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Message from the Dean

The Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK LAW) was established in 2004. 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 since then. 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. We are providing a truly global learning environment. In 2018 CUHK LAW was ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking exercise the 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. We are CUHK LAW!

Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff
Wei Lun Professor of Law

Dean, Faculty of Law



Message from the Programme Director



Professor Roberts holds a JD and JSD from NYU School of Law. His research focuses on public international law and transnational legal history. In addition to his academic career. Professor Roberts has worked with several international organizations, including several United Nations agencies, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

CUHK LAW is one of the premier law schools in Asia, and the cornerstone of the Faculty is our LLB Programme. The four-year LLB Programme is selective, engaging, transformative and rewarding. Our LLB students study in a rigorous and collaborative environment, situated on one of Asia's most beautiful campuses, located in a globalised city with a fascinating and unique historical heritage.

One of the many strengths of CUHK LAW is that it brings together scholars and teachers from all over the world, bringing diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives to the study of law. While our courses are demanding, their rigor is there to ensure you are provided with the highest level of legal training. CUHK LAW bring real-world experience and leading research into the classroom. With their guidance and support, you will be prepared to fulfil the responsibilities that society places on the legal profession, to achieve your personal professional goals and to become a leader in the field.

In the LLB Programme you will learn the rules and values underpinning the law and its role in structuring society through extensive reading, thinking, writing, discussing and debating. You will acquire the expertise to synthesise large amounts of information, to structure your arguments and to present them in a maximally engaging and compelling manner. Our legal education emphasises persuasion, problem solving, analysing complex issues, dispute management and reflecting on competing viewpoints—all skills that are essential for every field of employment. The substantive legal knowledge and critical thinking skills you gain will be with you for the rest of your lives, and will allow you to be successful at the highest level in the legal field or any other professional path you choose, whether in Hong Kong or anywhere else in the world.

CUHK LAW will help you succeed both academically in the LLB Programme and professionally after graduation. You will become an integral member of a strong professional experience and support system, consisting of our pioneering Distinguished Professional Mentors Programme, legal clinics, highly competitive mooting teams, numerous study abroad and exchange programmes, the Law Student Careers Office, our alumni network and more. As you will discover, an education at CUHK LAW will provide you not only with a valuable network, but also a caring family.

We look forward to your joining our vibrant community, and the impact you will make!

Professor Christopher Roberts
Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies

Christopher Rhots

& LLB Programme Director

Welcome to CUHK LAW



Why Study Law in Hong Kong?

Hong Kong is one of the most exciting places to study law in the world. It is the only common law jurisdiction in East Asia, providing it with a unique legal system and culture. It is also a highly internationalised jurisdiction and global financial centre, which has led virtually all of the world's largest law firms to maintain an active presence in Hong Kong. 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



CUHK LAW

CUHK LAW provides a world-class academic and professional education in law. Since its establishment in 2004 CUHK LAW has become a world-leading law school, with 83% of its research activity being rated as 4* ("world leading") and 3* ("internationally excellent") in the most recent HK Research Assessment Exercise, the highest combined 4* and 3* percentage of any law school in Hong Kong.

Choosing to study law at CUHK LAW means many things. It provides the chance to surround yourself with some of the brightest and most committed students in Hong Kong. It provides the opportunity to learn from dedicated academics and lawyers drawn from all parts of the world. It affords the privilege to study at a beautiful campus with top-class facilities. It provides the benefit of studying at the only university in Hong Kong to adopt the collegiate system. Most importantly, it demonstrates 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 not only to develop their academic skills and specialised knowledge in a particular area of study, but also to develop the skills necessary for the transition to full participation as members 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 — 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

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 7,000 non-local students drawn from jurisdictions 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.

"At CUHK LAW we want to encourage you to develop a passion for the law which will assist you in the challenge of studying law and prepare you for your future career, whether in law or something more interesting."

Professor Steven Gallagher
Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs



Professor Steven Gallagher teaches equity and trusts, property law and culture heritage law on the LLB and the postgraduate courses. He has also taught courses for high school students on law and technology since 2017 and recently introduced a course entitled "Superheroes and the Law."





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 of 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 gymnasia.

CUHK LAW has its own dedicated area of the main campus library. The Lee Quo Wei Law Library consists of approximately 132,200 volumes of books and bound periodicals on law or law related subjects. It is complemented by access to a growing array of online sources, including nearly 6,000 e-journals and 114 databases, as well as the interdisciplinary collections housed in the CUHK Library. The Library provides seating for students in a mix of individual study desks, open plan tables and group study rooms, and offers computers for student use as well as a wireless network for use by students with their own laptops.

Facilities

"CUHK LAW's LLB programme offers a powerful combination of great inspirations, knowledge building, and skill training. As a global law school with excellent international reputation, we ensure our students get access to teaching and legal research with the highest calibre."

Professor Michelle Miao Deputy LLB Programme Director



Professor Miao holds a DPhil degree from Oxford and two LLMs, one from New York University and the other from Renmin University of China. She previously conducted research in the capacity of NYU Global Fellow, Oxford Howard League Fellow, British Academy Postdoc Fellow, NUS ASLI scholar and Harvard Yenching Scholar. Her research expertise comparative law. She is an Comparative Law's Hessel Yntema Prize for most outstanding scholarship by a scholar under 40 years of age.

Double Degree Study Options

CUHK LAW offers LLB students with several double degree options, which allow them to pursue their academic interests and enhance their competitive edge.

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Double Degree Programmes at CUHK

CUHK LAW offers students two double degree programmes in which the LLB can be combined with another course of study: the LLB with Bachelor of Arts in Translation, and the 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, should they wish to do so. 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 at King's College London (KCL), CUHK LAW offers a study option in which LLB students may enroll in 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 thus gain exposure to two legal systems, that of Hong Kong and that of England, and will thereby better prepare themselves for work in an international workplace by having studied at two world-class law schools.

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Programme Structure

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 legal 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's 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. The next two years consist of both 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. Elective courses vary year to year. Students may elect to identify a particular stream of specialisation in either Global Law or Chinese Law. Students may also personalize their study by selecting electives courses clustered around particular sub-areas of legal investigation.

Study Sequence

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 3 -

■ 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**

29 UNITS

Companies and the Law I & II* Land Law I & II* Commercial Law* Evidence* Elective Law Courses# **Elective Non-Law Courses**

■ YEAR 4 ----

30 UNITS

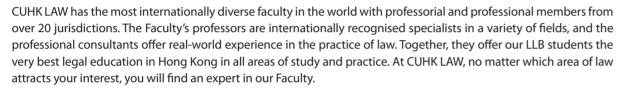
Independent Research Paper Property Law* Elective Law Courses# **Elective Non-Law Courses General Education Courses**

- * Required for admission to the PCLL programme
- # e.g. Human Rights Law, Competition Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, Environmental Law, Crime and Criminal Justice, Law of the Sea, International Commercial Dispute Resolution, International Trade and Financial Law, Legal Technologies, Public International Law, Property Law, Mooting, International Legal Advocacy, Tax Law, Internet Law



Teaching and Learning





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.

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.

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.



"CUHK LAW will 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 Queenie Lai

Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning



Professor Queenie Lai is a graduate of the University of Cambridge and has practised as a corporate solicitor at international law firm Clifford Chance's Hong Kong, Shanghai and London office. She has taught for over a decade at CUHK LAW, where she specialises in teaching corporate practice. Professor Lai was a two-time recipient of CUHK LAW's **Excellent Teaching Award and was** awarded the UGC Teaching and Development and Language Enhancement Grant for her Simulated Client in Professional Legal Education Project.

Career Success & Careers Facilities

Most of our students intend, after completing their degree, to sit the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) before moving on to careers in legal practice, many aiming for top firms and barristers' chambers, with some choosing to take legal positions in government or industry. Others move into areas where a law degree can give them a useful advantage – such as regulatory compliance, investment banking or financial services, with a number choosing to remain in academia. In all case their achievements are testimony to their hard work and the quality of their education.

Law Student Careers Office

The Faculty's Law Student Careers Office provides students with guidance on career choices, applications and interviews as well as assistance with career preparation and professional development. The Director, Mr. Paul Mitchard QC, has prepared a programme of seminars on career and professionalism topics which includes presentations by representatives of law firms, barristers' chambers and other prospective employers.



Virtual Careers Resource Centre

The Law Student Careers Office also maintains a Virtual Careers Resource Centre (VCRC) which serves as a contact point for prospective employers, teaching faculty members and students. The VCRC contains a Legal Careers Directory with up-to-date information on law firms and chambers and on internships and other employment opportunities for students. 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 designed to ensure that Faculty of Law students are fully informed and equipped for entering into what today is a challenging and rapidly-changing jobs market.

E-mentoring

The Careers Office also supports an e-mentoring programme through which students may connect with Law Faculty alumni in their chosen field for career guidance and help with achieving the level of 'employability' and professionalism which many employers require. In this regard, Mr. Mitchard says:

"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. Mitchard is a graduate of the University of Oxford who 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.

What Do Our Students Say



Elaine Ren

LLB (CUHK), LLM (King's College London)
PCLL (CUHK) student
Training Contract at Clifford Chance 2022
Alumna of Changjun High School

CUHK LLB is a great starting point for exploring the subject of law and the renowned legal profession. CUHK LLB's pedagogy ensures that students have abundant chances to air their views confidently. From the seminar-style teaching that encourages critical thinking and practical problem solving to a wide range of overseas programs that help students thrive on an international horizon, CUHK LAW paves the way for students to become independent thinkers and knowledge legal practitioners.

I had ample opportunities to develop all-round skills in CUHK LAW. Besides the high quality in-class legal education, the mooting experience rewarded me with strengthened advocacy and writing skills, the summer school at Tsinghua University and the double degree program with KCL led me to see the law from diverse perspectives, the mentorship program gave me a head start to build connections with practising lawyers, and the tailor-made programmes from the Law Student Careers Office guided me on career choice and preparation.

With great appreciation for the training and support of CUHK LLB, I am honoured to receive a training contract with Clifford Chance and I am thrilled to continue my legal study in CUHK for the PCLL degree.



Colbert Hung

LLB (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) Trainee Solicitor of Herbert Smith Freehills 2021 Alumnus of Taipei Municipal Chenggong High School

CUHK LAW provides non-local students with a clear path into the highly-regarded legal profession. The well-structured programme enabled me to pursue various opportunities within and outside the campus. Throughout my LLB study, I had the unique opportunity of representing CUHK LAW and Hong Kong at the world's prestigious aviation law moot court competition. The experience both solidified my legal knowledge and further broadened my understanding in the international aerospace industry.

Furthermore, I was also fortunate to enjoy a fruitful exchange in Melbourne, where I met other law students from around the world. I also completed various internships with a wide range of firms in both Hong Kong and Taiwan

In sum, CUHK LLB provides a demanding yet rewarding curriculum. As one of the most globalised faculties of law in the world, the programme and its internationally-recognised teaching staff allow students to absorb knowledge and translate them into career opportunities. I was glad to receive a training contract with Herbert Smith Freehills starting from 2021, and will always be grateful for the support and guidance I received at CUHK LAW.



Kasper Fan

LLB (CUHK), LLM (Cantab.) PCLL (CUHK) student Alumnus of King George V School

CUHK LAW has been an integral part of my development both professionally and as an individual. While relatively young, CUHK LAW has developed a well-rounded curriculum which equips you with all the skills and knowledge required to tackle both further studies and future careers.

Of course, university experiences would not be complete without a range of extra-curricular activities. I was privileged to have been involved in many of these, including presiding over the Undergraduate Law Society, a student-led society which hosts a range of activities (networking, sports, orientation camps) for all law students to enjoy. Moreover, CUHK LAW has an internationally recognised reputation in several international mooting competitions. I had the honour of representing team CUHK at the Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, where CUHK placed 1st in the oral rounds, above many leading institutions such as Harvard and UCL. CUHK also offers a range of exchange opportunities, which I found extremely helpful in helping me prepare and adapt for my postgraduate studies in the UK.

Overall, CUHK LAW is a great springboard towards your future in the legal field. I am grateful to all members of the academic and faculty staff for their nurturing throughout the undergraduate programme, and I look forward to meeting any of you who decide to join us here at CUHK!

Grace Lam

LLB (CUHK)

PCLL (CUHK) student

Future Trainee Solicitor of Jones Day 2023

Alumna of St Paul's Convent School



CUHK LAW offers stellar teaching quality and a vast array of opportunities for students to uncover and develop their potential. The professors are passionate about teaching and are keen to engage in discussions on complex legal issues. Interactive tutorials offer an optimal platform for students to hone an analytical mindset by exchanging ideas on possible legal bases to resolve questions.

The collaborative learning environment at CUHK LAW extends beyond the traditional classroom setting. My experience in the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition has enabled me to gain a multilateral perspective on different areas of law through negotiations with competitors from diverse jurisdictions. Coupled with my exchange experiences at the University of California, Berkeley and Tsinghua University, I am very glad to have been given these valuable opportunities to enhance my soft skills and personal growth.

CUHK LAW has provided a nurturing environment for us to build up a strong legal knowledge base, setting a sturdy foundation to encourage us to explore our career aspirations. I am grateful for the training and support I have received at CUHK LAW, and I look forward to continuing my studies as a PCLL student at CUHK in the upcoming academic year.

Warwick Chan

CUHK LLB Year 4
Future Trainee Solicitor at
Slaughter and May 2023
Alumnus of St. Paul's College



The CUHK LLB programme is a multi-faceted experience that has provided me with valuable moments to learn and improve.

In terms of teaching and learning, I have had the privilege of working with and learning from professors and mentors who are leading experts in their respective fields and devoted to providing the best student support to us outside the classroom. This allows for a comfortable and welcoming environment for students to learn and grow.

I have also had the fortune of joining a variety of extra-curricular activities provided by CUHK LAW, including the Tsinghua University Chinese Law Summer Programme, the Undergraduate Law Society (ULS), the Mooting Society and the 2020-2021 Philip C. Jessup International Law Mooting Competition. As this diverse range of activities attests, students' potentials beyond the law school classroom are explored and honed here at CUHK LAW. My professional connections, acquired as a result of the Faculty's Distinguished Professional Mentor (DPM) Scheme, allowed me to acquire invaluable advice and engage in different internship opportunities, including mini-pupillages and vacation schemes.

I am grateful towards CUHK LAW for the intellectually stimulating, well-rounded and opportune legal education and university life it has provided me thus far. I look forward to my final year of study with utmost enthusiasm.

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.

Subjects Minimu	ım Score (Weighting)
English Language	5 (2)
Chinese Language	4 (1.5)
Mathematics	3 (1)
Liberal Studies	3 (2)
Elective 1	3 (1)
Elective 2 or Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I (M1) or Module II (I	M2) 3 (1)

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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