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Message from the Dean

We are Hong Kong’s most enterprising and dynamic Faculty of Law. We offer you the opportunity to join a co-operative and innovative community dedicated to teaching, research, and international exchange in order to bring the best of China to the world and the best of the world to China.

We are confident that, together, staff and students will make a significant contribution not only to Hong Kong’s legal system, its institutions, and its wider community but also to the maintenance of the rule of law and the defence and protection of the rights of individuals.

Ours is a law faculty designed to get the best from you to enable you to give your best to Hong Kong. We provide a challenging and supportive environment that will meet the aspirations of you and your family and help you transform your dreams into reality.

We welcome you to a community of scholars, students, and teachers dedicated to excellence in all that it does. You will find the Faculty to be a genuinely co-operative enterprise in which you will develop the professional skills and ethical values suited to a rapidly changing global environment.

We hope you will join our Faculty of Law in this major endeavour.

Vision and Mission of the Faculty of Law

Enriched by the intellectual and cultural heritage of its University and situated 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 to 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 become future leaders and 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.
Student Life in CUHK

With its ideal campus and many exciting educational opportunities, you will find your experience at CUHK an enriching one.

An Ideal Campus
At CUHK, students can find out what campus life really means. Located north of Shatin overlooking the scenic Tolo Harbour, our stunning central campus is the largest and greenest in Hong Kong. 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. In this tranquil and relaxing environment, students will find studying an invigorating and pleasurable experience.

Emphasis on Bilingualism and Multiculturalism
CUHK strives to provide an environment where students are exposed to Eastern and Western cultures, while enhancing their Chinese and English language proficiency. From learning and living to overseas studies and extracurricular activities, opportunities to savour these invaluable experiences permeate life in CUHK.

College System
CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong that adopts a collegiate system like Oxford, Cambridge and other well-established institutions around the world. The Colleges create a congenial environment where students receive pastoral care and whole-person education through participating in a wide range of activities and interacting with staff and peers of different backgrounds.

Whole Person Development
All CUHK graduates are equipped not only with specialized knowledge of their major subjects, but also with wisdom for life in general. Be it general education courses or lectures conducted by experts, the University offers many opportunities for students to develop their potential and to integrate different fields of knowledge. Students will be encouraged to nurture their own good judgment and a sense of personal values, each being indispensable elements in personal or career advancement.

Committed Teachers and Diversified Student Mix
CUHK students enjoy a close mentoring relationship with our committed teachers. The diverse student mix, with over 4,000 non-local students from such jurisdictions as Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, Mauritius, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, the UK, the US and many provinces in Mainland China, helps provide a multicultural learning environment for our students.
The Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme

Taking advantage of the latest technologies and approaches, the Faculty of Law provides both a general and a professional legal education, equipping students to be lifelong learners, to be able to adapt easily to a competitive environment and to develop intellectual and professional skills.

Double Degree Options

Our flexible double degree programmes allow students to pursue a path that fits them best. Students will be given the opportunity towards the end of their first year to choose the double degree programme (with one extra year of study) that they would like to pursue. The double degree options currently offered to our students include:

- Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Business Administration (LLB-BBA)
- Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Arts (Translation) (LLB-BA(Translation))
- Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Social Science (Sociology) (LLB-BSSc(Sociology))

A Flexible Approach

Students who choose to opt out from the double degree option will graduate after four years with the LLB degree and, subject to completing the specific course requirements, a minor in the second degree (Business Administration, Translation or Sociology). For those who need time to pursue their career after completion of the first degree, they may defer the completion of the second degree for up to three years. Graduates may also further their legal education by studying the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL).

Students who do not enrol in any double degree option may graduate with the LLB degree with up to two minors in any discipline.

Multiple Paths of Studies in the LLB Programme at CUHK
Programme Structure

**LLB Compulsory Courses and Courses Required for Entry to the PCLL:**

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**Year 3**

| • Civil Procedure*                                                      | • Commercial Law*                                                      |
| • Criminal Procedure*                                                  | • Conveyancing*                                                        |
| • Evidence*                                                             | • Equity and Trusts*                                                   |
| • Land Law*                                                            | • Independent Research Paper                                           |
| • The Individual, the Community, and the Law                           |                                                                        |
| • Legal Philosophies                                                   |                                                                        |

**Year 4**

| • Commercial Law*                                                      | • Jessup International Law Moot                                        |
| • Conveyancing*                                                        | • Law of Succession                                                    |
| • Equity and Trusts*                                                   | • Legal History                                                        |
| • Independent Research Paper                                           | • Mediation                                                            |
| • Private International Law                                            | • Mooting                                                              |
|                                                                       | • Personal Property and the Law                                        |
|                                                                       | • Planning and the Law                                                 |
|                                                                       | • Public Listed Companies and the Law                                  |
|                                                                       | • Public International Law                                             |
|                                                                       | • Shipping and the Law                                                 |
|                                                                       | • Taxation and the Law                                                 |
|                                                                       | • Transnational Business and the Law                                   |
|                                                                       | • WTO and the Law                                                       |

**Electives**

LLB students can choose to study subjects of their choice from a range of electives. These courses are designed to enhance the students’ intellectual skills and broaden their perspective on the law.

- Introduction to Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Banking and the Law
- Business and Law in China
- Business and Law in Hong Kong
- Chinese Civil Law
- Chinese Criminal Procedure
- Chinese Law Internship
- Chinese Law Summer Course at Tsinghua University
- Comparative Law
- Crime and Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Development and the Law
- The Environment and the Law
- Ethics and the Law
- The Family and the Law
- Gender and the Law
- Health and the Law
- Human Rights and the Law
- Insurance and the Law
- Intellectual Property and the Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Legal Advocacy
- International Trade and Finance Law
- The Internet and the Law
- Interviewing
- Jessup International Law Moot
- Law of Succession
- Legal History
- Mediation
- Mooting
- Personal Property and the Law
- Planning and the Law
- Public Listed Companies and the Law
- Public International Law
- Shipping and the Law
- Taxation and the Law
- Transnational Business and the Law
- WTO and the Law

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

Learning Environment

The Faculty of Law provides first-class learning facilities for our community of scholars, students and teachers. We offer an interactive learning environment, with an emphasis on teamwork and IT support, to facilitate independent research and learning using the resources of our Law Library and specially designed facilities, including the state-of-the-art Moot Courts and the Graduate Law Centre.

**The Lee Quo Wei Law Library**

The Faculty of Law is adding to one of the fastest growing law collections in Asia by building upon an already extensive library of books and periodicals. Housed in the University Library on the 3/F and 4/F, the Law Library consists of approximately 75,000 volumes of books and bound periodicals on law and law-related subjects, including 630 active serial titles and over 300 multimedia items. This collection is complemented by access to a growing array of online sources, 2450 e-journal titles, and 53 databases, as well as the interdisciplinary collections housed in the University library system.

**Moot Courts**

The Faculty has two Moot Courts, one in the Main Campus at Shatin and one in the Graduate Law Centre in Central. They are excellent teaching facilities for Advocacy, Mooting classes and many other law courses and competitions. These impressive world class facilities have attracted visiting scholars and professionals to hold their conferences and international symposia in the Moot Courts.

**Graduate Law Centre**

Located in the heart of Hong Kong’s central business district, our Graduate Law Centre in the Bank of America Tower provides an ideal environment for educational activities, academic seminars and international conferences. LLB students have the opportunity to attend guest lectures and to participate in activities held at the Centre designed to give students the opportunity to develop their connections with the legal profession.
Our International Academic Staff

The Faculty has a strong team of experienced academic staff from about 15 jurisdictions from around the world. Aiming to provide leadership in teaching and learning, our teaching staff are committed to educating students in the law through innovative teaching approaches and by drawing on their diverse professional and jurisdictional experience.

Our International Academic Staff

Distinguished Professional Mentors

Each of our undergraduate students is paired with a Distinguished Professional Mentor (DPM). The DPMs are drawn from branches of the legal profession, the Government and the Judiciary. The DPM helps and guides the student throughout the four years at the Faculty of Law. DPMs act as an advisor on professional and ethical matters and share with the students their own experiences of a career in the law.

The Distinguished Professional Mentor Scheme is the first step in providing students with the skills and confidence to enable them to contribute their best to the community. The relationship between the DPMs and students is special and provides a golden opportunity for students to gain an insight into a career in law and to develop their own sense of their future career development.

Professional Development Opportunities

Academic Mentors

In addition to the Distinguished Professional Mentors, our teachers also act as academic mentors to provide students with intellectually enriching guidance and pastoral care. Each student is assigned an academic mentor. Students are encouraged to meet with their mentors to reflect on and improve their own academic progress.

“Distinguished professional mentors are the beacon and the bridge between our undergraduate studies and our professional lives.”
LAM Yuk Ping Patricia, Year 4 from Diocesan Girls’ School

Distinguished Professional Mentors

“Academic mentors are mentors for life. Not only do they assist us throughout our undergraduate years, but they also provide us with useful and practical advice on our future careers. We meet in a friendly and casual manner, and discuss anything from academic issues to what we do for leisure. With information on my academic performance, my mentor is able to guide me on how I should approach different subjects and make improvements. It is a valuable opportunity to ask questions about studying law and to know more about the Faculty as well.”
PE Prairie Yang, Year 4 from Ying Wa Girls’ School
The Sir TL Yang Society

“The Sir TL Yang Society” is named in honour of Dr the Honorable Sir Ti Liang Yang, GBM, JP, former Chief Justice of Hong Kong and Honorary Professor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

In support of the professional development activities of students, the Society hosts Law High Table Dinners, receptions, lectures and talks in which LLB students can meet with their mentors, alumni and professionals. The activities also provide a platform for the Faculty to maintain close contacts with our students, partners and friends.

The Society provides a travel bursary of up to HK$10,000 for each LLB student during their course of studies towards the cost of attending the Summer Study Abroad Programme. As part of this programme, students often travel together as a group to attend lectures and seminars provided by host institutions which include visits and exposure to the legal system and culture of the host country.

Personal Development Opportunities

Mooting Competitions
Our students participate annually in competitions with the Faculty’s support, being coached by dedicated staff. We are happy to say that our students have enjoyed considerable success thus far. Students taking part in mooting are able to improve their advocacy skills and self-confidence as well as developing considerable legal research and writing skills.

Exchange Programmes
At Faculty and University levels we have agreements with institutions from around the world. It is our belief that studying in other countries improves students’ academic understanding of the discipline of law, helps develop students’ personal skills, boosts their confidence and makes them more attractive to future employers. In some instances the units the student completes whilst overseas may be credited towards the completion of their degree.

Personal Development Activities in the 4-year LLB Programme

- Professional Image Workshop
- Summer Study Abroad Programmes
- Summer Internship
- Chinese Law Internship
- Exchange Programmes
- DPM Reception

Year 1
- Chinese Law Internship
- Exchange Programmes

Year 2
- Summer Study Abroad Programmes
- Summer Internship

Year 3
- Professional Image Workshop

Year 4
- Career Workshops e.g. CV writing, Interview skills
- Career Talks by Legal Professionals
- Visits to Legal Firms and Government Organizations
- Recruitment Talks
- Visits to the High Court, Prisons, the Equal Opportunities Commission
- High Table Dinner with Distinguished Professional Mentors
- Public Lectures
- Workshops on Specific Themes

Activities for all classes
Career Success and Alumni Network

Career Success
We will have our first class of LLB graduates in 2010, but the placement of PCLL graduates in 2008-09 provides strong evidence of the outstanding quality of the legal education offered by the Faculty. A large majority of the PCLL graduates are employed by renowned law firms.

From internships to career talks, the Faculty arranges a variety of activities from which students can enhance their understanding of the "real world" of employment, thereby contributing to the development of their chosen field. By the time of graduation, students will be equipped with a rigorous intellectual and ethical education which enables them to adapt to the changing circumstances of Hong Kong, mainland China, and the international legal environment and to assume leadership roles in government, business, finance and public interest organizations.

Summary of employment status of the 72 PCLL graduates 2008-09:

| Law Firms | 54 | 84.4% |
| Barristers' chambers | 3 | 4.7% |
| Department of Justice | 2 | 3.1% |
| Others | 2 | 3.1% |
| Further Degrees | 3 | 4.7% |
| Returned to home country | 1 | -- |
| Not known at time of survey | 7 | -- |
| **Total** | **72** | **100.0%** |

Alumni Network
Our alumni are a most valuable asset to the Faculty and University. Despite the short history of the Faculty, the well-established network of over 100,000 CUHK alumni helps the Faculty secure strong alumni support from all sectors, including the legal profession.

What do the LLB students say?

"Working in the United Nations, I witnessed how some people strive for their dreams and initiate changes to make the world a better place. This inspired me. Thank you to the World Information Transfer and the University for providing me with such a rare chance."

CHYO Wai Lip William, Year 4 from POCA Wong Siu Ching Secondary School Internship Programme at World Information Transfer, United Nations, New York, USA 2009

"The Faculty respects students’ opinions. I am the student representative elected to serve on the Faculty Board to reflect any comments from my fellow law schoolmates during meetings which are regularly held. I was encouraged to be an outspoken representative during my office in the past year. The open attitude kept by the Faculty is most appreciated and has developed my leadership and communication skills as a whole person."

WONG Siu Chung Oscar, Year 3 from La Salle College

"Academic culture and environment were major factors in deciding to study the LLB programme at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A relatively small student base makes lectures cozy while tutorials are kept to less than 20 people. Lecturers hold their own tutorials and know every student by name, making classes friendly, coherent and ripe with opportunities to actively participate. With every student promised an academic and professional mentor, CUHK not only offers a quality programme but also creates a family that will last a lifetime.""
“With the newly established law building, the past year in the CUHK Law Faculty can only be defined in one word: fantastic! I recall entering into the Faculty with mixed feelings and expectations that it would be difficult to handle the harsh lectures and heavy workload. In reality, beyond lectures and tutorials, there were seminars hosted by renowned professionals of the field throughout the year, showing the law students the real judicial world. Overall, school life at the Law Faculty has been enjoyable and worthwhile whilst I have acquired lasting friendship from different backgrounds and cultures. I look forward to the future years to come.”

YUEN Wing Ki Sally, Year 2
from West Island School

“The internships I took enabled me to immerse myself in the practice of law, and meet the world’s leading lawyers. The firms also organized games, drinks and other socializing activities which demonstrate their commitment to a good work-life balance. Partners of the firms were very approachable and interested in law students from our university. From high-profile deals to simple housekeeping matters, these firms treated me as a part of their team and were acutely attentive to my needs and interests.”

PHANG Roger Yu Wai, Year 4
from St. Joseph’s College
Internship Programme 2009

“Two years ago, I chose the LLB Programme at CUHK in the Early Admission Scheme (EAS). I am very glad that I have made the right choice. Life as a law student at CUHK is really fruitful and full of opportunities beyond our expectations. The teachers here are all well-experienced and caring. They are always willing to offer help and advice on our studies. The Faculty and the Sir TL Yang Society also provide us with lots of opportunities to get exposure to the legal profession and the world, such as the unique Distinguished Professional Mentorship programme, exchange tours, and participation in international mooting competitions. These help develop our full potential and shape us to be respected lawyers in the future.”

WONG Ka Chun Anthony, Year 2
from King’s College
Early Admission Scheme 2007

“The four weeks in Beijing were an invaluable learning experience. Visiting different legal institutions there has allowed me to have a better understanding of the Chinese legal system. It was also a good opportunity for me to learn about the local culture through interacting with students at Tsinghua and touring around the city.”

YU Lok Kei David, Year 3
from La Salle College
Summer Study Abroad Programme at Tsinghua University 2009

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