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JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

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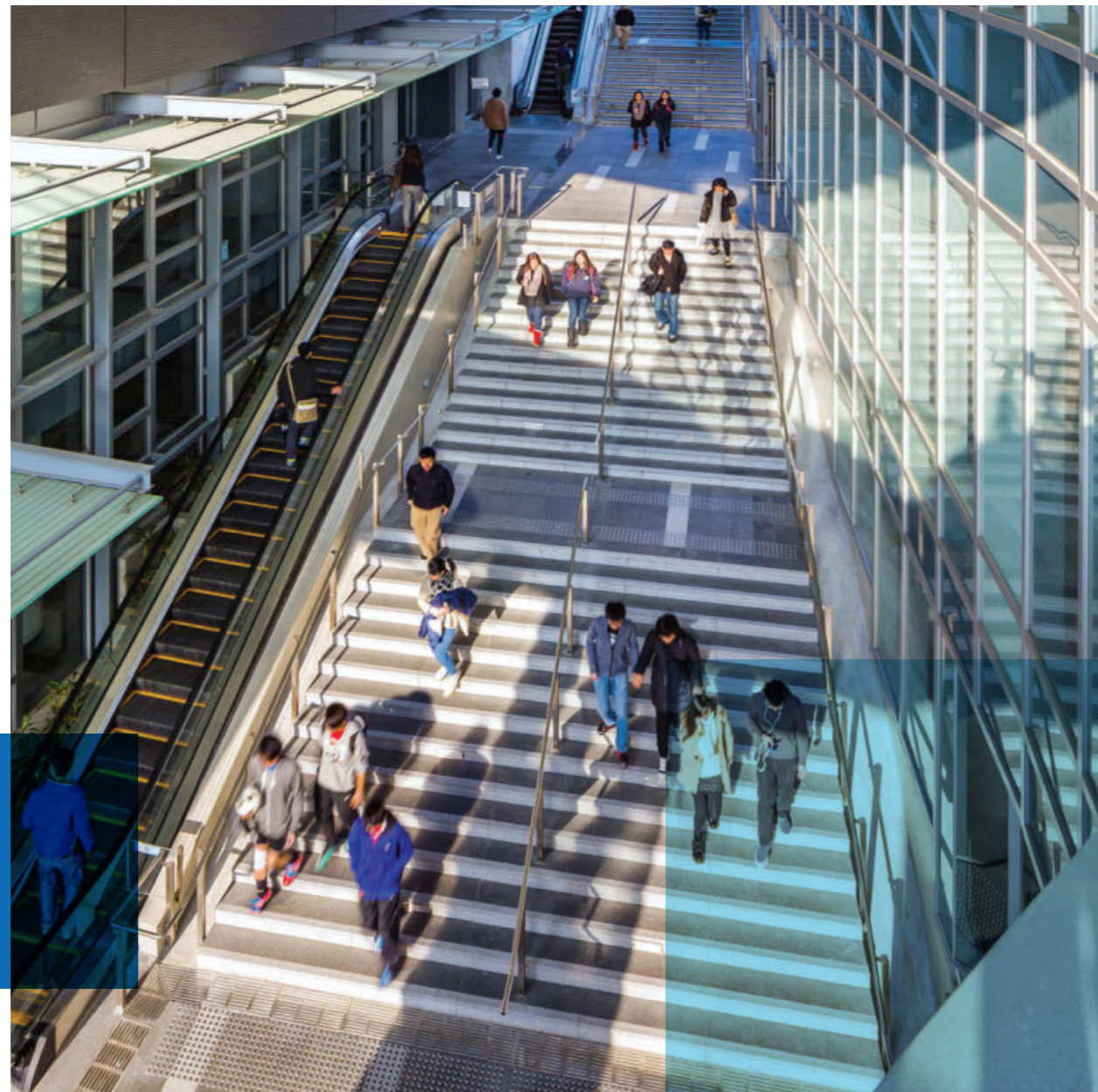


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Message from the Dean

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. 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 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.

The Juris Doctor (JD) Programme offered by CUHK LAW is designed for top graduates from non-law disciplines who wish to pursue a legal career or to work in law-related sectors. Taught by international experts in their respective fields our JD students are receiving a top-notch legal education which qualifies them to become future legal leaders.

Join our JD Programme if you are committed to excel in your professional career through the study of law. We are CUHK LAW!

*Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff
Wei Lun Professor of Law
Dean, Faculty of Law*



Message from the Programme Director

The Juris Doctor (JD) Programme at CUHK is an excellent opportunity for candidates who are interested in law as a second career. Our JD Programme provides a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum to allow candidates from other disciplines to successfully transition into law. Our graduates have gone on to find success at top international and local law firms, barristers' chambers, Government and regulatory bodies, NGOs and in private sector businesses.

Our JD Programme offers great flexibility to cater to the needs of our postgraduate students. Students can customize their curriculum by selecting from a wide range of elective courses depending on their interests. The JD degree can normally be completed in 24 months (full-time) or 48 months (part-time).

We also offer an outstanding teaching environment. Students will enjoy a wide range of academic resources such as a world-class Faculty drawn from many jurisdictions, online teaching and research tools and an extensive library database. The JD Programme is located at the CUHK Graduate Law Centre in the heart of Central, with the Court of Final Appeal, the High Court and many law offices just a short walk away. If you are interested in pursuing law as a second career, the JD Programme at CUHK has a lot to offer. We look forward to welcoming you.

*Elliot Fung
Programme Director of the Juris Doctor Programme*





Mission and Vision of CUHK LAW

Overview of the JD Programme

JURIS DOCTOR ASIA YOUR POSTGRADUATE LAW DEGREE

The Juris Doctor (JD) is a versatile postgraduate law degree that leads potentially to admission as barrister or solicitor in Hong Kong. It is also suitable for candidates who strive to become leaders in fields such as commerce, finance, academia, government, community service, law enforcement, public administration, education and the media. The JD is a respected and internationally recognised award many universities in leading jurisdictions abroad confer. **CUHK LAW teaches and assesses all JD Programme courses entirely in the English language.**

The JD Programme gives students an intellectually enriching foundational education in law that also lets them study a wide range of challenging elective courses in the common law, Chinese law, comparative law, international law, and the law of trade, business and finance. CUHK LAW encourages JD students to look behind the contemporary rules of law to the values, purposes and policies underlying them.

The JD Programme is entirely postgraduate. Our JD students often join Master of Laws (LLM) and other postgraduate law students in classes. The JD Programme is a taught Master's degree and it is not customary for JD graduates to use the title, "Doctor".

With CUHK as its home, experienced and dedicated international teachers and a strong focus on students, the JD Programme gives students an unparalleled opportunity for professional and academic growth.

The JD Programme has already established itself as a leader in professional legal education in Hong Kong and the East Asian region.



Enriched by the intellectual and cultural heritage of its University and at the heart of the legal system, CUHK LAW brings together common law and Chinese law with other great legal traditions and values to promote justice and safeguard the rule of law.

An international family of research-led scholars offers dynamic and flexible learning conditions. 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 enable them to become future leaders and better serve the needs of the community.

Supported by world class research, CUHK 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.

CUHK LAW 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.

JD Programme Requirements



The JD Programme consists of 72 units (i.e., the equivalent of 24 term-length courses, each worth 3 units). Students may enroll in full-time or part-time mode of study. Full-time students can complete the JD Programme in as short as 24 months (the normative study period) or as long as 48 months (the maximum study period). Part-time students can complete the JD Programme in 42 months* (the normative study period) or as long as 84 months (the maximum study period).

To graduate, students must complete four required courses. These are *Comparative Legal Studies*, *Legal System*, *Legal Research, Analysis and Writing* and *Ethics and Jurisprudence*. CUHK LAW provides these required courses to give JD students the foundational knowledge and skills for a well-rounded general legal education and a first-hand appreciation of the relationship between the legal system and the broader community it serves and regulates. Moreover, all students must complete a mandatory research component by undertaking either *Independent Research* or the more extensive *Independent Research Dissertation*. In this research component, students should demonstrate a mastery of legal research and writing and the capacity to think creatively about law.

CUHK LAW offers its own innovative Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) Programme. Students aspiring to be admitted as a barrister or solicitor in Hong Kong must pursue courses stipulated by the Hong Kong legal professions. Students who pass these may then apply to be admitted to the PCLL Programme. These courses are also open to students who do not plan to enter the PCLL Programme.

Our JD students choose elective courses from a wide range of intellectually enriching and professionally enhancing offerings. Reading these subjects enables our JD students to complete their degree requirements while expanding their intellectual breadth and furthering their professional goals.

Most JD courses are worth 3 units. Students will have an average of 3 contact hours per week with teachers in each course. CUHK LAW holds classes during daytime and evenings of weekdays and daytime on Saturdays. Evening classes typically begin at 6:30pm. Classes incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, presentations and class discussion.

Finally, all students must meet the minimum cumulative GPA required by the University for postgraduate programmes before they may graduate.

* Part-time students may apply to accelerate their studies and complete the JD Programme in 36 months with the permission of the Graduate Council on the recommendation of the CUHK LAW.

Study Sequence



FULL-TIME

Full-time students aiming to complete the JD Programme in the normative study period of 24 months and to enter the PCLL Programme will follow this study sequence:

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing • Legal System • Principles of Constitutional Law* • Principles of Contract* • Principles of Criminal Law*
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Administrative Law* • Principles of Equity and Trusts* • Principles of Tort* • Elective • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Legal Studies[#] • Elective
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Company Law* • Principles of Land Law* • Elective • Elective • Elective
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Jurisprudence • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation • Principles of Commercial Law* • Principles of Evidence* • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Property Law* • Elective

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.

Students can take Legal Technologies as a substitute required course.

PART-TIME

Part-time students aiming to complete the JD Programme in the normative study period of 42 months and to enter the PCLL Programme will follow this study sequence:

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Research, Analysis and Writing • Legal System • Principles of Contract*
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Administrative Law* • Principles of Equity and Trusts* • Principles of Tort*
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Constitutional Law* • Principles of Land Law* • Elective
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Criminal Law* • Elective • Elective
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Legal Studies[#]
YEAR 3	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Company Law* • Elective • Elective
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Jurisprudence • Principles of Commercial Law* • Principles of Evidence*
	Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Property Law*
YEAR 4	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Research OR Independent Research Dissertation • Elective • Elective

* Required for admission to the PCLL Programme.

Students can take Legal Technologies as a substitute required course.

ELECTIVE COURSES*

Students may choose, subject to availability and enrollment priority, from the wide range of elective courses offered under the JD Programme as well as the LLM Programmes. The elective courses offered in 2023/24 are:

- Chinese Civil Law
- Chinese Company Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Chinese Energy Law
- Chinese Environmental Law
- Chinese Financial Law
- Chinese Investment Law
- Chinese Law on Corporate Finance
- Chinese Securities Regulation
- Chinese Tax Law
- Clean Technology Law
- Colonial Governance and the Rule of Law
- Common Law: Origins and Development
- Conflict of Laws
- Conflicts in International Commercial Litigation
- Dispute Resolution in the Energy and Natural Resources Sector
- International and Comparative Energy Law
- International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Environmental Law
- International Financial and Banking Law
- International Legal Advocacy II
- International Taxation
- Issues in Contract
- Issues in Human Rights
- Issues in Property Law
- Issues in Tort
- Law and Literature
- Law and Practice of Investment Arbitration
- Law of International Business Transactions I
- Law of International Business Transactions II
- Legal System and Methods in China
- Legal Technologies
- Merger Control
- Oil and Gas Law
- Project Finance and Infrastructure Law
- Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law
- Principles of Aviation Law
- Principles of Civil Procedure
- Principles of Competition Law
- Principles of Construction Law
- Principles of Corporate Insolvency
- Principles of Criminal Procedure
- Principles of Digital Technology and Law
- Principles of Employment Law
- Principles of Environmental Law
- Principles of Family Law
- Principles of Information and Privacy Law
- Principles of Intellectual Property
- Principles of Mediation
- Principles of Remedies
- Principles of Revenue Law
- Principles of Unjust Enrichment
- Shipping Law
- The Law of Electronic Commerce
- The Law of the Digital Economy
- Trans-national Legal Problems
- World Trade Law

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

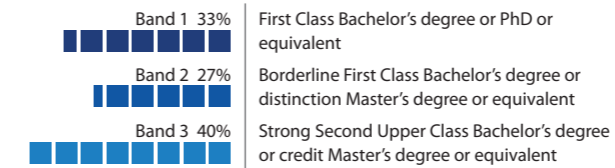
Our Student Profile

The CUHK JD Programme is distinguished not only by the strength and global character of its academic faculty, but also by the quality and breadth of its student body.

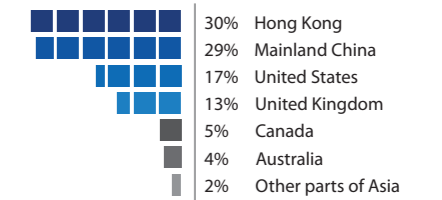
Admission to the JD Programme is highly competitive. Every year, around half of our students are admitted with an undergraduate degree awarded with first class honours, a doctorate, a Master's degree with distinction or a Bachelor's degree with borderline first class honours (or equivalent). The remaining students are admitted with a strong second upper class degree or equivalent. A significant proportion of our students have received one or more of their degrees outside Hong Kong, frequently at leading universities in North America, Europe, China and Australasia. Our students' academic backgrounds cover virtually every discipline, from accountancy to zoology. This mix of students enriches the JD teaching and learning experience.

STUDENT STATISTICS FOR 2023/24 INTAKE

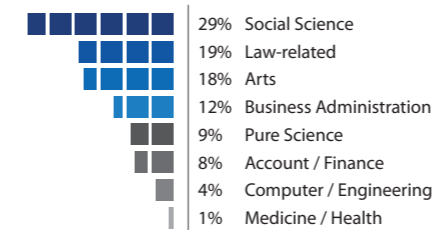
Banding of students admitted to the JD Programme



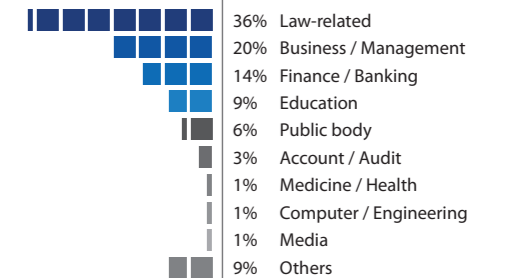
Geographic origins of Bachelor's degree



Range of discipline of Bachelor's degree



Career fields of students upon admission to the JD Programme





International Exchange

Exchanges give students the opportunity to travel to new places, to meet new people, to experience new cultures, to learn new subjects, to refresh their minds and to impress future employers.

JD students may transfer credits they earn abroad to count towards their degree requirements. In addition to university-wide exchanges, which cover more than two hundred destinations, CUHK LAW offers faculty-based exchanges. Through these, students may study abroad at Melbourne Law School of the University of Melbourne (Australia), Washington College of Law of American University (USA), Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University (USA), the Faculty of Law of the University of Auckland (New Zealand), the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University (Netherlands), the School of Law of Bocconi University (Italy) and Osgoode Hall Law School of York University (Canada).

Our International Academic Faculty

CUHK LAW has a strong team of experienced academic staff from various jurisdictions with world-known expertise in many areas. Some come from extensive practice backgrounds, having held senior positions in legal practice and other fields across many jurisdictions. All strive for excellence in teaching and research and are committed to educating students in the law by drawing on their diverse teaching, research and professional experience.



Mooting

The Learning Environment

GRADUATE LAW CENTRE

CUHK LAW delivers all JD courses in the CUHK Graduate Law Centre, located in Hong Kong's central business district at 2/F, Bank of America Tower, Central. Teaching facilities in the Graduate Law Centre include the Warren Chan Moot Court, lecture theatres, classrooms and breakout rooms. All rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The Graduate Law Centre also has a Legal Resources Centre, a computer laboratory and a student common area with computer stations that serve all postgraduate students undertaking their studies. JD students also have access to facilities on the CUHK main campus in Shatin on the same basis as other postgraduate students of the University.



Mooting gives students a taste of life as a lawyer presenting written and oral arguments in complex hypothetical court cases. CUHK LAW students annually participate in internal, local, regional and international mooting competitions. CUHK LAW has enjoyed great success in all mooting competitions since mooting was first offered fifteen years ago.

CUHK LAW encourages students to participate in mooting competitions. Participation may attract course credits towards degree completion. An academic staff member advises each team and supervises its work. Practice moots take place in the state-of-the-art Warren Chan Moot Court at the Graduate Law Centre.

CUHK LAW moot teams have achieved notable results in recent mooting competitions as highlighted below:

In the Leiden - Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition 2022, CUHK LAW won the championship.

The CUHK LAW Philip C. Jessup International Law mooting team won the regional rounds and received the Dillard Award for Memorial Writing in 2022.

In the Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot 2020, CUHK LAW won the championship.

In the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition 2020, CUHK LAW placed first and won several awards including the Best Memorial Team Overall, the Best Regional Memorial for Asia, the Best Defense Counsel Memorial, the Second Runner-up for Best Memorial, and the Second Runner-up for Best Prosecution Memorial.

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 law 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 cases their achievements are testimony to their hard work and the quality of their education.

Law Student Careers Office

The 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 KC, 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, including on their internships, training contract and pupillage/mini-pupillage policies and application procedures. The VCRC website (<https://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk/app/student-careers/>) also notifies job opportunities and forthcoming careers seminars and other events. It also provides 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 CUHK 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 CUHK LAW alumni in their chosen field for career guidance and help with achieving the level of 'employability' and professionalism which many employers require.

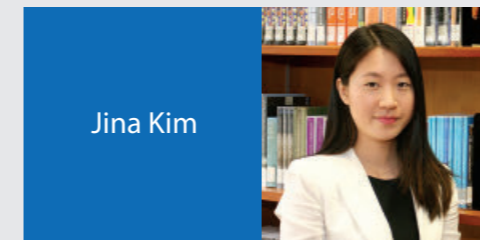
Key Message from our Careers Director

"Today's prospective employers look for evidence of a broad range of skills going beyond academic achievement and it is crucial that students understand how to meet this challenge and take steps early in their University career to put themselves in the best position to meet these demands."

Mr. Paul Mitchard KC
Director of Career Planning and Professionalism



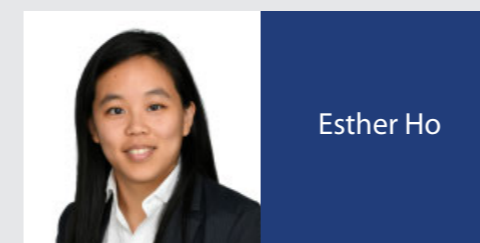
What Our Students Say



Jina Kim

JD (CUHK)
LLB (Tsinghua University)

The JD Programme at CUHK provides its students with opportunities to study law in an environment that is both rigorous and collaborative. Professors come from multiple jurisdictions and diverse backgrounds, and students have the privilege of learning from renowned researchers and supportive professors who are enthusiastic about their areas of expertise. Interactive classes offer students chances to benefit from a diverse student body trained in a variety of disciplines and different experiences. The Faculty also provides an extraordinary range of resources, a wide array of elective courses, guest lectures and career development advice (including one-on-one career advice sessions). I believe the JD Programme offers a legal education that prepares students well for a variety of legal careers.



Esther Ho

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BA, MSci (University of Cambridge)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2017/18)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2018/19)
Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

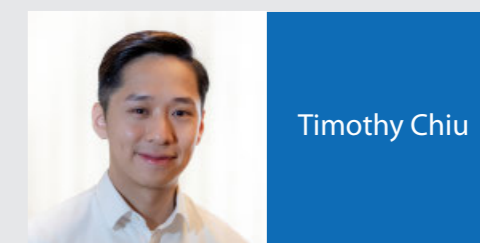
Doing the CUHK JD Programme has been a truly rewarding and enjoyable experience. What I especially love about the Programme are the highly qualified and international faculty members, who bring to us not only high-calibre teaching but, more importantly, insightful understanding into their respective expertise. The faculty members who are practitioners share with us their first-hand experience and insights in landmark cases that they have been involved in, while the academics open our eyes with their in-depth knowledge through stimulating in-class discussions. Their passion and willingness to teach have been especially inspiring for aspiring lawyers like me. The Programme also provides a wide range of electives that includes more niche areas of law, so every student will always be able to pick something s/he is interested in. All in all, the JD Programme has been a truly invaluable and privileged experience and I believe wholeheartedly that the teaching and training the Programme provides will equip every student with the necessary skills to excel in their careers.



Isaac Lam

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BBA (CUHK)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2016/17 & 2017/18),
Betty Ho Prize in Law (2016/17 & 2017/18),
The Davis Polk & Wardwell Prize (2016/17 & 2017/18),
Associate, Clifford Chance

The JD Programme provides a comprehensive and practical curriculum for students to master fundamental legal principles essential to their careers. It trains students to appreciate the rationale of these principles and apply them to factual scenarios. The Faculty is highly international, with lecturers from different jurisdictions. This gives students invaluable insights from different perspectives. The JD Programme's teaching schedule is flexible, allowing students to manage their time and to have a well-balanced learning experience. The Faculty also offers career support, learning resources and modern facilities in a prime location. I believe the JD Programme equips aspiring students with the core skills and tools for entry to the legal profession.



Timothy Chiu

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BS (The University Of British Columbia)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2019/20)
Trainee Solicitor, King & Wood Mallesons

In the beginning, I had doubts regarding my decision to quit my banking job of ten years to pursue my Juris Doctor degree. But after two years, I can honestly say that pursuing this degree is the best decision I have made in my life. Legal knowledge aside, this degree has taught me analytic and investigative skills that are applicable in different aspects of life. Most importantly, I was able to encounter a group of friends who share similar values in life and goals, which make the whole studying experience even more fulfilling, which I will forever be grateful for.



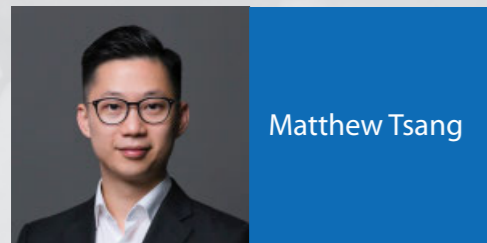


Lamia Sreya Rahman

JD (CUHK)
BA (HKU)
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Community Investment Award (2019/20)

Being a student of the CUHK JD Programme has been challenging and fulfilling. CUHK LAW preps its students by building a strong foundation about the Hong Kong legal system with an overview of international law. It offers the opportunity to explore niche practice areas through excellent conferences and other student engagements.

The law professors and administration for offer an incredible support system to students. The best thing about the program is the level of flexibility and the diverse opportunities it offers to students, making them adaptable and resourceful for their legal careers ahead.



Matthew Tsang

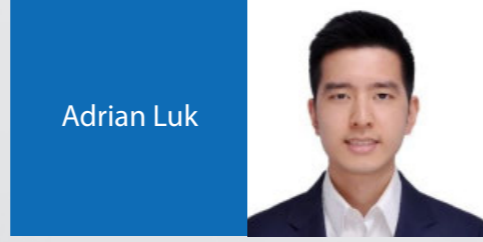
JD (CUHK) student
BAv (The University of New South Wales)
JD Scholarships recipient (2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23)

Being a JD Programme student at CUHK LAW has been transformative and intellectually rewarding.

Inside the classrooms, the faculty members provide invaluable mentorship, while fellow classmates show remarkable camaraderie. The inclusive and supportive learning environment at CUHK LAW fosters vibrant intellectual discourse and a sense of belonging.

Outside of the classrooms, I had the opportunity to participate in the Faculty's International Law Moot Team. This experience has allowed me to engage with complex legal issues and develop my advocacy skills on an international stage. The support and guidance from the moot coaches and fellow teammates have been instrumental through my legal journey.

I am grateful for the comprehensive legal education CUHK LAW has provided. I wholeheartedly endorse it to aspiring legal professionals.



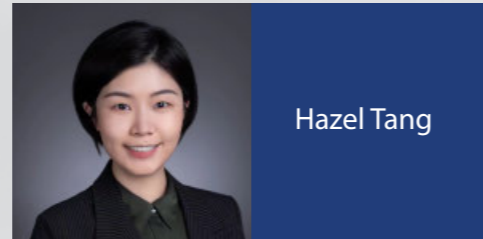
Adrian Luk

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BS (Columbia University in the City of New York)
JD Silver Scholarship recipient (2018/19)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2019/20)
Trainee Solicitor, MinterEllison

Studying at CUHK LAW has been a most rewarding experience. The JD Programme not only teaches "what is law", but also "what the law ought to be".

In each course, there is always a discussion on how the law can improve. The international faculty challenges students to compare Hong Kong's situation against the experience from foreign jurisdictions. Many of my classmates, who studied different subjects at college or had work experience, also provided refreshing perspectives.

This engaging learning atmosphere has taught me to approach legal issues with an open mind and creativity.



Hazel Tang

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK) student
BA, University of Wisconsin-Madison
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2021/22),
JD Silver Scholarship recipient (2022/23)
Training Contract, Morrison & Foerster

Attending the CUHK JD Programme has been a truly transformative experience that has profoundly impacted my personal and professional growth. From the moment I embarked on this journey, I was welcomed into a stimulating and intellectually rigorous environment that challenged me to reach new heights. The faculty members at CUHK are exceptional, with their expertise and dedication to teaching shining through in every class. Additionally, the JD Programme provides exceptional extracurricular activities such as mooting opportunities, which formed an invaluable of my professional development.

I am proud to say that CUHK LAW has prepared me to begin my legal career. The excellent education and memorable experiences I gained have helped me grow tremendously both professionally and personally.



Velda Yau

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BA (King's College London)
JD Bronze Scholarship recipient (2018/19 & 2019/20),
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer Community Investment Award (2018/19)
Addleshaw Goddard Prizes for Civil Procedure (2019/20)
Barrister, Bernacchi Chambers

Pursuing a new career direction is never easy, but the CUHK JD Programme has prepared and equipped me well for the journey ahead.

I have thoroughly enjoyed studying in an intellectually stimulating environment with a diverse cohort of bright and expressive students. Besides the heartfelt teaching by a group of international and highly qualified Faculty members, the Faculty is extremely resourceful as it provides a wide array of elective courses, guest lectures and international conferences. These events keep students up to date with the latest happenings in the legal industry and serve as great networking platforms to meet leading practitioners in their fields. The Faculty also offers practical support for career development. Students benefit from regular legal newsletters on latest career opportunities and topical issues, as well as workshops and individual advice sessions offered by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners. The overall training and support provided by the Faculty explains why our graduates are highly regarded by market leaders in the industry.

Whether you want to embark on a legal career or wish to commence a challenging yet fruitful exercise of intellectual pursuit - the JD Programme has my unqualified recommendation.



Justin Ho

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
LLM (Harvard), BCL (Dist) (Oxford), BA (Tufts)
MCIarb
Barrister, Temple Chambers

The JD Programme gave me a very useful introduction and foundation to core substantive law topics. More importantly however, the JD Programme taught me to think and speak like a lawyer; the problem-solving skills and ability to construct logical, coherent arguments which were introduced to me at CUHK continue to be extremely useful to me today. Additionally, the opportunity to represent the Faculty as an oralist in international moot competitions has been invaluable in training me to respond to difficult questions put to me in argument with level-headed, precise answers.



Luna Wang

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
BSc (HK PolyU)
JD Scholarships for Academic Excellence (2020/21)
JD Gold Scholarship (2021/22)
Training Contract, Clifford Chance

I started my JD study at CUHK on a part-time mode. It provided me with an opportunity to explore law while I was still working in a business organization. The study was intellectually stimulating and fulfilling. I was not only equipped with legal knowledge but also trained to be a legal practitioner. The critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills that I have gained and practiced at CUHK LAW helped me to quickly adapt into the dynamic legal industry and to start my second career as a lawyer.



Shiu Lik King

JD (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)
MA (Oxon), MBA (HKUST)
JD Gold Scholarship recipient (2014/15 & 2015/16)
Barrister-at-law, Wyndham Chambers

I am lucky to have chosen CUHK and its international faculty that fully respects students' freedom of thought. The JD Programme is highly intense, making it a tough challenge but good preparation for a legal career.

It is not easy for someone who has worked more than ten years to pick up books again. But work and life experience help me appreciate the law from a different perspective. My own background in public service, for instance, allows me to look at constitutional and administrative law from a practical angle.

In this age, an understanding of the law is essential for everyone. It helps you distinguish the good tree from the bad tree. It is useful to people considering career changes or advancement, or purely for personal intellectual enrichment.



Entrance Requirements



APPLICANTS TO THE JD PROGRAMME MUST HAVE:

- graduated from a recognised university and obtained a Bachelor's degree in a non-law subject or a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction, normally with honours not lower than Second Class; or
- graduated from an honours programme of a recognised university with a Bachelor's degree in a non-law subject or a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction, normally achieving an average grade of not lower than "B" in undergraduate courses; or
- completed a course of study in a tertiary educational institution and obtained professional or similar qualifications equivalent to an honours degree.

Applicants may apply for admission to the JD Programme before having completed a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) provided they are in the final year of study for a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent). In these cases any offer will be subject to the condition that applicants satisfy requirements for graduation in their Bachelors' degrees (or equivalent) and for admission to the JD Programme before commencing the JD Programme.

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO SATISFY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT BY:

- possessing a Bachelor's degree obtained by completing a programme of study in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country, or which was taught primarily in the English language; or
- achieving a result of Band 7.5 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the JD Programme; or
- achieving a result of 600 (Paper Based Test), or 100 (Internet Based Test) or better in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the JD Programme; or
- providing alternative evidence of English proficiency equivalent to one of the preceding measures.

How to Apply

Applicants should apply via the Internet on the Graduate School webpage at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/programme/law>

There is a non-refundable application fee of HK\$300.

Application Deadlines

26 January 2024
(first round)

23 February 2024
(second round)

12 April 2024
(third round)

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until all places have been filled, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications received after 12 April 2024 may still be considered subject to the availability of places.





Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee for 2024/25 is HK\$6,680 per unit for a total of 72 units within the normative study period.

A different tuition fee may apply to students studying beyond the normative study period.

** Subject to annual review.*

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships and prizes for JD students. For details please visit <http://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk>

Continuing Education Fund

The below four courses are Continuing Education Fund (CEF) reimbursable courses under the Juris Doctor (JD) Programme. JD students may claim reimbursement for taking the below courses commencing between 14 December 2021 and 13 December 2025, subject to the fulfilment of the requirements prescribed by Government's Labour and Welfare Bureau. For more details, please refer to the Faculty website.

- Comparative Legal Studies[#]
- Ethics and Jurisprudence[#]
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing[#]
- Legal System[#]

[#] *This course has been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund. The mother course (Juris Doctor Programme) of this module is recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF Level [6]).*

For eligibility and reimbursement procedure of CEF, please refer to <https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef>.

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