The University of Hong Kong

**FACULTY OF LAW**
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# 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 27 – 31, 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 Monday July 27, 2026 (HK Time, UTC +08:00) and end at 4:00 pm on Friday July 31, 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).

**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:**

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<tr><td></td><td colspan="2">Main round of course selection via HKU Portal</td><td colspan="2">Course add/drop period via HKU Portal</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Start</td><td>End</td><td>Start</td><td>End</td></tr>
<tr><td>Courses with prefix LLAW3XXX (6-credit courses)</td><td>August 18, 2026 10:00</td><td>August 24, 2026 16:00</td><td>September 1, 2026 10:00</td><td rowspan="2">September 15, 2026 09:00</td></tr>
<tr><td>Courses with prefix LLAW6XXX (9-credit courses)</td><td colspan="2">n/a – only can register during add/drop period</td><td>September 8, 2026 10:00</td></tr>
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### 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/ (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 15, 2026]

## To be offered in Semester 1 of AY 2026-2027

### Each of the courses listed below carries 6 credits

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| 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 |
| LLAW3295 | Law and government |
| 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

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| 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 |

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|---|---|
| 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**

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| LLAW3294 | AI and private law |
| LLAW3154 | China trade law |
| LLAW3023 | Insolvency law |
| LLAW3027 | International organisations |
| LLAW3033 | Issues in intellectual property law |
| LLAW3034 | Labour law |
| 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**

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| 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 |

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| 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 in April 2027, within normal semester.