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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.

CUHK LAW offers five LLM programmes: in Chinese Business Law, in Common Law, in Energy and Environmental Law, in International Economic Law and in Legal History (research-based). All our LLM programmes are designed for elite postgraduate students who wish to excel in their chosen areas of expertise. Taught by world-leading experts in their respective fields at the CUHK Graduate Law Centre in Hong Kong's Central business district, all five LLM programmes are structured to cater to student's career needs. The use of highly innovative and practice-oriented teaching modes ensures that our LLM students are well equipped with knowledge and skills to assume leadership positions in law and law-related sectors.

We are CUHK LAW! Join our LLM programmes if you are ready to invest in your career by gaining expertise in a specialized area of law in one of the most exciting cities of the world.

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

Message from the Programme Director

The CUHK Master of Laws Programmes provide students with an ideal platform to acquire expertise in one of the five specialized subject areas: Chinese business law, common law, energy and environmental law and international economic law, as well as in our latest subject area offering - legal history. We are proud to offer our students an enriching and stimulating learning environment in which to study and discover the law. The programmes are supported by the state-of-the-art research and practice experience of a first-rate faculty.

Our LLM Programmes have attracted intellectually curious and outstanding students from all over the world. You will therefore be joining a vibrant and dynamic community, with opportunities to build long-lasting professional and personal relationships with some of the most accomplished graduate students working in their respective specialist areas.

We look forward very much to welcoming you.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Chin Leng Lim
Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law
Director of the Master of Laws Programmes





LLM Programme Introduction

CUHK LAW offers five LLM Programmes. Each one is taught in English by first-rate academics with specialist knowledge and global experience. All teaching takes place in our Graduate Law Centre, dedicated and state-of-the-art premises in the heart of Hong Kong's legal and business district in Central. Our LLM Programmes offer an excellent opportunity for academic and professional growth, delivered by one of the world's top universities, in one of Asia's most exciting cities.

LLM in Chinese Business Law

The LLM in Chinese Business Law provides students with a structured course to study the principles, processes, institutions and methods of civil and commercial law in China in the context of an evolving political, economic and social environment. It is designed to enable students to develop a broad intellectual outlook on the legal aspects of doing business in China.

LLM in Common Law

The common law is an organic and exciting legal system which unites millions of people across the world. This programme will furnish students with substantive knowledge of Hong Kong law in some core common law subjects, and further develop the skills necessary to engage with the common law tradition more widely. Through the electives, students are given an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the common law, or complement it with the study of new subjects.

LLM in Energy and Environmental Law

The LLM in Energy and Environmental Law aims to offer students an in-depth understanding of the legal aspects governing the key challenges of energy security and environmental protection. Students are trained for practice in the areas of energy investment and trade, project finance and infrastructure development, clean energy and climate change mitigation, with a focus on the specific energy and sustainability challenges of the Asia-Pacific region. The courses build on the expertise in energy and environmental law and investment and trade law at CUHK, and benefit from the participation of leading international practitioners in the field of energy and environmental law.

LLM in International Economic Law

The LLM in International Economic Law is designed to offer students an intensive course of study of the law and practice of cross-border business transactions. Students are trained for practice in key areas such as international sales and finance, M&A (mergers and acquisitions), WTO law and international banking law. Skills training modules ensure that graduates of the LLM in International Economic Law are able to conduct both practical work and independent research in relevant subject areas.

LLM in Legal History

This LLM—one of the only such programmes globally—is designed to equip students with expertise in both the substance and the methodology of transnational legal history research. The LLM in Legal History is an elite programme which admits only a small number of high-quality students. Unlike traditional taught postgraduate programmes, the LLM in Legal History has a hybrid structure, combining classroom learning and research elements. In addition to their classes, students will complete a substantial research project under the supervision of a member of the faculty, accounting for half of their credits. Through their involvement in the programme students will acquire substantial research, writing and presentation skills, paving the way to successful academic, policy and practice careers.

Programme Requirements

The programme consists of 24 units (i.e., the equivalent of 8 term-length courses, each worth 3 units). The programme's courses are designed to provide a foundational knowledge of the field. The ability to select from a wide range of Elective Courses allows students to complete the programme requirements while also pursuing their intellectual interests.

The majority of the LLM 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 the day and evenings Monday to Friday, and during the day on Saturdays. Evening classes typically begin at 6:30pm. Classes incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, presentations and class discussion. All courses are taught and assessed entirely in English.

Students may enroll in full-time or part-time modes of study. Full-time students can complete the programme in one year while part-time students are able to complete the programme in two years.

In order to graduate, students must meet the minimum cumulative GPA required by the University for postgraduate programmes.

Study Sequence

LLM in Chinese Business Law

Full-time (normative study period: 1 year)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal System and Methods in ChinaChinese Civil LawChinese Contract Law<i>Elective Course</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chinese Company Law<i>Three Elective Courses</i>

Part-time (normative study period: 2 years)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal System and Methods in ChinaChinese Civil Law
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Two Elective Courses</i>
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chinese Contract Law<i>Elective Course</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chinese Company Law<i>Elective Course</i>



LLM in Common Law

Full-time (normative study period: 1 year)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Common Law: Origins and DevelopmentPrinciples of Contract *<i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principles of Criminal Law *Principles of Tort *<i>Two Elective Courses</i>

Part-time (normative study period: 2 years)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Common Law: Origins and DevelopmentPrinciples of Contract *
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principles of Criminal Law *Principles of Tort *
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Two Elective Courses</i>

* Applicants who have already covered any of these subjects as part of a common law undergraduate degree can apply to the Programme Director to replace them with alternative common law subjects or research papers.



LLM in Energy and Environmental Law

Full-time (normative study period: 1 year)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Environmental LawInternational and Comparative Energy Law<i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principles of Environmental LawClean Technology Law<i>Two Elective Courses</i>

Part-time (normative study period: 2 years)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">International and Comparative Energy LawInternational Environmental Law
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principles of Environmental LawClean Technology Law
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Two Elective Courses</i>



LLM in International Economic Law

Full-time (normative study period: 1 year)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law of International Business Transactions I• Trans-national Legal Problems• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law of International Business Transactions II• World Trade Law• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>

Part-time (normative study period: 2 years)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law of International Business Transactions I• Trans-national Legal Problems
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law of International Business Transactions II• World Trade Law
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>



LLM in Legal History

Full-time (normative study period: 1 year)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Law: Origins and Development*• <i>Elective Course</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal History Thesis I and II (12 units)
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>	

Part-time (normative study period: 2 years)

YEAR 1	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Law: Origins and Development*• <i>Elective Course</i>
	Term Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Two Elective Courses</i>
YEAR 2	Term One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal History Thesis I and II (12 units)
	Term Two	



*Students may take any one of the following courses: Colonial Governance and the Rule of Law; History, Culture and the Law; Law and History; or Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law to substitute the Required Course – Common Law: Origins and Development.

Elective Courses

Students may choose, subject to place availability and enrollment priority, from the wide range of Elective Courses. Elective Course offerings vary from year to year according to student demand and staff availability. Some Elective Courses are extracted as below:

LLM in Chinese Business Law

- Chinese Environmental Law
- Chinese Financial Law
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Chinese Investment Law
- Chinese Law and Society in an Age of Digital Technologies and Artificial Intelligence
- Chinese Securities Regulation
- Chinese Tax Law
- Criminal Justice and Society in China

LLM in Common Law

- Common Law: Globalization and Convergence
- Colonial Governance and the Rule of Law
- Copyright, Digital Subject Matter and Information Technology
- Issues in Contract
- Issues in Tort
- Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law
- Principles of Intellectual Property
- Principles of Unjust Enrichment
- Transnational Law After Empire

LLM in Energy and Environmental Law

- Chinese Energy Law
- Chinese Environmental Law
- Clean Energy and Climate Law
- Disaster Law
- Dispute Resolution in the Energy and Natural Resources Sector
- Financial Markets: Law and Operation
- Oil and Gas Law
- Project Finance and Infrastructure Law

LLM in International Economic Law

- Business and the Law in Hong Kong
- Comparative Contract Law
- Conflicts in International Commercial Litigation
- European Union Law
- International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Financial and Banking Law
- International Taxation
- Law and Practice of Investment Arbitration
- Merger Control
- Principles of Competition Law
- Shipping Law

LLM in Legal History

- Colonial Governance and the Rule of Law
- Comparative Legal Traditions
- History, Culture and the Law
- Law and History
- Principles of Art, Antiquities, Cultural Heritage and the Law
- Transnational Law After Empire

Except for students of the LLM in Legal History who have to take Legal History Thesis I and II (12 units), students who would like to undertake an independent research project in an area of significant personal interest may choose Independent Research (3 units) or Independent Research Dissertation (6 units).

For the full list of Elective Courses, please refer to the Faculty’s website.

The Learning Environment



CUHK Graduate Law Centre

All LLM Programmes are taught at the CUHK Graduate Law Centre. LLM students have this in common with other CUHK LAW graduate students studying on the JD and PCLL courses, thus creating a mature and professionally oriented environment. The Graduate Law Centre is located at 2/F, Bank of America Tower, Central. Within only a few minutes' walk can be found the High Court and the appellate courts, the major business centres and many of the other attractions and amenities for which Hong Kong is famous. Facilities at the Graduate Law Centre include lecture theatres, seminar rooms, breakout rooms, the Warren Chan Moot Court, a computer laboratory, a student common area with additional computer work stations, and a Legal Resources Centre.



Studying Abroad

LLM students can choose to study abroad as part of our International Exchange Programmes. These give students the opportunity to travel to new places, to meet new people, to experience new cultures, to learn new subjects and gain a greater international experience to impress future employers. Credits earned abroad may be transferred back to count towards degree requirements. In addition to university-level exchanges, which cover more than two hundred destinations worldwide, there are also faculty-level exchanges whereby graduate students can go to Faculty of Law, The University of Auckland (New Zealand), Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne (Australia), Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands) or The School of Law of Bocconi University (Italy). For further information please visit the Faculty's website.

Mooting

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

CUHK LAW encourages students to participate in moot competition. 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 moot competition 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 moot 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.

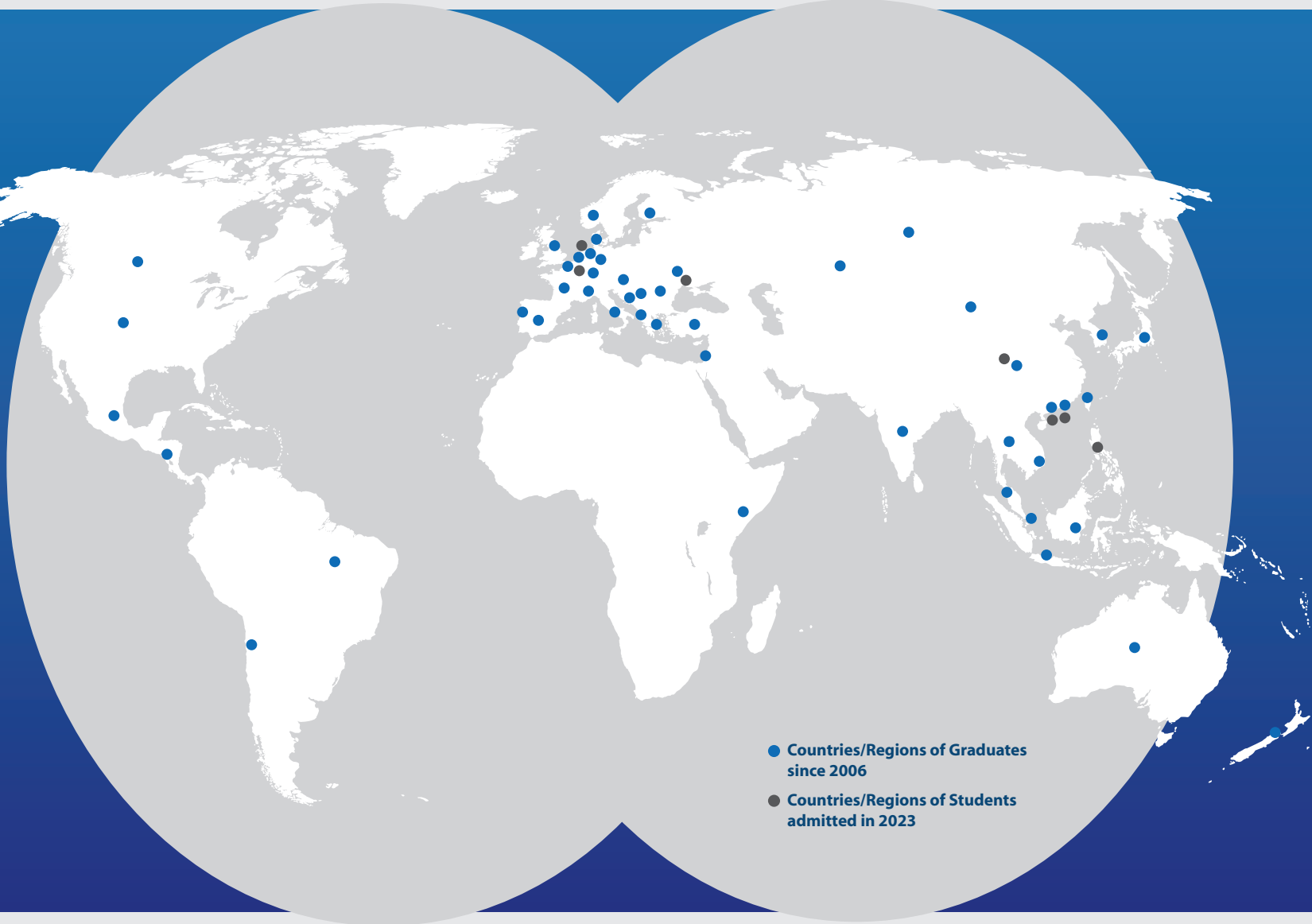
Our International Academic Faculty

The Faculty has a strong team of experienced academic staff from various jurisdictions. Our research staff are specialists in many areas of expertise. Some come from extensive practice backgrounds, holding 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.



Cultural & Professional Diversity

Since 2006, the LLM Programmes have produced an alumni body of graduates hailing from diverse backgrounds. The jurisdictions of origin of the LLM alumni include 47 countries/regions. For the 2023 academic year, we admitted students from Germany, Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China, Philippines, The Netherlands and Turkey.



Countries/Regions of Graduates since 2006

Albania	Germany	Mainland China	South Korea
Australia	Greece	Malaysia	Spain
Austria	Guatemala	Mexico	Switzerland
Belgium	Hong Kong	Mongolia	Taiwan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	India	New Zealand	Thailand
Brazil	Indonesia	Norway	The Netherlands
Canada	Israel	Poland	Turkey
Chile	Italy	Portugal	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Japan	Romania	United Kingdom
Denmark	Kazakhstan	Russia	United States
Finland	Kenya	Serbia	Vietnam
France	Macau	Singapore	

Countries/Regions of Students admitted in 2023

Germany	Macau	Philippines	Turkey
Hong Kong	Mainland China	The Netherlands	

Most of our part-time students come from professional backgrounds: accountants, bankers, surveyors, civil servants, and legal practitioners. This mix creates an interesting and stimulating learning environment. Our part-time students study alongside our full-time students.

Professional backgrounds & Affiliations

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB)
- The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Registered Professional Surveyors (RPS)
- Qualified lawyers from various jurisdictions



Career Success & Careers Facilities

The Faculty runs a careers advice programme that supports its students in many ways.

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 KC, has prepared a programme of seminars on career and professionalism topics which includes presentations by representatives of Hong Kong and Chinese law firms and 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.

Mentoring

As well as advice on career development provided by the Careers Office and academic staff, CUHK LAW 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



Smajic Tajra (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

LLB (Maastricht University), LLM (CUHK), PhD candidate in LAW (CUHK)

Pursuing the LLM in International Economic Law at CUHK has been a life-changing experience. After having completed a LLB in European Law in the Netherlands, I decided to continue my education at the CUHK because of its reputation and variety of offered courses. Moving to Hong Kong allowed me to assimilate a new culture and a different way of life. Meeting and studying with people coming from different countries and cultures allowed me to broaden my views and changed the way I think and see the world. I appreciated that the lectures were practice oriented and allowed me to better grasp the economic, political and social implications of transnational business activities. Pursuing a LLM at CUHK has been a great experience not only on the professional but also personal level, and has convinced me to continue my path at CUHK by pursuing a PhD in law.



Yakin Surjadi (Germany)

First State Examination (HU Berlin), LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in Chinese Business Law has given me a deeper understanding of Chinese law and Chinese legal culture. It also helped me to better grasp the economic, political, and social implications of doing business in China. All professors were leading experts in their respective fields and encouraged the students to participate in class discussions. I appreciated the international and diverse learning environment at the Faculty, and I am happy to have made great friendships during my time here. The Faculty staff was very helpful and provided spectacular assistance to the international students. I was able to grow professionally and personally and I am very thankful for the time I spent at CUHK.



Han Shuo (China)

LLB & BSc-Econ (CUPL, China), LLM (CUHK)

I studied the LLM in Chinese Business Law and was most fortunate to be awarded the Master of Laws Global Scholarship by the faculty. I enjoyed the academic atmosphere at CUHK LAW. Our professors are passionate about teaching and we are always encouraged to express our thoughts freely. I have learned how to conduct transactions among various business entities and acquired practical skills in the operation of the capital market. More importantly, I have studied law from new perspectives and gained a broader vision. I have met new friends who have very different and wonderful experiences. Studying at CUHK LAW has enriched my understanding of law and the value of rule of law, which will guide me in my future legal practice.



Dixon Lai (Hong Kong)

LLB (Exeter), LLM (CUHK)

The Environmental and Energy LLM provided me with remarkable opportunities to experience international knowledge sharing through participation in two international conferences, both in Environmental and Energy aspects. It has equipped me with the skills and knowledge to confidently pursue a career in the environmental and energy field or a possible Ph.D. in the future. This LLM challenges your understanding of not just law but also draws in aspects of economics and geopolitics that help you understand the complex nature of regulating these areas both locally and internationally.



Iaroslava Mavliutova (Russia)

LLB (HSE University, Russia), LLM (CUHK)

After finishing my LLB with 1st class honours, I was looking for a Master's degree that would be challenging enough so that I could grow professionally. Therefore, CUHK was my deliberate choice since the qualification of its teachers distinguishes the university. I appreciate my professors' unceasing assistance, which allowed me to find my calling. Besides, one can develop comprehensively with the variety of courses available at CUHK. After all, having graduated from an LLM programme in International Economic Law, I am confident it was the right choice. I am deeply grateful to all my friends, mentors and teachers I have met at CUHK.



Maxime Riethuisen (Belgium)

LLB and LLM (ULB, Belgium), LLM (CUHK)

Since I have always been passionate about China and Asia, I was thrilled to receive the Master of Laws Global Scholarship to join the LLM in Chinese Business Law at CUHK. Indeed, various programs exist, but only CUHK's LLM bolsters this unique combination of expertise and personalisation. I particularly enjoyed the participative and debate-oriented learning environment, which dramatically improved my understanding of the courses. I was also positively surprised by the initiatives offered by the Faculty to understand the legal market, for example, through career talks and seminars. I can safely say this program led me to grow as an individual and become an international lawyer. If you want to embark on a one-of-a-kind experience, wherever you come from, I can only recommend this LLM and be part of CUHK LAW



Simon Bisegger (Switzerland)

LLB and LLM (Fribourg), LLM (CUHK)

After completing my legal studies in Switzerland and qualifying as an Attorney-at-law and working at court in Switzerland for some time, I wished to return to university in order to further develop my knowledge of international business law. When I learnt about the LLM in International Economic Law Programme at CUHK, I was convinced from the very first moment that this would be the right programme for me: not only is Hong Kong a common law jurisdiction where I (as a civil lawyer) would be exposed to another legal system, but it would also be an opportunity to learn more about Asia. These expectations were fully met by CUHK's LLM Programmes. The professors are all experts in their respective fields. Also, learning together with my fellow Asian students has proven to be a culturally enriching experience. Last but not least, I do not want to miss the opportunity to say thank you to CUHK's administrative staff who was always very supportive and made my life at the university as pleasant as possible.



Eirini Argeiti (Greece)

LLB (Democritus), MA (Panteion), LLM (CUHK)

After completing an LLB in Law and an MA in Business Management in Greece, I decided to apply to The Chinese University of Hong Kong to undertake an LLM in International Economic Law. My interests and the good reputation of the university were the main reasons why I chose to come to Hong Kong, a vibrant center for business combining Chinese culture and a western lifestyle. I found the programme excellent. Giving presentations, taking part in workshops, and working as a team member convinced me that I made the right choice.



Davia Sitompul (Indonesia)

LLB (Universitas Gadjah Mada), LLM (CUHK)

As an LLM student in the Energy and Environmental Law program and a KAS Recap scholarship holder, I was beyond blessed. The program gave me a complete understanding of the legal aspects of energy transition and climate change. As an employee in a state-owned electricity company in Indonesia, I have acquired knowledge with the courses offered in both theory of law and practical knowledge on how to protect my clients' investment in the energy sector. The lecturers always encourage critical thinking so that the students understand the challenging reality of the practical field. The university library also provides plenty of academic resources to widen our knowledge. I recommend LLM in Energy and Environmental Law for those pursuing a career as a lawyer in the energy and natural resources sector.



Pantah Bhatarapong (Thailand)

BEng, LLB (Chulalongkorn University), LLM (CUHK)

I witnessed many situations in the energy industry's business cycle, such as the high price of oil, the deficit gas price and subsequently, the skyrocketing trajectory of all fuel minerals prices. However, I did not understand much about its reasons until my time at the CUHK LLM program.

In addition to the fruitful learning experiences I have learnt in an interdisciplinary way from well-experienced teachers, I realized the LEL program gave me a helpful analytic framework required to understand this complex operation of the industry. The LEL program enlightens me on the mechanisms behind the law and the global operation of mineral politics beyond the national boundary. This analysis framework and a good understanding of global issues equip me with good skills for being a future leader in this dynamic industry.



Sebastien Clisson (France)

LLB (Paris 10 – Nanterre), LLM (Pantheon-Sorbonne), LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in International Economic Law equipped me with all the knowledge necessary to work as a lawyer on the international scene. The diverse range of courses taught by truly passionate and highly skilled professors also allowed me to develop both a practical and business oriented view of the law. As a result I gained a comprehensive knowledge of the law surrounding cross-border business transactions with a notable focus on Mainland China and Hong Kong. The LLM also gave me the opportunity to connect with students from different backgrounds and engage in extra-curricular activities with the Graduate Law Students Association. It has been a truly enriching experience on both a personal and professional level.



Redgrave Beatrice (United Kingdom)

LLB (University of Leeds), LLM (CUHK)

I was awarded the Master of Laws Global Scholarship offered by the CUHK Faculty of Law. Coming to Hong Kong from the UK to study LLM in International Economic Law was challenging, yet it was one of the most rewarding academic endeavors I had undertaken to date.

The LLM Programme not only equipped me with all the vital knowledge for an enriching career on the international scene but also the opportunity to expand my network within the University and within Hong Kong at large! Additionally, the staff are more than accommodating to meeting the needs of the students, whether answering technical academic questions, providing academic references, or answering questions concerning day-to-day student life. The staff go above and beyond in supporting students settle and excel.

One year on, I can proudly say I am happily working in the legal sector of Hong Kong and I have CUHK to thank.



Lauren Yuen (Hong Kong)

LLB (Bristol), LLM (CUHK)

Having previously studied in a common law jurisdiction, the LLM in Chinese Business Law Programme has offered me an interesting comparison of how different legal systems would affect business decision-making in different countries. Importantly, the LLM exposes me not only to PRC law, but also to the principles of European continental laws.

Classes are always interactive and the professors are very approachable and supportive. On top of that, I really appreciate the diversified and refreshing assessment methods adopted in class such as mock client presentations, in which I was able to gain hands-on experience of the law in action rather than just the law on the books. In terms of personal development, I was also impressed by the variety of outside-the-classroom opportunities provided by CUHK such as mootings and career workshops. Overall, I believe the well-structured CBL Programme has equipped me with the necessary skills to pursue a first-rate career.



Rienk Brouwer (The Netherlands)

LLB and LLM (VU University Amsterdam), MBA and LLM (CUHK)

As a part-time LLM student, I can highly recommend CUHK's Part-time LLM in Common Law to (civil law trained) lawyers and business people looking for a more detailed and fundamental understanding of the (Hong Kong) common law system. The teaching is of a very high standard by excellent - mostly international - professors, and the teaching complex is state-of-art and easy to reach in down-town Hong Kong. Learning outcomes are practically relevant and academically stimulating, and therefore, in my opinion, highly valuable and useful both personally and professionally.



Danae Wheeler (New Zealand)

BA (New York), JD (Melbourne), LLM (CUHK)

Undertaking an LLM in Chinese Business Law has enabled me to better understand the financial and legal implications of the expanding trade and business relationship between China and the world. The professors are experts in their respective fields. They provided us with a rigorous understanding of the processes and principles of civil and commercial law in China. Moreover, they encouraged us to draw upon experiences from our respective countries and comparatively analyse the common law and civil law systems. Engaging in language exchange partnerships with my classmates in Mandarin and Cantonese even further enriched what has been a valuable experience.



Nilfat Ali (Kenya)

LLB (Moi), LLM (CUHK)

Studying International Economic Law at CUHK has been a very fruitful and incredible experience. The cultural diversity in both the teaching staff and the student body is amazing! At CUHK I can confidently say that I got an invaluable opportunity to learn from the best in the industry. The opportunities offered both in-campus and off-campus are simply endless. Hong Kong, being a global financial hub, is among the best destinations in the world to pursue the study of International Economic Law. The programme efficiently and effectively prepares students for the highly competitive job market of law.



Alfred Acha (United States)

BSc (San Carlos), JD (Regent), LLM (CUHK)

Studying law at CUHK has given me a different perspective on how to approach the study and the practice of law. The LLM in International Economic Law is a very good programme that is not all about theory but also includes practice tips like drafting contracts. The professors in this programme are all top-notch and I learned a lot from them. This will all help me in my career down the road. I would recommend the LLM in International Economic Law to anyone who is considering taking it.



Ajay Kumar (India)

BSc, MSc and LLB (Delhi), LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in Common Law Programme at CUHK provided me with a wonderful and amazing learning experience that deeply enhanced my legal theoretical as well as practical professional knowledge. I had the opportunity to learn more about the Common Law and the how the Common Law functions in various Common Law jurisdictions, especially in Hong Kong. The programme's professors are all highly skilled and experienced professionals. The professors are also friendly and very approachable. All the lectures are interactive, making them even more engaging. The faculty of law also holds regularly moot court seminars and invites various legal celebrities. I found that this helped students to enhance their understanding of the law.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have:

- 1 a qualification to practise law in the jurisdiction of the student's residence; or
- 2 a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree or a degree of equivalent standing (for the LLM in Common Law, the LLB should normally be from a non-Common Law jurisdiction); or
- 3 a Bachelor's degree in a non-law subject with substantial law-related working experience (for LLM in Legal History, a Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in a related fields such as history, sociology, political science or anthropology).

As many areas of professional activity are related to law, we welcome applications from those who do not have a law degree but have relevant work experience in the areas such as commerce, accountancy, social work, energy, environmental preservation, media, education and public administration.

Applications can be made before completion of an undergraduate degree, provided that the applicant is in the final year of study. In this situation, any offer will be conditional upon successful completion of the undergraduate degree, and satisfaction of the other admission requirements, prior to enrolment in the LLM Programmes.

Applicants whose undergraduate studies were not conducted and assessed in English are required to take an appropriate English language proficiency test and to achieve a sufficient score, such as a score of 570 or above in TOEFL (Paper Based Test), 88 or above in TOEFL (Internet Based Test); Band 6.5 or better in IELTS; which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the LLM Programmes, or equivalent.

For more information about the General Admission Requirements and the English Language Proficiency Requirement prescribed by the University's Graduate School, please visit their website at

<https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions>.

Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee for 2024/25 is HK\$6,680 per unit for a total of 24 units within the normative study period. A different tuition fee may apply for students studying beyond the normative study period.

* Subject to annual review

Scholarships

A number of Master of Laws scholarships will be available for award on the basis of academic merit. For further details, please visit the Faculty's website.

Continuing Education Fund

Some LLM courses the Faculty offers have been included in the list of reimbursable courses under the Continuing Education Fund (CEF). Subject to the fulfillment of the requirements prescribed by Government's Labour and Welfare Bureau, students may claim reimbursement for taking these courses. For more details, please refer to our Faculty website. For eligibility and reimbursement procedure of CEF, please refer to <https://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef>.

Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme

CUHK LAW's LLM in International Economic Law (IEL) Programme has been awarded Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships by Hong Kong's University Grants Committee (UGC) from 2021-22 to 2024-25.

Under the Scheme, local students, both full-time and part-time, who are admitted to the IEL Programme in the above intake years are eligible to apply.

Students will be invited to submit applications in due course. Successful students will be required to pay only HK\$42,100 while the remaining tuition fees will be subsidized by the fellowship. For details of the Scheme, please refer to Graduate School's website.



Application Deadlines

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.

26 January 2024
(first round)

23 February 2024
(second round)

12 April 2024
(third round)

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted online. For details, please visit the website of the University's Graduate School at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/programme/law>.

Applicants are required to provide copies of certificates as evidence that they have met the Admission Requirements. Applications will not be considered until all the required documents have been received.

Applicants may provide a personal statement which addresses the applicant's reasons to join the relevant LLM Programme.

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

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