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We are Hong Kong’s most enterprising and dynamic Faculty of Law. You will be given the opportunity to join a co-operative and innovative community dedicated to teaching, research, and international exchange bringing the best of China to the world and the best of the world to China.

The 2009-2010 Academic Year was a year full of excitement and achievement for the Faculty. Along with the whole Faculty, I was particularly pleased with the achievement of our students in mooting. A moot is a hypothetical case in which law students present written and oral arguments in a courtroom simulation. The Philip C. Jessup Moot (‘the Jessup Moot’) in international law advocacy is the oldest, largest and most prestigious mooting competition in the world. Hong Kong has participated in the Jessup Moot since 1985. Since only one team from Hong Kong is eligible to progress to the world finals in Washington, D.C., the three local law schools have to first compete in a regional championship. For the past two years, our students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong have won the Hong Kong regional championship and advanced to the world finals in Washington, D.C. This year, our team won the Hardy C. Dillard Award for presenting the best written arguments at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in which 127 teams, regional winners from all corners of the world, participated. Our team also achieved an overall ranking of nineteenth in the world from among over 500 teams. The incredible achievement of our students is not only a tribute to the inspirational coaching of our teachers and the dedicated work of our students, but it also highlights the success of legal education at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

As regards teaching and learning, the Faculty has developed the Refugee Internship Programme as an elective course. The Refugee Internship Programme allows our undergraduate law students an exciting opportunity to assist real clients using their legal skills and knowledge. Students partner with experienced lawyers from the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre to assist asylum seekers with their claims before the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Also this past year, the Faculty has launched a unique Virtual Career Resources Centre which provides students with on-line career resources, career-related programmes and information. The Centre also serves as a contact point to prospective employers.

I am also very pleased to see our first class of LLB graduates this year. Before the end of their final term of studies at the University, around 80% of these graduating students have already received conditional offers from our own PCLL programme. Of those not joining our PCLL, they have great adventures planned. As an example, one of these graduates has been awarded the prestigious Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship to pursue postgraduate study at the University of Oxford.

The Faculty is innovative and responsive to the changing needs of the legal professions in the new century. We offer opportunities and challenges to talented people. Join us and explore this exciting and rewarding journey yourself!

Message from the Dean

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 beautiful green campus has won the gold award in the 2009 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 gymnasiums. 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:

1. Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Business Administration (LLB-BBA)
2. Bachelor of Laws – Bachelor of Arts (Translation) (LLB-BA(Translation))
3. 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

- Admitted to LLB Programme
- Students can choose
  - LLB + Double Degree Options in BBA or BA (Translation) or BSSc (Sociology)
- Bachelor of Laws with Minor in Business Administration or Translation or Sociology
- Bachelor of Laws with free non-law Electives
- Bachelor of Laws (without a minor)
- Complete one of the double degree options*
- PCLL Studies
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## Programme Structure

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

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### Year 3

- Civil Procedure*
- Criminal Procedure*
- Evidence*
- Land Law*
- The Individual, the Community, and the Law
- Legal Philosophies

### Year 4

- Commercial Law*
- Conveyancing*
- Equity and Trusts*
- Independent Research Paper
- Private International Law

* Currently prerequisite courses for students who wish to study the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL).

**Electives**

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

- Introduction to Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Introduction to Arbitration Theory and Practice
- 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
- Construction and the Law
- Corporate Crime & Social Responsibility
- 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
- Human Rights and the Law in the People’s Republic of China
- Insurance and the Law
- Intellectual Property and the Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Law Summer Course at University of Sydney
- 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
- Refugee Internship Programme
- 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 83,000 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 Sha Tin 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.

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Our International Academic Staff

The Faculty has a strong team of experienced academic staff from various 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.

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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 their 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.

Academic Mentors

In addition to the Distinguished Professional Mentors, our teachers act as academic mentors to advise students on all aspects of their academic development and on any problems or issues arising during the academic year. Each student is assigned an academic mentor. Students are encouraged to meet with their mentors to reflect on and improve their own academic progress.

Professional Development Opportunities

“Judges usually appear to be solemn and stern. It was only when I met my distinguished mentor, a judge, that I realized a judge could be so friendly and candid. I have several mentors at university, but this mentor is special. She arranges gatherings with her mentees several times a year despite her busy schedule. Not only does she share her experience with us. She also gives us valuable advice. I express my sincere gratitude to the Faculty for the amazing opportunity to benefit from establishing connections with successful people in the legal professions.”

Chan Hang Chui Cherry, Year 4 from Hang Seng School of Commerce

“Our LLB Program at CUHK provided me with the assurance and welcome that a first year law student may need. Having come from an international school, there were adjustments to be made, and our program made it easier by giving me the feeling that I would be taken good care of. An example of such would be the Academic Mentorship Program. Once enrolled, each student is assigned to a member of the Academic Staff within the Law Faculty and the student is required to meet with the mentor at least once per term. This program really helped me through my transitional period into becoming a serious law student, and was able to offer not only academic but personal guidance as well when I needed it. Now as I have grown more accustomed and will be commencing my fourth year, I continue to remain a close relationship with both my previous and current mentors, and I am very thankful for what they have to offer. I can only assure new students that having a helping hand at the beginning is the little push that can help us leap.”

Hui Chee Man Phyllis May, Year 4 from Canadian International School of Hong Kong
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 broadens 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

Activities for all classes

- 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
Law graduates have many career options, both within the legal profession and outside it. They can be a lawyer in private practice or with the government, or pursue a career that draws on a legal background, such as legal academic, legal researcher, law librarian, legal administrator and legal editor. Equipped with sophisticated intellectual and professional skills, they are also much sought after in other professions.

In addition to career services provided at the University level, the Faculty of Law also plays an active role in equipping our students with the skills needed for them to pursue their careers both within and outside the legal profession.

Virtual Careers Resource Centre
Our Virtual Careers Resource Centre is a fantastic resource for students, and is unique to our Faculty of Law. The Virtual Careers Resource Centre not only serves as a contact point for prospective employers, it also provides students with a mass of useful information on developing their career, enhancing skills and presenting themselves to the world in the best possible way.

Career-related Workshops and Activities
Various career-related workshops and activities such as professional image workshop, mock interview workshops, job application and CV writing workshops are organized by the Law Faculty throughout the year for our students.

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World Class CUHK Mooting Team
University Law Schools from Hong Kong have participated in the Jessup since 1985. For the past two years in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, the Chinese University has won the Hong Kong regional championship and advanced to the world finals in Washington, D.C., to represent Hong Kong. For the 2009-2010 Jessup Moot Competition, our Chinese University team consisted of students from across three degree programmes: Roger Phang (LLB), Vinca Yau (LLB), Patrick Siu (PCLL), Peter Hsiao-pen Chang (PCLL) and Cora Ang (JD). The team achieved an overall ranking of nineteenth in the world from among over 500 teams. Our team also won the Hardy C. Dillard Award for presenting the best written arguments at the competition.

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YAU Vinca, Year 3
from SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tszang Secondary School
Jessup Mooting Competition 2010

Careers

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Career Talks and Company Visits
Recruitment talks and company visits are golden opportunities for students to familiarize themselves with the organizational structure and screening requirements of potential employers. They also provide an interactive environment for both recruiters and potential applicants to gain a mutual understanding with each other. The Faculty arranges such talks and visits on a regular basis for our students.
At the Chinese University of Hong Kong we are exceptionally fortunate to have a vast and diverse network of over 120,000 CUHK alumni throughout the world. From this group of alumni many senior legal professionals in Hong Kong, such as members of the Judiciary and Government, partners in major law firms and top barristers have taken it upon themselves to help our LLB students.

The Faculty of Law has invited many of these senior legal professionals to act as Distinguished Professional Mentors and we continue to benefit from their encouragement and the time they have invested in our LLB students and in our Faculty.

“The LLB course at CUHK is academically intense and rigorous. Each semester, good selections of law elective courses are offered. In my experience, law elective courses can be just as academically demanding and enjoyable as they allow students to explore different branches of law that provide different perspectives. The academic staff at the Faculty are all highly accomplished in their fields. They brought to the classroom not only rigorous standards of education, but were also very personable, approachable and willing to offer their help and expertise. While teamwork is stressed in many different courses, on the whole the degree enables students to conduct in-depth independent research and thus cultivate values of innovation, responsibility and discipline.”

LI Lillian, LLB graduate 2009-2010
from Sha Tin College
PCLL Candidate 2010-2011
Training Contract at Hogan Lovells LLP 2012

"It has been a pleasure studying law at CUHK, and I am proud to be one of its founding students. The way in which I benefited from my university education has exceeded my expectations. Not only had I been exposed to a broad and professional curriculum, the Faculty has also given me its full, unconditional support in the development of my interests, particularly in mooting. These have been many opportunities for exchange programmes, to participate in important conferences and lectures, and also to represent the Faculty in both international and regional competitions. All of these were led, supervised or coached by professors, providing an extra opportunity to learn from them personally. This comprehensive package has prepared me to take on a traineeship in an international law firm upon graduation from PCLL.”

PHANG Roger Yu Wai, LLB graduate 2009-2010
from St. Joseph’s College
PCLL Candidate 2010-2011
Training contract at Baker & McKenzie 2011

“Life as a CUHK law student is absolutely wonderful. Not only have I learnt so much about law throughout these four years, I have also found life-long friends, many wonderful professors and bountiful opportunities to develop my potential to the fullest. My studies here have best equipped me with the necessary skills and knowledge to continue to pursue higher education overseas and realise all my dreams.”

LAM Yuk Ping Patricia, LLB graduate 2009-2010
from Diocesan Girls’ School
BCL Candidate 2010-2011
Training Contract at Holman Fenwick Willan 2011

I Hart Pomerantz, Canadian lawyer and television personality.
What do the LLB students say

“Studying law was once a tough and inaccessible fantasy for me. Nevertheless, being a CUHK law student is challenging and still very fruitful. The interactive lectures and diverse extra-curricular activities have brought me into a brand new world where I can fully explore my potential. I am able to well equip myself with professional knowledge and hands-on experience which allow me to grow in my own way.”

CHENG Winnie Wing In, Year 3 from St. Paul’s Co-educational College

“I have gradually learned to be a multi-dimensional and flexible law student at the Chinese University, being able to consider legal problems within and outside the legal context. Here, learning stretches beyond law books. I am very fortunate to be able to participate in other aspects of university life, for example, joining non-law summer schools and participating in a leadership programme to earn extra credits. All these experiences allow me to look at legal studies as part of a comprehensive picture which corresponds to society.”

TSE Leanne, Year 4 from Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong

“The LLB Programme here prepares us for academic excellence and also promotes an active learning atmosphere: the well-funded exchange programmes around the globe; the well-established mentorship network; the well-respected moot and advocacy team. I feel I can learn so much more than anywhere else. Also, the Faculty encourages us to participate more in extracurricular activities: I am the Vice-President of the Student Union of CUHK, I am also establishing a new Wine Society. I always feel supported from the Faculty for what I do in my studies and outside the Faculty.”

CHAU King Fung Fergus, Year 2 from Black Hawk High School, Wisconsin, USA

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SHUM Sin Yu Sanyi, Year 4 from Ying Wa Girls’ School

“I love studying Law at CUHK. The Faculty is headquartered in a sparkling new building in a most idyllic campus. The professors are the best in their field and passionate about teaching. The staff is so supportive and accommodating. The students are diverse and dedicated to the pursuit of future careers. I am truly honored, and very proud, to be a student of such a pristine, prestigious Law Faculty.”

TSUI Angela Kar Yee, Year 3 from Richmond Secondary School, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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“The CUHK Law Faculty offers endless professional development opportunities for students and this has allowed students to grow. Personally, the Distinguished Professional Mentors programme has enhanced my personal growth. From my assigned mentor I received advice on career choices and guidance on how to equip myself for a successful future career. Moreover, CUHK has the Sir TL Yang Society, which offers professional and social activities in the Faculty. Therefore, in addition to academic support, CUHK provides activities that are vital to the growth and development of a law student. In my opinion some examples of most useful activities include: workshops on case note writing, critical thinking or the professional image workshop.”

WONG Sin Pui Cynthia, Year 2 from West Island School

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