



**Incoming Exchange Students
2026-27
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 24 – August 3, 2026)

For the academic year of 2026-2027, 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 courses offered 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 Friday July 24, 2026 (HK Time, UTC +08:00)** and end at **10:00 am on Monday, August 3, 2026 (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 10 - 14, 2026.**

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 18 – 24, 2026) or the Course Add/Drop Period (September 1 – 15, 2026). 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 (August 18 – 24, 2026)

The main round of course selection will commence at **10:00am on August 18, 2026 (HK Time)** and end at **4:00 pm on August 24, 2026 (HK Time)**.

You will be asked to do a master registration online in mid-August 2026 (exact date to be announced) to activate your HKU Portal account and to 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 finalize your course selection before the end of amendment period on **September 15, 2026**. 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	
	Start	End	Start	End
Courses with prefix LLAW3XXX (6-credit courses)	August 18, 2026 10:00	August 24, 2026 16:00	September 1, 2026 10:00	September 15, 2026 09:00
Courses with prefix LLAW6XXX (9-credit courses)	n/a – only can register during add/drop period		September 8, 2026 10:00	

4. Request for Special Consideration

If any undergraduate student has a strong desire to take a course not offered in Appendix A, you may apply in writing for special to lcreg@hku.hk by Monday August 3, 2026. 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/> (available from Late July, 2026) 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.
6. Students admitted to the Faculty of Law can only select up to 12 credits of non-law courses (i.e. two courses) per semester.

Appendix A

INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2026-27 Electives offered to JD students from North America

[Subject to subsequent changes: last updated July 21, 2026]

To be offered in Semester 1 of AY 2026-2027

Each of the courses listed below carries 6 credits

LLAW3151	Advanced seminar in law and technology
LLAW3265	Advanced seminars in trust and equity
LLAW3244	Alternative finance
LLAW3140	Animal law
LLAW3164	Arbitration and conflict of laws in Greater China
LLAW3125	Comparative constitutional law
LLAW3123	Competition law I
LLAW3254	Law, innovation, technology, entrepreneurship: tech startup law
LLAW3255	LITE lab: emerging technology and business models
LLAW3040	Medico-legal issues
LLAW3043	Principles of family law
LLAW3075	Privacy and data protection
LLAW3055	Use of Chinese in law I

Each of the courses listed below carries 9 credits

LLAW6329	Admiralty law and practice
LLAW6022	Advanced research methodology
LLAW6304	AI and competition law
LLAW6334A	Artificial intelligence and digital governance
LLAW6185	China investment law
LLAW6124	Communications law
LLAW6154	Competition law I
LLAW6155	Competition law II
LLAW6082	Corporate governance and shareholder remedies
LLAW6088	Derivatives: law and regulation
LLAW6348	Equality rights in China (in Putonghua)
LLAW6282	Financial crimes - governance, risk and compliance
LLAW6287	Fintech finance
LLAW6132	International and comparative intellectual property law
LLAW6072	International and regional protection of human rights
LLAW6206	International corporate finance
LLAW6170	Internet and social media law and policy

LLAW6280	Introduction to artificial intelligence and law
LLAW6336	Law and corporate finance in China
LLAW6308	Law and society in China
LLAW6299	Law and wealth management
LLAW6323	Legal concepts and practical application in financial transactions
LLAW6302	LITE lab: emerging technology and business models
LLAW6328	Maritime arbitration law
LLAW6350	Shipowner's liabilities
LLAW6341	Sports law
LLAW6096	Topical issues in international tax and tax planning
LLAW6316	Transnational criminal law

To be offered in Semester 2 of AY 2026-2027

Each of the courses listed below carries 6 credits

LLAW3294	AI and private law
LLAW3154	China trade law
LLAW3023	Insolvency law
LLAW3027	International organisations
LLAW3033	Issues in intellectual property law
LLAW3034	Labour law
LLAW3295	Law and government
LLAW3142	Law and politics of constitutions
LLAW3048	Law of restitution
LLAW3272	LITE lab: legal technology and the future of the profession sandbox
LLAW3146	Multiculturalism and the law
LLAW3030	Private international law (the conflict of laws)
LLAW3044	Public international law
LLAW3045	Remedies*
LLAW3251	The beginnings of English law and literature

* Intensive teaching during March 2027 (within normal semester)

Each of the courses listed below carries 9 credits

LLAW6333	AI and private law
LLAW6344	China AI governance in a comparative perspective
LLAW6025	China company law
LLAW6343	China data protection law
LLAW6139	China information technology and electronic commerce law
LLAW6212	China intellectual property law
LLAW6186	China trade law
LLAW6003	Civil and commercial law in China
LLAW6238	Comparative arbitration in Asia

LLAW6251	Comparative property and trust law ~
LLAW6345	Competition law and labour
LLAW6264	Competition law and policy in China
LLAW6194	Competition law in the digital economy
LLAW6254	Compliance: regulation in practice
LLAW6335	Constitutional and administrative law in China
LLAW6332	Contemporary topics in maritime law
LLAW6114	Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong (in Putonghua)
LLAW6127	Current issues in financial law
LLAW6087	Current issues in insolvency law
LLAW6117	Data protection, cyber security and crime
LLAW6090	Economic foundations of competition law
LLAW6347	Emerging issues in compliance in a global context
LLAW6063	Equality and non-discrimination
LLAW6188	Global intellectual property litigation
LLAW6181	Global intellectual property transactions
LLAW6307	Hong Kong National Security Law in comparative perspective
LLAW6070	Human rights in China
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
LLAW6037	International environmental law
LLAW6294	International investment: structuring, protecting, and resolving related disputes
LLAW6073	International protection of refugees and displaced persons
LLAW6239	Law and regulation of private banking and wealth management
LLAW6256	Law of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing and compliance issues
LLAW6055	Law of international finance
LLAW6312	Legal and regulatory aspects of financial risk management
LLAW6302	LITE lab: emerging technology and business models
LLAW6272	Medical law and ethics
LLAW6224	Mergers and acquisitions
LLAW6196	Preventative law: approaches to conflict prevention and resolution
LLAW6227	Private International Law (the conflict of laws)
LLAW6318	Public health ethics and law
LLAW6109	Public international law
LLAW6093E	Regulation of financial markets
LLAW6357	Selected topics in international and comparative law
LLAW6215	Seminar on human rights and constitutionalism in Asia
LLAW6330	Shipping finance law
LLAW6306	The economic analysis of law
LLAW6315	Theories and methods on law and society
LLAW6326	Topics in technology law
LLAW6339	Transitional justice

~ Intensive teaching during April 2027 (within normal semester)