



**Incoming Exchange Students
2025-26
Guidelines for the Selection of Courses
(JD students from North America)**

Please read these guidelines before making your course selection.

1. Standard Workload

Our standard workload for all exchange students is a total 30-36 credits per semester, consisting of 6-credit and 9-credit courses. Students may opt for a different workload but must obtain prior written approval from their home university and send the request to the Faculty of Law via lcreg@hku.hk for consideration.

2. Online Course Selection

Initial Round of Course Selection (July 23 - 30, 2025):

For the academic year of 2025-2026, the courses offered to exchange students are listed in Appendix A. **You should not select courses not listed in Appendix A.** You may indicate your preferences via our course selection system:

Please [click the link here](#) and then click “Retrieve password here” for the first-time login. Then, use your reference number (1350XXXXXX) in the offer email or page 2 of the admission letter for the field of “Application Number”. The password will be sent to your email address stated in your application.

Details for each of the offered courses can be found online at
<https://course.law.hku.hk/law-electives/> (for courses with prefix LLAW3xxx)
<https://course.law.hku.hk/llm/> (for courses with prefix LLAW6xxx)

Course selection will start at **10:00 am on Monday July 28, 2025 (HK Time, UTC +08:00)** and end at **4:00 pm on Monday August 4, 2025 (HK Time, UTC +08:00)**.

Course availability varies from year to year subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrolment, and we may not be able to accommodate all your course enrolment requests. Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. **You will be notified of the result of your course enrolments via email on August 11 - 15, 2025.**

You can only select law courses in the initial round of course selection. If you intend to take a Chinese language course, you may select the course during the Main Round of Course Selection (August 19 – 25, 2025) or the Course Add/Drop Period (September 1 – 15, 2025). If you intend to take a non-law course offered by other departments, please send your request together with the written approvals from your home university and the course coordinator/teacher offering the non-law course to lcreg@hku.hk.

Main Round of Course Selection

You will be asked to do a master registration online in mid-August 2024 (exact date to be announced) to activate your HKU Portal account and submit a photo for the student registration card. Once you have activated your Portal account, you may amend your course enrolment via HKU Portal. For instructions for master registration and course selection, please [click the link here](#).

3. Course Add/Drop Period :

You may further amend your course selection by adding/dropping courses online (via HKU Portal <https://hkuportal.hku.hk/login.html>).

Late add/drop requests will not be allowed. You are reminded to finalise your course selection before the end of amendment period on **September 15, 2025**. The add/drop period for intensive courses is the first two classes of the course.

Please note the following table for schedule of main round of course selection and course add/drop period:

| | Main round of course selection via HKU Portal | | Course add/drop period via HKU Portal | |
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| | Start | End | Start | End |
| Courses with prefix LLAW3XXX (6-credit courses) | August 19, 2025 (Tuesday) 10:00 | August 25, 2025 (Monday) 16:00 | September 1, 2025 (Monday) 10:00 | September 15, 2025 (Monday) 16:00 |
| Courses with prefix LLAW6XXX (9-credit courses) | n/a – only can register during add/drop period | | September 8, 2025 (Monday) 10:00 | September 15, 2025 (Monday) 09:00 |

4. Request for Special Consideration

If any undergraduate student has a strong desire to take a law course not offered in Appendix A, you may apply in writing for special consideration to lcreg@hku.hk. Please include the following information in your application:

- Your home university's consent.
- The course you wish to take.
- The reasons for your request for special consideration.
- Any supporting information that demonstrates your eligibility to take the course.

Please note that special consideration will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. In exercising its discretion, the Faculty will take into account factors including but not limited to: the academic performance of the student, the nature of the course, course quota, availability of similar content in other courses, relevant background of the student, evidence of student interest and reason(s) for taking the course.

Things to note

1. Please check the class timetable in <https://dm.law.hku.hk/timetables/> for any schedule clash.
2. Should any of your courses include tutorials, you will be invited to sign up for tutorial groups in early September. Please check your HKU emails regularly for notifications.
3. Course availability varies from year to year subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrolment. Students are advised to check regularly on HKU Portal for the confirmed enrollment status.
4. Some courses will be assessed on a pass/fail basis. Please check with your home institution if you require credit or grade transfer for these courses.
5. Some classes, especially those offering in Semester 2, might have an intensive teaching schedule and teach outside the regular semester schedule. Please check the teaching period, especially if you intend to travel during semester break.

Appendix A

INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2025-26

Electives offered to JD students from North America

[Subject to subsequent changes: last updated July 24, 2025]

To be offered in Semester 1 of AY2025-2026

Each of the courses listed below carries 6 credits

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| LLAW3151 | Advanced seminar in law and technology |
| LLAW3244 | Alternative finance |
| LLAW3140 | Animal law |
| LLAW3164 | Arbitration and conflict of laws in Greater China |
| LLAW3125 | Comparative constitutional law |
| LLAW3123 | Competition law I |
| LLAW3124 | Competition law II |
| LLAW3200 | Copyright and creativity |
| LLAW3258 | Financial regulations and compliance |
| LLAW3259 | Innovation, creativity and ethics for globalized legal practice |
| LLAW3034 | Labour law |
| LLAW3295 | Law and government |
| LLAW3239 | Law and social justice at the intersections: gender, race, religion and sexuality |
| LLAW3254 | Law, innovation, technology, entrepreneurship: tech startup law |
| LLAW3255 | LITE lab: emerging technology and business models (undergraduate) # |
| LLAW3075 | Privacy and data protection |
| LLAW3044 | Public international law |
| LLAW3069 | Regulation of financial markets |
| LLAW3055 | Use of Chinese in law I |

Each of the courses listed below carries 9 credits

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| LLAW6022 | Advanced research methodology |
| LLAW6304 | AI and competition Law |
| LLAW6138 | Arbitration law |
| LLAW6024 | Banking law |
| LLAW6025 | China company law and securities regulation |
| LLAW6186 | China trade law |
| LLAW6124 | Communications law |
| LLAW6154 | Competition law I |
| LLAW6155 | Competition Law II |

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| LLAW6101 | Competition, mergers and acquisitions |
| LLAW6223 | Copyright and creativity |
| LLAW6087 | Current issues in insolvency law |
| LLAW6117 | Data protection, cyber security and crime |
| LLAW6088 | Derivatives: law and regulation |
| LLAW6282 | Financial crimes - governance, risk and compliance |
| LLAW6070 | Human rights in the People's Republic of China |
| LLAW6120 | Intellectual property and information technology |
| LLAW6072 | International and regional protection of human rights |
| LLAW6206 | International corporate finance |
| LLAW6182 | International organizations |
| LLAW6280 | Introduction to artificial intelligence and Law |
| LLAW6336 | Law and corporate finance in China |
| LLAW6170 | Law and the internet |
| LLAW6323 | Legal concepts and practical application in financial transactions |
| LLAW6302 | LITE lab: emerging technology and business models # |
| LLAW6337 | Medical malpractice |
| LLAW6242A | Public interest clinic # |

To be offered in Semester 2 of AY2025-2026

Each of the courses listed below carries 6 credits

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| LLAW3015 | Advanced company law |
| LLAW3294 | AI and private law |
| LLAW3289 | Armed conflict, humanitarian law and human rights |
| LLAW3154 | China trade law |
| LLAW3191 | Comparative family law |
| LLAW3016 | Comparative law |
| LLAW3236 | Competition law in the digital economy |
| LLAW3298 | Cross-border legal relations between the mainland and Hong Kong |
| LLAW3220 | Gender, sexuality and the law |
| LLAW3023 | Insolvency law |
| LLAW3024 | Insurance law |
| LLAW3135 | International protection of refugees and displaced persons |
| LLAW3030 | Introduction to private international law (conflict of laws) |
| LLAW3033 | Issues in intellectual property law |
| LLAW3285 | Law and colonialism |
| LLAW3142 | Law and politics of constitutions |
| LLAW3048 | Law of restitution |
| LLAW3233 | Law, history and culture |
| LLAW3296 | Legal drafting for future practitioners |
| LLAW3272 | LITE lab: legal technology and the future of the profession sandbox # |
| LLAW3043 | Principles of family law |

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| LLAW3068 | Rights of the child in international and domestic law |
| LLAW3277B | Seminars in private law |
| LLAW3113 | Topics in technology law |

Each of the courses listed below carries 9 credits

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| LLAW6196 | Preventative law: approaches to conflict prevention and resolution (LLM) |
| LLAW6333 | AI and private Law |
| LLAW6058 | Armed conflict, humanitarian law and human rights |
| LLAW6334 | Artificial intelligence and digital governance |
| LLAW6212 | China intellectual property law |
| LLAW6185 | China investment law |
| LLAW6003 | Civil and commercial law in the People's Republic of China |
| LLAW6238 | Comparative arbitration in Asia |
| LLAW6114 | Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong (in Putonghua) |
| LLAW6194 | Competition law in the digital economy |
| LLAW6060 | Current issues in human rights |
| LLAW6325 | Digital transformation of legal services |
| LLAW6063 | Equality and non-discrimination |
| LLAW6174 | Family mediation |
| LLAW6034 | Human rights in Hong Kong |
| LLAW6068 | Human rights: history, theory and politics |
| LLAW6107 | Insurance law |
| LLAW6195 | Intellectual property and competition in the digital economy |
| LLAW6188 | Intellectual property policy and practice |
| LLAW6132 | International and comparative intellectual property law |
| LLAW6037 | International environmental law |
| LLAW6294 | International Investment: structuring, protecting, and resolving related Disputes |
| LLAW6073 | International protection of refugees and displaced persons |
| LLAW6227 | Introduction to private international law (Conflict of laws) |
| LLAW6239 | Law and regulation of private banking and wealth management I |
| LLAW6308 | Law and society in China |
| LLAW6256 | Law of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing and compliance issues |
| LLAW6055 | Law of international finance |
| LLAW6342 | Law of the sea |
| LLAW6312 | Legal and regulatory aspects of financial risk management |
| LLAW6340 | Legal pluralism in Hong Kong |
| LLAW6302B | LITE lab: emerging technology and business models # |
| LLAW6181 | Management and commercialization of Intellectual property |
| LLAW6272 | Medical law and ethics |
| LLAW6179 | Multiculturalism and the law |
| LLAW6139 | PRC information technology law |
| LLAW6225 | PRC shipping law (in Putonghua) |

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| LLAW6318 | Public health ethics and law |
| LLAW6144 | Rights and remedies in the criminal process |
| LLAW6215 | Seminar on human rights and constitutionalism in Asia |
| LLAW6341 | Sports law |
| LLAW6315 | Theories and methods on law and society |
| LLAW6326 | Topics in technology law |
| LLAW6200 | Trademark law |
| LLAW6339 | Transitional justice |
| LLAW6316 | Transnational criminal law |

Assessed on a pass/fail basis