

**IMPORTANT:** As [announced](#) by the University in May 2021, all teaching activities in AY 2021-22 resume normal (i.e. you are required to attend f2f classes). If you are currently not in Hong Kong, please be reminded to make necessary travel arrangements immediately and complete your compulsory quarantine before 1 September 2021. Students who are currently stay in [Group A1 countries](#) and encounter difficulties to return to Hong Kong and complete the compulsory quarantine before 1 September 2021 should approach [the Department](#) immediately.

The University of Hong Kong  
Department of Law

### Guidelines for the selection of courses offered in 2021-22

This note is intended to give undergraduate students a few pointers on course selection for the coming academic year. It is also intended to provide guidance to students who plan to gain a law specialisation<sup>1</sup> or declare a minor in another discipline. If you have special problems and need more specific advice about your law curriculum, you may wish to consult your Academic Advisor (see the SIS to see the name of your Academic Advisor) or respective Programme Director / Year Coordinator.

#### General information

1. Freshmen are arranged to select their courses from **10:00 am 20 August (Friday) to 4:00 pm 26 August 2021 (Thursday)**. For current students, the HKU Portal course selection system will open on **4 August 2021 (Wednesday)** and the system will close automatically at **4:00 pm, 10 August 2021 (Tuesday)**.

Both freshmen and current students may add / drop courses online from **1 to 15 September 2021 (4:00 pm)**. Late add / drop requests will not be allowed under the normal circumstances. You are reminded to finalise your course selection before the end of add-drop period. Any change of course enrolment request after add/drop period will not be considered unless you are able to provide strong justifications.

Summary of course selection and add/drop periods:-

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Year of study</u>	<u>Course selection period</u>	<u>Course add-drop period</u>
Full-year, first sem and second sem courses	Freshmen admitted in AY 2021-22	20-26 Aug 2021	1-15 Sept 2021 <u>and</u> 17-31 Jan 2022 (add / drop)

<sup>1</sup> The option of gaining a law specialization is only applicable to LLB.

	Current students	4-10 Aug 2021	of second sem courses)
Summer semester courses	Freshmen and current students	17-31 Jan 2022	17-31 Jan 2022 <u>and</u> 14-21 Jun 2022

2. You may, of your own volition, take additional credits<sup>2</sup> not exceeding 6 credits in each semester,<sup>3</sup> and / or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. Any further requests for taking more than 72 credits in one academic year are not allowed under normal circumstances. Students who intend to take summer course(s) and / or participate in summer internship programme should take this matter into account and plan ahead.

This policy allows LLB students some flexibility to gain a law specialisation or declare minor in another discipline. Students who overload in 2021-22 are still expected to take a minimum of 24 credits in each of their subsequent semester and spend 4 academic years (8 semesters) to complete their LLB degree.

Likewise, students under 5-year integrated double degrees who overload in 2021-22 are still expected to take a minimum of 24 credits in each of their subsequent semester and spend 5 academic years (10 semesters) to complete their integrated double degrees.

3. The course list for the academic year of 2021-22 can be found at our website: <https://course.law.hku.hk/>. You may only choose from courses included in the list of Undergraduate Courses. We advise you to spend some time to go through the list and plan for your course selection.
4. Regulations of your programme can be found at <https://dm.law.hku.hk/>. Unless otherwise pre-approved by Programme Director or Director of Exchange, students must follow the normal sequence of study. Please refer to:

- Appendix A:** BA(LS) & LLB Programme
- Appendix B:** BBA(Law) & LLB Programme
- Appendix C:** BSS(GL) & LLB Programme
- Appendix D:** LLB Programme
- Appendix E:** HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme
- Appendix F:** HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme
- Appendix G:** Application for changing of order of study and overloading

<sup>2</sup> Except (a) students under HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme who have no room to overload and (b) students under HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme who are only allowed to take 66 credits in their first year.

<sup>3</sup> But in any event, you are not allowed to take more than 36 credits for one semester.

**Additional information for final year students**

5. Final year students are not allowed to take summer course(s).<sup>4</sup> This is to ensure that final year students could graduate on time and proceed to the PCLL programme.
6. In principle, we allow final year students to underload (ie. take less than 24 credits) in their second last and / or last semester(s) if they will have earned enough credits to graduate. Fill the online form (<https://moodle.hku.hk/mod/questionnaire/view.php?id=1831782>) before the end of the add/drop period of the first semester to notify us of your intention.
7. Final year students who are unable to graduate within the normal period of study (ie. 4 academic years (8 semesters) for LLB Programme and 5 academic years (10 semesters) for Integrated double-degree programmes) due to exchange or whatever reasons, are only allowed to take their remaining core courses and / or PCLL pre-requisites to graduate. Any plans to overload and take more electives during the additional semester / year in a hope to improve GPA or make better use of time are not permitted. They are also required to pay composition fees for the additional semester(s).

**Additional information for students under BA(LS)&LLB, BBA(LAW)&LLB & BSS(GL)&LLB programmes**

8. **Changing of sequence of study and overloading law course(s):** Students who follow our recommendation to change their order of study and overload to facilitate exchange should complete the online form (<https://moodle.hku.hk/mod/questionnaire/view.php?id=1831783>) (see also appendix G for reference) as soon as possible during course selection period in August and/or add-drop period in September. We seek your understanding that we are unable to answer all your course selection enquiries instantly during the course selection period. If you follow our suggestion and submit your request form by the deadline, you may assume your request will be accepted. We (or your home faculty) will amend your course selection manually as soon as possible after the end of the course selection / add-drop period. Please be reminded to double-check your enrolment record to make sure your course selections are in good order.
9. **Opting out from LLB Programme:** Students under any one of our double-degree programmes who intend to opt out from LLB Programme are required to indicate their intention before the end of their second year of study. For students under HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme, they are required to apply in writing not later than the end of the first semester of their third year.

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<sup>4</sup> Except students under HKU-UCL students who are required to take Vocational Internship in their last summer semester.

10. **Interdisciplinary electives taken by BA(LS)&LLB students:** some interdisciplinary courses have more than one course code, plan carefully and select correct course code. For example, if you enroll in:

HKGS2013 Law, History and Culture >> the course will count as your free elective;

LALS3008 Law, History and Culture >> the course will count as your LALS elective; and

LLAW3233 Law, History and Culture >> the course will count as your law elective.

### **Additional information for students who are under single LLB programme**

11. **Designated research course to satisfy graduation requirement:** You are required to take at least one law elective which is a designated research course (DRC) to fulfil the graduation requirement may refer to the course list and check courses which may satisfy the requirement (<https://course.law.hku.hk/> >> Designated research course list). It is possible to satisfy the DRC requirement on exchange by taking a research-based law elective. The topic of your research must be on substantive law with at least 6,000 words (inclusive of footnotes but exclusive of bibliography) but not more than 8,000 words. Drafting an agreement or legal document does not satisfy the DRC requirement. The research topic has to be pre-approved by the Director of Exchange via the exchange team.

12. **Exemption from taking CLAW9001 Practical Chinese for law students:** LLB students are required to take CLAW9001 either in their third or fourth year. Students who have not studied the Chinese language during their secondary education and would like to apply for an exemption <https://moodle.hku.hk/mod/questionnaire/view.php?id=1831784>.

### **Other course arrangements applicable to all students**

13. **Course enrolment limit:** You are only allowed to select up to 36 credits and required to take not fewer than 24 credits in any semester (except summer semester).<sup>5</sup>
14. **Course pre-requisites:** For those students who went on exchange in previous year, please note the course selection system does not recognize your successful completion of course pre-requisites (for examples: BA, Commercial Law and Criminal Law) from exchange. If you are unable to register courses on your own because of this problem, please complete the form provided (see **Appendix H**) as early as possible during the course enrolment period in August. Subject to availability of places, we (or your home faculty if you are a Year 1-3 student under

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<sup>5</sup> Except students under HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme who are required to take 84 credits each year in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years.

an integrated double degree) shall enroll you in the course(s) manually.

15. **Full year courses:** when students select full year courses, such as Land Law I-II, Criminal Law I-II or Law of Tort I-II, please be reminded to select 'FY' course (FY = full-year) and then 'FA' class in semester one. Unless you have already obtained prior approval from the Department, parts I and II of full-year courses must be completed at the same academic year.
  
16. **LLM electives:** starting from AY 2021-22, senior year LLB students<sup>6</sup> are allowed to take LLM courses as their law electives. In this academic year, we offer the following LLM electives to LLB students:
  - LITE—Postgraduate Internship
  - Clinical Legal Education Programme - Refugee Stream
  - FinTech Finance
  - Cross-border Insolvency Law
  - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Law
  - Comparative Corporate Law and Theories
  - Company Law & Securities Regulation in the PRC
  - Entertainment Law
  - Hong Kong Intellectual Property Law
  - China Information Technology and Electronic Commerce Law
  - Law of Anti-money Laundering and Counter-terrorist Financing & Compliance Issues
  - International Dispute Settlement
  - Corruption: China in Comparative Perspective
  - PRC Taxation Law and Policy
  - Competition, Mergers and Acquisition
  - Civil and Commercial Law in the PRC
  - International Criminal Law
  - Human Rights in the PRC
  - International Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons
  - International Tax and Tax Planning
  - Comparative Constitutional Law
  - Multiculturalism and the Law
  - Topics in Trademark Law
  - Seminar on Human Rights and Constitutionalism in Asia
  - PRC Shipping Law
  - Competition Law and Policy in China

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<sup>6</sup> LLB3-4 and Double-degree 4-5 students.

- EU Financial Regulation and Technology
- Governing Online Platforms: Law, Economics and Politics
- The Economic Analysis of Law
- Preventative Law: Approaches to Conflict Prevention and Resolution

Students who would like to take above-mentioned LLM courses may fill in [an online request form](#). We will enroll you in the courses manually if places are available.

<u>Application period</u>	<u>Expected processing time</u>
4 Aug (10 am) – 10 Aug 2021 (4 pm)	All requests will be handled after 16:00 pm, 10 August, please expect to receive a response from us by email (lawpaper@hku.hk) by 23 August 2021.
1 Sep (10 am) – 14 Sep 2021 (11:59 pm)	All requests made during course add/drop period will be handled on a rolling basis. To allow us sufficient time to respond before the end of the course add/drop period, please try to make your request as soon as possible.
17 Jan (10 am) – 30 Jan 2022 (11:59 pm)	

17. **Recommended booklist:** we note students find it difficult to buy all their textbooks at one go at the beginning of academic year. When a particular item is out of stock, it takes the bookstore several weeks to order new copies from elsewhere. At the same time, the bookstore also finds it difficult to ascertain how many copies they should order from publishers. To try to solve the problems, a recommended booklist is provided (<https://www.law.hku.hk/dm/> >> click “LLB Booklist 2021-22”). You are encouraged to order your books (in particular, LLB core and PCLL pre-requisites) well in advance before the start of the academic year to avoid disappointments.
18. **PCLL pre-requisites:** In order to provide students with flexibility on course selections, the Department has devoted additional resources to offer Land Law III and Evidence I in both semesters. You may take above-mentioned courses in any one of the two semesters that suits your overall study plan best.
19. **Criminal and civil procedure:** Starting from the cohort who takes PCLL in September 2021, the two procedural courses are not required for PCLL admissions. Both courses will be offered as electives under the LLB programme. Students who want to take Criminal Procedure as an elective are advised to take Evidence before Criminal Procedure in order to get a better understanding of Hong Kong Criminal Procedure law. If you intend to take Criminal Procedure before Evidence for any reasons, we strongly advise you to self-study Hong Kong Evidence law in advance and grasp some basis acknowledge before starting Criminal Procedure.
20. **Graduation requirements:** To ensure timely graduation, students (in particular students who

are under integrated double degree programmes) are reminded to plan ahead and not to leave all graduation requirements to final year.

21. **LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution:** The mooting course carries 6 credits and is a full-year course. The mooting comprises of three compulsory elements: (i) 4 compulsory lectures which will take place throughout September-December, (ii) a two-hour coaching session which will take place during October – December and (iii) a Moot in February (dates to be determined). Course credits will count towards second semester, please take this into account when you plan for your course selection.
22. **Introduction to Chinese law:** The “regular” Introduction to Chinese Law course will be offered in the first semester. No intensive Introduction to Chinese Law course is offered in December 2021. If it is safe to travel, we may offer “intensive” Introduction to Chinese Law in the summer of 2022. Further news will be announced in the first quarter of 2021.
23. **Teaching timetable:** The timetable has been carefully drafted to ensure your timely completion of all core and PCLL pre-requisites requirements. While we have avoided any clashes on compulsory courses and PCLL pre-requisites, we seek your understanding in advance that some minor clashes with popular law and non-law electives are inevitable. Please be flexible on your course selections.
24. **Course cancellation policy:** To allocate teaching manpower in an efficient manner, the Department may cancel elective courses with insufficient enrolments. The minimum enrolment number is 10 under the normal situation. Affected students will be notified as soon as possible and asked to select another elective in substitution.
25. **Course add/drop arrangements:** An enrolment quota is set for each elective, the SIS course enrolment system will not accept your enrolment once the spots are filled. Due to manpower constraints, we are unable to offer waiting lists for popular electives. All spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis via the system (i.e. when someone drops a popular elective, the available spot will be allocated to the first student who adds the course). Please also note certain teachers may maintain strict control on enrolment matters and do not accept free “add” during add/drop period due to their own pedagogy.
26. **Special enrolment requests from students:** Enrolment requests which deviate from the Regulations and Syllabuses (for instances: requests for overloading / underloading and request for changing order of study to facilitate exchange etc) are considered by Programme Director(s) and Head of Department on a case by case basis. When your request involves non-law courses or if you are a double-degree student, we will have to consult the offering department(s)

and/or our partner faculties. Please do not expect immediate responses from us during course selection and add/drop periods as it takes us considerable time to handle each request.

### **Internships and leave of absence**

27. All students must finish their internships before the commencement of each semester. If you are unable to attend class(es) due to internships, even if you are able to meet the minimum attendance requirement, your teacher may reject your course enrolment and ask you to choose another course in substitution. Please bear this matter in mind when you apply for internships and select courses.
28. For students who are under integrated-degree programmes, please note your application for leave for Year 4 and Year 5 are determined by the Department of Law.
29. A student who desires leave of absence for more than two full consecutive days is required to apply for leave of absence.
30. Students who intend to apply for a gap semester / year to take up full-time internships, please also refer to <https://moodle.hku.hk/mod/questionnaire/view.php?id=1831785> for more information.

### **Specialisation (applicable to LLB, HKU-UCL and HKU-PKU dual degree students)**

31. The department of law offers three streams of law specialisation: (i) Chinese Law (PRC), (ii) Commercial, corporate and financial Law (CCF); and (iii) International trade and economic law (ITEL). Due to resource constraints, not all specialisations are necessarily on offer every year. Students who intend to gain a specialisation are required to declare their intention either in the first semester of their penultimate year or first semester of their final year via HKU Portal during the course selection period. Late declarations will not be considered.
32. Students may refer to the course list to check out the courses which can count towards specialization (<https://course.law.hku.hk/>).

### **Minor**

33. LLB students who have obtained the requisite number of credits (which shall not be fewer than 36 credits and not more than 48 credits) to declare a minor in a department, centre, school, programme or disciplinary field will be duly recognised by having the minor stated in the official academic transcript. Students who intend to declare a minor are required to declare their



intention either in the second semester of their penultimate year or first semester of their final year via HKU Portal during the course selection period. Late declarations will not be considered.

34. List of minors can be found at: <http://aao.hku.hk/sy3/plan-of-study/major-and-minor/>. Students who intend to declare a minor should visit the website of relevant department to check the pre-requisite and course selection requirements. If there is any doubt, students should approach Ms Lydia Bute ([LBUTE@hku.hk](mailto:LBUTE@hku.hk)) of Department of Law for assistance.

#### Appendix A - BA(LS)&LLB Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses: <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB/regulations>)

<u>Your year of admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2021-22	<u>Year 1 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 x Literary studies electives</li> <li>• Law of contract I-II</li> <li>• Legal system</li> <li>• Law and society</li> <li>• Legal research &amp; writing I</li> <li>• 1 x Common core course</li> <li>• Core university English</li> </ul>
2020-21	<u>Year 2 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x Introductory literary studies electives</li> <li>• Law of tort I-II</li> <li>• Constitutional law</li> <li>• Legal research and writing II</li> <li>• Administrative law</li> <li>• Introduction to law and literary studies</li> <li>• 2 x Common core courses</li> </ul>
2019-20	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x Advanced literary studies electives</li> <li>• 1 x Advanced interdisciplinary elective</li> <li>• Criminal law I-II</li> <li>• Introduction to Chinese law</li> <li>• Land law I-II</li> <li>• Practical Chinese for Arts students</li> <li>• 1 x Common core course</li> </ul>

2018-19 and 2017-18	<u>Year 4 &amp; 5 (60 credits for each academic year)<sup>7</sup></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x Advanced literary studies electives</li> <li>• Commercial law</li> <li>• Business associations</li> <li>• Legal theory</li> <li>• Equity &amp; trusts I-II</li> <li>• Mooting and dispute resolution</li> <li>• 2 x Advanced interdisciplinary electives</li> <li>• 3 x law disciplinary electives</li> <li>• Advanced interdisciplinary core course</li> <li>• 6 x free electives (law or non-law)</li> </ul>
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### **Guidance Notes for Exchange: BA-LLB Students**

If you are thinking about going on exchange in Year 4, you should keep these guidelines in mind as you plan your sequence of courses at HKU. Most of the guidelines involve moving courses around between different years so as to free up space for exchange in Year 4. The guidance notes should be read together with the syllabus of the BA-LLB, available for download here: <http://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB/regulations>

#### **General Policy**

You may take up to 72 credits in any one year (ie overload by 2 courses/12 credits per year). You may include up to 360 credits in your degree. So long as you comply with these two rules, it does not matter how many elective credits you transfer or need to complete in your exchange year.

#### **More Specific Guidelines:**

We do NOT advise overloading in Year 1. With careful planning, you should not have to overload by more than 1 course (6 credits) per year, if at all. You should keep in mind that overloading in one year does not mean that you can do fewer credits later on; the purpose of frontloading is to increase flexibility in your course selection in later years.

In order to fulfill University Requirements in Year 1, you need to do one CC course, plus EITHER the Core University English course OR a free elective (if you have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the HKDSE or equivalent).

If you are exempted from doing the Core University English course, you should use this free slot to take a compulsory course from Year 2 (ie use this free slot to move a Year 2 compulsory course to Year 1 and save that free elective for exchange). If you use this free slot to take an additional CC course in Year 1 and follow the syllabus of taking 2 CC courses in Year 2, you still need to take a free

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<sup>7</sup> Students may choose to take the courses either in their Year 4 or Year 5.

elective in Year 3 in substitution of Core University English course.

To the extent possible, you should take at least 6 credits of Year 3 University Requirements in Year 2. For example, you could do Practical Chinese for Arts Students (6 credits) – originally scheduled for Year 3 – in Year 2. (The SIS system won't allow you to do this yourself, you will need to email Ms Nicole Wong at [nicolewg@hku.hk](mailto:nicolewg@hku.hk) who can manually add you to the course).

You should take Commercial Law (6 credits) – originally scheduled for Year 4 / 5 in Year 3.

In Year 4 (the year abroad):

- (i) You should try to take Introduction to Legal Theory (6 credits) while you are abroad;
- (ii) If you go on a full-year exchange: you should try to do Equity and Trusts (12 credits) while you are abroad. Not all Equity and Trusts courses taken abroad are recognized as equivalents to Equity and Trusts at HKU; you should check with the Exchange Team (or consult the exchange table: [https://www.law.hku.hk/current-students/outgoing-exchange-programme-introduction/>> List of approved courses](https://www.law.hku.hk/current-students/outgoing-exchange-programme-introduction/>>List%20of%20approved%20courses)) to find out whether the Equity and Trusts course at the university you are going to will be recognized. If you do not take Equity and Trusts while you are abroad, you should try to take an alternative 12 credits of any of the Year 4 or Year 5 Law/Arts/LALS courses listed in the syllabus while you are abroad; and (iii) plan to use your elective credits on exchange.

In Year 5, you should take Business Associations (6 credits), Mooting and Dispute Resolution (6 credits), and any remaining required courses that you have not yet taken. If you plan to do the PCLL, you should also take Evidence I (6 credits) and Land Law III (6 credits).

## Appendix B - BBA(Law) & LLB Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses:

<https://ug.fbe.hku.hk/programme/bba-law-and-llb>)

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2021-22	<p><u>Year 1 (60 credits)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core university English</li> <li>• 1 x Common core course</li> <li>• Introduction to financial accounting</li> <li>• Introductory microeconomics</li> <li>• Business statistics <u>or</u> Introductory statistics</li> <li>• Law of contract I-II</li> <li>• Legal system</li> <li>• Law and society</li> <li>• Legal research and writing I</li> </ul>
2020-21	<p><u>Year 2 (60 credits)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 x Common core courses</li> <li>• 4 x Business / Accounting courses</li> <li>• Law of tort I-II</li> <li>• Legal research &amp; writing II</li> </ul>
2019-20	<p><u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical Chinese for BBA(Law) students</li> <li>• Commercial law</li> <li>• Business associations</li> <li>• Constitutional law</li> <li>• Administrative law</li> <li>• 2-3 x Business courses + 2-3 x free electives (5 courses in total) <u>or</u> 5 x Accounting courses</li> </ul>
2018-19 and 2017-18	<p><u>Year 4 &amp; 5<sup>8</sup></u>  <u>(60 credits for each academic year)</u> (major in business)  <u>(66-72 credits for each academic year)</u> (major in accounting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic management (Capstone course)</li> <li>• 2 x courses in the chosen BBA Major (major in business)</li> <li>• Hong Kong taxation (major in accounting)</li> <li>• Auditing (major in accounting)</li> <li>• Advanced financial accounting (major in accounting)</li> <li>• Investment and portfolio analysis (major in accounting)</li> <li>• Introductory macroeconomics (major in accounting)</li> <li>• Criminal law I-II</li> <li>• Introduction to Chinese law</li> <li>• Land law I-II</li> <li>• Introduction to legal theory</li> </ul>

<sup>8</sup> Students may choose to take the courses either in their Year 4 or Year 5.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity &amp; trusts I-II</li> <li>• Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone course)</li> <li>• 5 x law disciplinary electives</li> <li>• 3 x free electives (major in business)</li> </ul>
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Course selection advice for BBA(Law) Years 2 and 3 students:

BBA(Law) students admitted in 2018-19 and 2019-20 and intend to go on law exchange in Year 4 are strongly advised to start using their annual 12-credit overload or, where applicable, free electives to take core law courses that are most likely not eligible for credit transfer from overseas. These include Land Law, Constitutional law, Administrative law and Introduction to Chinese law. Since your exchange institution may not be able to offer business courses, you should also aim at taking enough courses to free up the business credits originally required in Year 4.

BBA(Law) Year 3 students (business stream) who plan to go on law exchange in their fourth year are advised to swap their year 3 free electives for 18 credits of year 4 required law courses, specifically Land law I-II or / and Introduction to Chinese law. BBA(Law) Year 3 students (accounting stream) students who intend to go on law exchange during their Year 4 are allowed to overload / advance taking Land law I-II or Introduction to Chinese law in their third year. **See Appendix G.**

BBA(Law) Year 2 students (both business stream and accounting stream) who intend to go on law exchange in their fourth year may overload / advance taking Constitutional law (third year required course), if necessary. **See Appendix G.**

## Appendix C - BSS(GL)&LLB Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses:

<http://www.socsc.hku.hk/fw/teaching-learning/undergraduate/academic-matters/regulations-and-syllabuses/> and Programme structure: <https://www.ppaweb.hku.hk/programmes/ug/gl/>)

**Important note to BSS(GL)&Law 3-5 students:** SSGL5(h) stipulates that: "... Candidates shall not enrol in any introductory courses in the last two years of study (except Common Core courses and CSSC9001 Practical Chinese for Social Sciences Students)". If you intend to take any introductory courses in the last two years of your study, please be reminded that they will be counted as additional courses on top of your standard study load of 300 credits.

<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2021-22	<u>Year 1 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making sense of politics</li><li>• 1 x Introductory course for Major in PPA</li><li>• Core university English</li><li>• 2 x Common core courses</li><li>• Law of contract I-II</li><li>• Legal system</li><li>• Law and society</li><li>• Legal research and writing I</li></ul>
2020-21	<u>Year 2 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research methods</li><li>• 2 x PPA gateway courses</li><li>• Law of tort I-II</li><li>• Constitutional law</li><li>• Legal research and writing II</li><li>• Administrative law</li><li>• 2 x Common core courses</li></ul>
2019-20	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 x PPA courses</li><li>• Global citizenship / Social innovation (12 credits)<sup>9</sup></li><li>• Criminal law I-II</li><li>• Land law I-II</li><li>• Practical Chinese for BSS(GL)&amp;Law students</li></ul>

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<sup>9</sup> Students can take Global Citizenship / Social Innovation in Year 3 or Year 4.

2018-19 and 2017-18	<u>Year 4 and 5 (120 credits, 60 credits per year)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 x PPA courses</li> <li>• PPA capstone</li> <li>• Introduction to Chinese law</li> <li>• Commercial law</li> <li>• Business associations</li> <li>• Legal theory</li> <li>• Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone)</li> <li>• Equity &amp; trusts I-II</li> <li>• 5 x law disciplinary electives<sup>10</sup></li> <li>• 2 x free electives (law or non-law)</li> </ul>
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**Course selection advice for BSS(G&L) students:**

1. In general, Year 1 students eligible for exemption from U English should use the 6 credits to take a gateway course or a common core course. They still need to take a free elective later if they take a common core.
  
2. If students need to go on half-year exchange in Years 2 or 3, they will need to read as many half-year PPA / law courses in the semester that they remain in Hong Kong, and use the remaining full year in Years 2 or 3 in Hong Kong to read full-year law courses (i.e. Torts, Criminal and Land).
  
3. Students should only go on Social Sciences (as opposed to Law) Exchange in Years 2 and 3. Applications to go on Social Sciences exchange should be submitted to the Social Sciences Faculty.
  
4. To go on Social Sciences exchange in Year 2, a student should use the U English credits in Year 1 to take a common core course. At the visited institution, they should take all the gateway courses and all Year 3 PPA courses in order to satisfy the Politics part of the curricula in Years 2 & 3.

On their return in Year 3, students pursuing the double degrees will need to take all law courses as indicated in the attached table, 6 credits of Chinese, 6-12 credits of common core, and 0-6 credits of free electives (depending on whether they have taken 6 credits of common core in Year 1).

5. The Law Faculty does not offer an exchange programme for GLaw students in Years 2 or 3. In principle, however, the Law Department allows Years 2 or 3 students to transfer up to 12 law

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<sup>10</sup> For the purpose of PCLL admission, a candidate must satisfactorily complete the following law electives: Evidence I, Land Law III and Business Associations.

credits while they are on Social Sciences exchange. If students would like to take law course(s) (up to 12 credits) while they are on Social Sciences exchange, they would need to obtain approval from the host institution and the Social Sciences Faculty for doing so. Given that they are supposed to be on Social Sciences exchange, it is unlikely that the host institution will allow them to take many law courses. In their application for exchange submitted to the Social Sciences Faculty they should indicate clearly that they wish to transfer law credits and what those law courses and credits are. The Social Sciences Faculty will seek the Law Department's endorsement for transferring those law credits.

6. Students pursuing the integrated double degrees can go on Law exchange in Years 4 or 5. Applications to go on Law exchange should be submitted to the Law Department.
7. To go on Law exchange in Year 4 or 5, students pursuing the double degrees should:
  - use the U English credits to take a PPA elective in Year 1
  - complete 12-credits of Global Citizenship or Social Innovation through internship in the summer of Year 2
  - in Year 3, take Land Law, Criminal Law, and Introduction to Chinese Law and 36-42 credits of PPA advanced level electives,
  - save 12 credits of free electives in year 4 (these credits can be satisfied by courses taken on exchange)
  - take POLI4092 or POLI4109 and CSSC9001 in years 4 or 5
  - aim at taking Legal Theory, Equity and/or Business Associations at the visited institution, but please check that the Legal Theory, Equity and Business Associations courses at the visited institution fall within the list of approved courses recognized by the Law Department (see: <https://www.law.hku.hk/current-students/outgoing-exchange-programme-introduction/> >> List of approved courses))
  - if students would like to transfer PPA credits (up to 12 credits) while on law exchange, they would need to obtain approval from the host institution and the Law Department for doing so. Given that they are supposed to be on Law exchange, it is unlikely that the host institution will allow them to take many PPA courses. In their application for exchange submitted to Law Department they should indicate clearly that they wish to transfer PPA credits and what those PPA courses and credits are. The Law Department will seek the PPA Department's endorsement for transferring those PPA credits.
  - take Mooting and Dispute Resolution in Years 4 or 5, the year they are in Hong Kong.
8. We do not provide Law exchange for single-degree students in Year 4.



9. In Years 1-3, applications for changing the order of studies (whether in PPA or Law courses) should be made to the Social Sciences Faculty, which will seek the Law Department's endorsement in cases involving proposed changes in the sequence of law studies. See also **appendix G** for more information and instructions if you want to overload particular law courses in the third year to facilitate exchange. In Years 4-5, applications for changing the order of studies (whether in PPA or Law courses) should be made to the Law Department, which will seek the PPA Department's endorsement in cases involving proposed changes in the sequence of PPA studies.
10. Students are reminded that whatever study plans they have in mind, they need to fulfil the curriculum requirements set out in the Regulations, including that they should take no fewer than 24 credits in any one semester.
11. Students are only eligible to obtain a scholarship from the University once for going on exchange during the duration of the whole programme. In considering whether to grant applications for exchange, the Law Department will give absolute priority to those who have not gone on Social Sciences exchange during the first three years of their studies. In practice, it is highly unlikely that students will be able to go on exchange twice - once in Social Sciences and once in Law - during the duration of the whole programme.

## Appendix D - LLB Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses: <https://dm.law.hku.hk/> >> LLB Programme)

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2021-22	<u>Year 1 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core university English</li> <li>• 4 x Common core course</li> <li>• Law of contract I-II</li> <li>• Legal system</li> <li>• Law and society</li> <li>• Legal research and writing I</li> </ul>
2020-21	<u>Year 2 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law of tort I-II</li> <li>• Constitutional law</li> <li>• Criminal law I-II</li> <li>• Land law I-II</li> <li>• Legal research and writing II</li> <li>• 2 x Common core courses</li> </ul>
2019-20 and 2018-19	<u>Years 3 and 4 (120 credits, 60 credits per year)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial law</li> <li>• Introduction to Chinese law</li> <li>• Introduction to legal theory</li> <li>• Business associations</li> <li>• Administrative law</li> <li>• Equity and trusts I-II</li> <li>• Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone)</li> <li>• 5 x disciplinary electives (law electives)</li> <li>• 6 x free electives (law or non-law)</li> <li>• Practical Chinese for law students</li> </ul>

**Course selection advice for LLB3-4 students:** LLB students admitted in 2018-19 and 2019-20 should note that although you may freely allocate most of your courses in Years 3 and 4, we strongly advise you to adopt the following study plan:

<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Chinese Law</li> <li>• Commercial law</li> <li>• Business associations</li> <li>• Administrative law</li> <li>• Practical Chinese in law</li> <li>• [Land law III]<sup>11</sup></li> <li>• (Legal theory<sup>12</sup> + 18 credits of electives)</li> </ul>	<u>Year 4 (60 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity and trusts I-II</li> <li>• Mooting and dispute resolution</li> <li>• [Evidence]</li> <li>• (Legal theory + 30 credits of electives) OR (36 credits of electives)</li> </ul>
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<sup>11</sup> Courses put in square brackets are PCLL pre-requisites.

<sup>12</sup> There is no pedagogical reason favouring doing Legal Theory in any of the two upper years

OR (24 credits of electives)	
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## Appendix E – HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses: <https://dm.law.hku.hk/> >> HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme)

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2019-20 (UCL Y1) / 2021-22 (HKU Y3)  and  2018-19 (UCL Y1) / 2021-22 (HKU Y4)	<u>Years 3 and 4 (168 credits, 84 credits per year)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legal system of the HKSAR</li><li>• Law and society</li><li>• Constitutional law</li><li>• Commercial law</li><li>• Business associations</li><li>• Legal research and writing I</li><li>• Legal research and writing II</li><li>• Introduction to Chinese law</li><li>• Practical Chinese for law students</li><li>• 1 x free elective</li><li>• 2 x Common core courses<sup>13</sup></li><li>• Dissertation (12 credits)</li><li>• Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone)</li><li>• 5 x Disciplinary electives [Evidence I and Land Law III if you intend to take PCLL]</li><li>• 2 x Common core courses</li><li>• 4 x Free electives</li><li>• HKU legal internship (12 credits)</li></ul>

**Course selection advice for HKU-UCL Year 3 students:** Although you may freely allocate your courses in Years 3 and 4, we advise you to complete the following courses in your third year. To ensure timely graduation, do not leave too many compulsory courses to final year:

- Legal system of the HKSAR (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Constitutional law (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Commercial law (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Legal research & writing I (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Introduction to Chinese law (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Practical Chinese for law students (1<sup>st</sup> sem)
- Law & society (2<sup>nd</sup> sem)
- Business associations (2<sup>nd</sup> sem)
- Legal research & writing II (2<sup>nd</sup> sem)
- HKU legal internship (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and summer sem)

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<sup>13</sup> Candidates shall complete successfully 4 Common Core courses comprising one Common Core course from each Area of Inquiry with not more than one course from the same Area of Inquiry being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up failed credits.

## Appendix F – HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme

(For more details, please refer to Regulations & Syllabuses: <https://dm.law.hku.hk/> >> HKU-PKU U Dual Degree Programme)

### For HKU students

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2021-22</u>
2021-22	<u>Year 1 (66 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law of contract I-II</li><li>• Law of tort I-II</li><li>• Legal system of the HKSAR</li><li>• Law and society</li><li>• Legal research and writing I</li><li>• Legal research and writing II</li><li>• Practical Chinese for law students</li><li>• Core university English</li><li>• 1 x common core course<sup>14</sup></li></ul>
2020-21	<u>Year 2 (72 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Constitutional law</li><li>• Criminal law I-II</li><li>• Commercial law</li><li>• Land law I-II</li><li>• Business associations</li><li>• Administrative law</li><li>• Equity and trusts I-II</li><li>• Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone)</li><li>• 1 x common core course</li></ul>
2019-20	<u>Year 3 (first semester) (36 credits)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 x Disciplinary electives [Evidence I and Land Law III if you intend to take PCLL]</li></ul>

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<sup>14</sup> Candidates shall complete successfully 2 Common Core courses comprising one Common Core course from an Area of Inquiry with not more than one course from the same Area of Inquiry being selected within one academic year except where candidates are required to make up failed credits.

**Appendix G [SAMPLE FORM for reference only –  
click <https://moodle.hku.hk/mod/questionnaire/view.php?id=1831783>  
to submit your application online]**

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Application for changing of order of study and overloading

**SECTION ONE: Personal particulars**

Name:	Student no.:
Programme & Year:	Email address:
Mobile no.:	Your cGPA:

**SECTION TWO: Changing of order of study and overloading up to 72 credits<sup>15</sup>:** In addition to my standard load (see regulations and syllabuses: <https://dm.law.hku.hk/>), I would like to take the Department's recommendation and overload the following core law course(s) in 2021-22:

Programme	Law course(s) which you are allowed to overload <sup>16</sup> (tick "✓" as appropriate)	
BA(LS)&LLB Y3	Commercial Law	
BBA(Law)&LLB Y2	Constitutional Law	
BBA(Law)&LLB Y3 <sup>17</sup> (up to 18 / 12 credits under business / accounting stream)	Land Law I-II	Intro to Chinese Law
BSS(GL)&LLB Y3 <sup>18</sup> (up to 12 credits)	Intro to Chinese Law	Business Associations
	Commercial Law	

The total no. of credits you'll take in 2021-22: \_\_\_\_\_ credits

**SECTION THREE:** For those students who want to change their normal sequence of study (law courses) **but** do not follow the general recommendations (see SECTION TWO above), please provide detailed explanations<sup>19</sup>.

Change(s) you want to make <u>and</u> your reason(s):

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Date

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Signature

<sup>15</sup> Please complete the online form as soon as possible during course selection period in August and/or add/drop period in September. We (or your home faculty) will amend your course selection manually as soon as possible during or after the end of the course selection period. We seek your understanding that we may not be able to answer your course selection enquiries instantly during the course selection period. If you follow our suggestion (see SECTION TWO above) & submit your request form by the deadline, you may assume your request will be accepted. Please check and ensure your enrolment record is in good order.

The enrolment limit is 36 credits for each semester one and two. If you require our help to update your enrolment, please make sure you do not reach the enrolment limit. Students under 5-year integrated double degrees who overload in 2019-20 are still expected to take a minimum of 24 credits in each semester in their final year and spend 5 academic years to complete their integrated degrees.

<sup>16</sup> Please ensure that there is no time clash with other courses and to take note of quota restrictions.

<sup>17</sup> BBA(Law) Y3 students (business stream) who plan to go on law exchange in their fourth year are advised to swap their year 3 free electives for 18 credits of year 4 required law courses, specifically Land law I-II or / and Introduction to Chinese law. BBA(Law) Year 3 students (accounting stream) students who intend to go on law exchange during their Year 4 are allowed to overload Land law I-II or Introduction to Chinese law in their third year.

<sup>18</sup> GL students are grant applications to do up to 12 credits of Introduction to Chinese Law, Business Associations and / or Commercial Law in Year 3, provided that (i) you have done or will do Global Citizenship / Social Innovation in the summer of Years 1, 2 or 3 thus freeing up to 12 credits during the main terms in Year 3; and (ii) you have completed or enrolled in all the compulsory courses for Years 1-3.

<sup>19</sup> Please complete the online form as soon as possible during course selection period in August and/or add/drop period September. The Department will forward your request to respective Programme Director(s) for consideration. Due to overwhelming enquires from students during course selection period, please submit your explanation as soon as possible and allow us at least 2-3 weeks to respond to your application.

**Appendix H [SAMPLE FORM]**

Department of Law  
The University of Hong Kong

Completion of pre-requisite(s) requirement(s)**Personal particulars:**

Name:	Student no.:
Programme & Year:	Email address:
Mobile no.:	Exchange duration:
Exchange institution:	

**I have taken the following pre-requisite(s) on exchange (please tick “√” as appropriate):**

	<u>HKU courses</u>	<u>Equivalent course(s) that you have taken &amp; passed on exchange</u>
	Business Associations	
	Commercial Law	
	Criminal Law	

**Subject to availability of places, I would like to take the following law elective(s) in the academic year 2021-22:-**

	Course code and course title
1	
2	

**Notes:**

1. Please complete the application form and return it together with a copy of exchange academic transcript to [lawpaper@hku.hk](mailto:lawpaper@hku.hk) as soon as possible during course selection period in August and/or add/drop period in September. Subject to availability of places, we (or your home faculty) will amend your course selection manually as soon as possible during or after the end of the course selection period. Due to manpower constraints, we are unable to answer all your course enrolment enquiries. Please check and ensure your enrolment record is in good order.
2. The enrolment limit is 36 credits for each semester one and two. If you require our help to update your enrolment, please make sure you have not reached the enrolment limit.
3. Please ensure that there is no time clash with other courses and to take note of quota restrictions.

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Date

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Signature