies & LLB Programme Director

Join us, and see where the study of law can take you.
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 specialized 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.

CUHK students are among the best and brightest Hong Kong has to offer. Competition for a place of study is fierce — for 2017 entry, we receive roughly 1500 applications for about 80 possible places in the LLB. Our students have won top prizes in internationally-recognised mooting competitions, graduate scholarships, and training contracts in top international and local law firms. In 2016, 86% of CUHK LLB graduates who sought a place on the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL), an essential step in the process of qualifying as a solicitor or barrister in Hong Kong, were successful.

Facilities

The Head Office of CUHK Law is located in the Lee Shau Kee Building, a purpose-built teaching and research facility located in the University’s flagship campus in Shatin, New Territories. The Lee Shau Kee Building features a state of the art moot court, a legal resources centre, lecture theatres, classrooms and breakout rooms, all equipped with excellent information technology systems to support the learning activities of LLB students.

Overlooking the scenic Tolo Harbour, CUHK’s stunning campus is the largest and greenest in Hong Kong, and won the gold award Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence. The University offers a wide range of sports and recreational facilities, including seven libraries, art museums, concert halls, a swimming pool, sports fields, tennis courts, squash courts, a water sports centre and gymnasium.

CUHK Law has its own dedicated area of the main campus library. The Lee Quo Wei Law Library consists of approximately 118,600 volumes of books and bound periodicals on law or law related subjects, including 79 current print journal titles and over 400 multimedia items, complemented by access to a growing array of online sources, including 3,718 e-journals and 106 research databases. The Library provides seating for students in a mix of individual study desks, open plan tables and 8 group study rooms, and offers 61 computers for student use as well as a wireless network for use by students with their own laptops.
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.

The CUHK LLB
Why Study Law in Hong Kong?

“Our legal education helps to develop solid legal
expertise and analytical skills that will allow you to
engage in the most intriguing challenges in Hong Kong
as well as the rest of the world.”

Professor Jyh-An Lee
Deputy LLB Programme Director

Professor Lee holds a J.S.D. from Stanford Law School and an LL.M from
Harvard Law School. His research interests include intellectual property,
information law, and Internet law. He has published leading journal articles
in Asia, Europe, and North America. Before starting his academic career, he
was a practicing lawyer in Taiwan specializing in technology and business
transactions.
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. There are ample opportunities for students to specialise in a particular area of law so as to enhance their competitiveness in that area. They may do so by taking electives grouped into specialised streams, such as Global Law and Chinese Law.

CUHK Law also offers two double degree programmes: LLB with Bachelor of Arts in Translation, and LLB with Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology. After completing the first degree, the second degree can be deferred for up to 3 years.

### Programme Structure

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>Courses</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>YEAR 1</strong></td>
<td>33</td>
<td>Legal Analysis &amp; Argumentation &lt;br&gt; Hong Kong Legal System* &lt;br&gt; Legal System of the PRC &lt;br&gt; Contract I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Hong Kong Constitutional Law* &lt;br&gt; University Language Courses &lt;br&gt; General Education Courses &lt;br&gt; Physical Education Courses &lt;br&gt; IT Course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>YEAR 2</strong></td>
<td>35</td>
<td>Administrative Law* &lt;br&gt; Criminal Law I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Tort I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Equity &amp; Trusts I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Jurisprudence &amp; Ethics &lt;br&gt; Elective Non-Law Courses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>YEAR 3</strong></td>
<td>29</td>
<td>Companies and the Law I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Civil Procedure* &lt;br&gt; Land Law I &amp; II* &lt;br&gt; Commercial Law* &lt;br&gt; Criminal Procedure* &lt;br&gt; Evidence* &lt;br&gt; Elective Non-Law Courses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>YEAR 4</strong></td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Independent Research Paper &lt;br&gt; Conveyancing* &lt;br&gt; Elective Law Courses# &lt;br&gt; Elective Non-Law Courses &lt;br&gt; General Education Courses</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Required for admission to the PCLL programme
“We aim to prepare you for your career and for your future contribution to society. We want to inspire you with a love of 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 on our Faculty.

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 to be 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.

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.

A variety of term or year-long foreign exchange programmes at University, Faculty and College levels also offer the opportunity to study in over 230 destinations worldwide. These programmes can broaden students’ life experience and academic understanding. Credits earned abroad may count towards completing the LLB.

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.

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.

Professor Michael Lower
Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning

Professor Michael Lower’s interests are in the fields of land law and legal education. His current research projects look at the law of the ownership of the family home and at the creation of communities of inquiry in legal education. He has also conducted research looking at employee participation in corporate governance from the legal and social ethics perspectives. Michael was formerly Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Studies) and the LLB programme director in the Faculty of Law at CUHK.

We aim to prepare you for your career and for your future contribution to society. We want to inspire you with a love of learning.”
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 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 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 2012-5.
What Do Our Students Say

Ann Liu
LLB (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK), LLM (Clare College, University of Cambridge)
Recipient of Chevening Scholarship 2016-2017 and Hong Kong Scholarships for Excellence Scheme 2016-2017
Associate at Deacons 2015-2016
Alumna of St. Paul’s Co-educational College

My studies at CUHK equipped me with a range of necessary lawyering skills including organising, analysis, problem solving, and team work. The opportunity to participate in the Vis Moot competition also developed my legal drafting and advocacy skills, which helped me to complete my traineeship successfully. I am grateful to have received unfailing guidance from professors and made lifelong friends during my time at CUHK.

After working for three years, I decided to pursue a Master of Laws (LLM) degree at the University of Cambridge, with the support from the Chevening Scholarship and Hong Kong Scholarships for Excellence Scheme. It was good to be back at school and to learn about the latest developments in different areas of law. I also enjoyed discussing various legal and cultural issues with elite students from all over the world. This eye-opening experience gave me new insights for my future career development, and it all began with my time at CUHK.

Thomas Nip
CUHK LLB graduate 2017
Alumnus of Diocesan Boys’ School

CUHK provided me with an excellent framework in which to develop my legal knowledge. Throughout the many lectures and small group tutorials, not only did I learn about different legal concepts, but more importantly, how to apply these legal principles to the complex commercial world. This was extremely useful in securing job opportunities and internships.

Apart from a top class legal education, CUHK also offered me many different exchange opportunities; I was an exchange student at Peking University in Beijing for one semester. This was definitely one of the most memorable experiences during my university education. I was given the opportunity to attend class with the brightest students from Mainland China, and also was able to travel to different cities in China and gain a deeper understanding of their different backgrounds and culture. Given the amount of cross-border legal work that exists, I believe this will be of great use when I enter into the legal profession.

Tiffany Yau
CUHK LLB graduate 2017
Training Contract at Sidley Austin 2018
Alumna of Diocesan Girls’ School

CUHK Law has provided me with an abundance of experiences, both inside and beyond the classroom. Academically, I have been given outstanding preparation for work in the legal field, enhancing my ability to read, write, express, and defend legal arguments and principles. In particular, the small group tutorials allowed me to develop these core skills, which are necessary in the legal profession both locally and globally.

Outside the classroom, CUHK Law offered me a kaleidoscope of opportunities for whole-person development. From representing CUHK in the International Criminal Court moot competition, to interning at a court in the mainland, to attending exchange programs at world-renowned institutes such as Yale, Oxford and Tsinghua University, I have acquired a global perspective and adaptive skills to meet the demands of the modern legal profession.

I am truly thankful to CUHK Law for the transformative opportunities and experiences I have been provided, both being crucial ingredients for shaping me into who I am today.

Lesley Luo
CUHK LLB Year 4
Alumna of Changjun High School (Hunan, China)

In my view, mooting is a ‘must-do’ in law school and I would have regretted it deeply had I not participated. It is not only the chance to develop highly valuable skills prior to entering real practice, but also a unique and memorable event, during which one can make lifelong friends. I am privileged to have represented CUHK in both the Jessup and Vis moots, two of the most prestigious international mooting competitions. Though the preparation and training required is painstaking, I also had great fun in Washington D.C. and Vienna. More importantly, all the hard work invested pays off on the day of the competition. The most pivotal lesson I have learnt in mooting is to be as prepared as possible. An outstanding mooter is supposed not only to know every fact in the problem by heart, but also to anticipate all possible counter-arguments which may be made in the competition. This requires significant preparation by doing research, polishing arguments, and practicing advocacy constantly as a team – such a training process promises to turn one into a competent legal practitioner and a responsible team player.

When I look back from where I stand now, I feel so lucky and grateful to have had these precious experiences during my LLB.

Joshua Yeung
CUHK LLB Year 1
Jockey Club Scholar 2017
Alumnus of Queen’s College

Studying at CUHK Law has been a valuable experience for me. The Faculty provided me with numerous enriching opportunities, and I was fortunate enough to be awarded the HKC Scholarship and the 25 Bedford Row Criminal Law Fellowship during my second year of study. Both gave me a valuable platform to gain international exposure and expand my legal knowledge. The HKC Scholarship allowed me to interact with successful individuals through various events, and equipped me with skills needed to make a positive impact in society. The 25 Bedford Row Fellowship involved a two-week mini-pupillage in the UK, allowing me to learn and develop my skills in a different jurisdiction under the tutelage of some of the world’s most highly regarded barristers. All in all, my time at CUHK Law has given me exposure and opportunities that I believe other law schools cannot provide. I have grown immensely both in legal knowledge and at a personal level as a result of the education I have received.
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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subjects</th>
<th>Minimum Score (Weighting)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>English Language</td>
<td>5 (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chinese Language</td>
<td>4 (1.5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>3 (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liberal Studies</td>
<td>3 (2)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elective 1</td>
<td>3 (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elective 2 or Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I (M1) or Module II (M2)</td>
<td>3 (1)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm)