



The University of Hong Kong

Faculty of Law

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Student Exchange Programme at the Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

The Faculty of Law is Hong Kong's leading law school. It has a cherished heritage and is ranked amongst the best in the Asia-Pacific region and is highly regarded for providing quality legal education and life-long learning opportunities.

Building on its strong tradition of teaching, research in the common law and prominent links with the professional community, our Faculty, as a regional centre of excellence in China and the Asia-Pacific Region, aspires to be a world-class law school that meets the highest standards of international excellence in every dimension and to be recognized as one of the best law schools internationally.

The law school was established in 1969 and matured into the Faculty of Law in 1984. Since its establishment, the Faculty of Law has become the breeding ground for some of the most distinguished legal professionals and community leaders in Hong Kong. While most of our undergraduates have proceeded to study the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (the qualification for entry into the legal profession in Hong Kong, either as solicitors or barristers), a considerable number of them have become senior figures serving the business, public service and other sectors. Among them are senior judges, Senior Counsels, leading practitioners, legislators, political party leaders, cabinet members, chairpersons of statutory bodies, senior civil servants, leading journalists, committed philanthropists, and artists and not to mention leading academics and many others who contribute to the well-being of the community in many different ways.

The Faculty comprises of two departments (the Department of Law and the Department of Professional Legal Education), employs about 80 academic scholars from 17 jurisdictions around the world. In September 2016 the Faculty had about 587 undergraduates enrolled in the LLB degree, 470 PCLL students, 78 JD students and about 501 full-time and part-time postgraduate students.

More information about the Faculty of Law and the programmes it offers can be found on the Faculty's website at <http://www.law.hku.hk/programmes/overview.html> .



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Admission Requirements

Generally, the standards for admission for exchange and visiting students are at least upper second-class honours (2:1) results (which converts to approximately a GPA of 3.33). However, given that different universities adopt different grading systems, the Exchange Committee at HKU retains overriding discretion in mapping between different grading systems and deciding whether to accept nominations for admission as exchange and visiting students from your home institution. Further, if you are currently enrolled in a double degree programme with Law as the major, our calculation of your GPA will only take into account your grades in Law subjects.

Except for some courses offered in the LLM(Chinese Law), the teaching medium for most courses at our Faculty is in English. Students coming from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English may be asked to prove their English proficiency.

The University accepts both the IELTS and the TOEFL test results as evidence of English Language competence, as well as a number of other qualifications. The minimum scores applicants must achieve for TOEFL are: 593 (paper-based test) or 97 (internet-based test). For IELTS, a minimum overall band of 7 with no subtest lower than 6.5 must be achieved.

Application Deadlines

There are two semesters in an academic year in HKU. The **tentative dates** of the semesters for 2017-18 are as follows:

1st Semester

First Day of Teaching	01.09.2017 (Fri)
Last Day of Teaching	30.11.2017 (Thu)
Examination Period	08.12.2017 – 23.12.2017

2nd Semester

First Day of Teaching	15.01.2018 (Mon)
Last Day of Teaching	28.04.2018 (Sat)
Examination Period	07.05.2018 – 26.05.2018

For students applying for the September/Fall term: March 31 in the same calendar year

For students applying for the January/Spring term: September 1 of the previous calendar year.



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Online Application

Exchange partners are required to nominate their students via the online nomination system (<https://goglobal.hku.hk/incoming/partner/auth/login>). Nominees will be informed of the online application procedures by email (via our International Affairs Office) in due course. Upon completion of the online Exchange Application, nominees are required to send us their original supporting documents [including official transcript, passport copy, personal statement, CV, English proficiency test report (if applicable)] via your office **within two weeks***.

Applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications by March 31 even if they are applying for the January semester to increase their chances of securing a place.

*Remarks: Please send all the supporting materials to:
International Affairs Office
The University of Hong Kong
G/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre
Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong
Attn: Sharon Suen

Accommodation and Other Support Services

Accommodation

Once your application is successful, you will receive your offer of admission and an information kit from us. This information kit contains information about campus housing and the relevant application procedures. For more information about the residential halls and application details, please visit the website of the Center of Development and Resources for students (CEDARS), <http://cedars.hku.hk/sections/Accommodation/News/HallsofRes.php>. Apart from applying direct to the CEDARS, there are off-campus housing, other self-financed halls and residences for students' information through the above link.

Given the increasing number of international students, the University will make every reasonable effort to assist students to find living accommodations upon receipt of their applications, but is not obliged to secure on-campus accommodation for exchange students.

For more information, some incoming exchange students wishing to stay in a hall but cannot be allocated a hall place will be housed in non-hall housing managed by CEDARS, and around 100 non-local students have to find off-campus privately rented housing on their own. So please act quickly in order to secure an accommodation on / off campus.



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Visa application

All students who do not have right of abode in Hong Kong (i.e. those who do not hold a Hong Kong Identity Card holder) are required to apply for a valid student visa. To apply, you need to:

Submit your original visa application document to the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), who on behalf of HKU will sponsor your visa application, once you are admitted by Law Faculty. CEDARS will forward your visa application document to the Hong Kong Immigration Department for processing, which normally takes four to six weeks processing time. They will inform CEDARS of your results in due course.

If the Hong Kong Immigration Department approves your visa application, CEDARS will send visa label to you by courier. Please stick the label onto your passport and present it to the Immigration Officer upon arrival at the Hong Kong International Airport.

If you do not have a permanent Hong Kong identity card, or if your HKID card has expired, you will need to apply for a student visa for your exchange studies. If you want to renew your HKID card during your stay in Hong Kong, you can apply for the Hong Kong Permanent Residency in person from the Hong Kong Immigration Department. For more details on visa application, please see <http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html> for details.

Buddy programme

The Office of International Student Exchange (OISE) operates a 'buddy programme' whereby each incoming exchange student is assigned a 'Buddy Mentor' i.e. a local student to help them to settle down in the new environment and to integrate with the local community. For enquiry, please write to: buddy@hku.hk.

Details of the programme, please visit:

<http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/buddy-program>

Orientation

The Orientation is usually organized in end of August. There will be a day-long orientation for exchange students. It will usually be held on the last Friday before school starts including cultural adjustment sessions, library tours, city tours and outings. No registration is needed.



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Details can be viewed at the CEDARS:

<http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/International/ISArrivalOrientationActivitesMain.php>

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Medical Care & Insurance

The University provides comprehensive primary health care to entitled students through a clinic on the main campus. Medical consultations are generally free of charge. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. A notional charge is also levied for dental treatment and physiotherapy treatment at the University clinic.

Specialist care and hospitalization can be provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID) are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalization in government hospitals. You are therefore strongly recommended to have covered by insurance the whole period of stay in Hong Kong.

Further details are listed on the CEDARS website at

<http://beta.cedars.hku.hk/sections/International/HealthCare.php>.

Selection of Courses

Exchange students should select courses according to the Faculty's regulations, procedures and rules. The normal course load for HKU LLB students is 30 credits each semester or 60 credits for one academic year. Acceptance into selected courses will be determined by the Director of Student Exchange for Incoming Students, in consultation with the teacher-in-charge, if necessary. Students are advised to indicate their choices on the application form for preliminary consideration by the Faculty. For students who are interested to enroll in courses offered outside the Faculty, approval must be sought from the respective departments and final approval rests with the offering department. However, students are not permitted to choose more than 6 credits worth of non-law courses in each semester.

You are strongly advised to consult the Director of Student Exchange for Incoming Students and your home institution should you wish to change your intended courses of study on arrival.

Students are invited to visit the Faculty of Law homepage for details of the courses on offer in 2016-17 for reference at this stage, <http://www.law.hku.hk/dm/course/>. The draft course list for 2017-18 will be only available on the Faculty's website in August 2017.



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Course availability does change from year to year, subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrolment. However, the majority of LLB courses will usually be offered. Exchange students are usually given more flexibility in selecting their courses. Hence, final course selection and registration takes place on arrival at the Faculty of Law after students have received the lectures and tutorials schedule. There is a two-week add/drop period during the start of each semester when students have the opportunity to attend the first one or two lectures before finalizing their study plans.

The following courses are **not open** to exchange students:

- LLAW1009 Law and Society
- LLAW1001-2 Law of Contract I-II
- LLAW1013 Legal Research & Writing I
- LLAW1008 The Legal System of Hong Kong SAR
- LLAW1005-6 Law of Tort I-II
- LLAW2001 Constitutional Law
- LLAW2003-4 Criminal Law I-II
- LLAW2013-4 Land Law I-II
- LLAW2017 Legal Research & Writing II
- LLAW2012 Commercial Law
- LLAW2009 Introduction to Chinese law
- LLAW2011 Summer Internship
- LLAW3097 Civil Procedure
- LLAW3099 Criminal Procedure
- LLAW3102 Evidence I
- LLAW3105 Land Law III
- LLAW3203 Guided Research
- LLAW3001 Introduction to Legal Theory
- LLAW3010 Business Associations
- LLAW3093 Administrative Law
- LLAW3094-5 Equity & Trusts I-II
- LLAW3187 Mooting and Dispute Resolution

Taught postgraduate courses with course code **LLAW6XXX and JDOCXXXX

** JD students from North America will be able to enroll in Taught postgraduate courses (with course code LLAW6XXX)

Note: The undergraduate courses are 6-credit in value, whereas the postgraduate courses are 9-credit in value.



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