

The University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Law

Guidelines for the selection of courses offered in 2026-27

(Subject to further revision)

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**¹ or **declare a minor** in another discipline. However, students undertaking the LLB degree within the Faculty of Law are not permitted to declare a second major. This policy is in place to ensure that students can fully engage with and succeed in the highly structured, rigorous LLB curriculum. 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 (ie, first year students) may select their courses from **10:00 am, 18 August (Tuesday) to 4:00 pm, 24 August 2026 (Monday)**. For current students, the HKU Portal course selection system will open from **10:00 am, on 4 August 2026 (Tuesday)** and the system will close automatically at **4:00 pm, 10 August 2026 (Monday)**.

Both freshmen and current students may subsequently add / drop courses online from **10:00 am, 1 September (Tuesday) to 4:00pm, 15 September 2026 (Tuesday)**. Late add / drop requests will not be allowed under normal circumstances. You are reminded to finalise your course selection before the end of the add-drop period. Any change of course enrolment request after the add/drop period will not be considered.

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 semester and second semester courses	Freshmen admitted in AY 2026-27	18-24 Aug 2026	1-15 Sept 2026 (for first semester courses) <u>and</u> 18 Jan - 1 Feb 2027 (for second semester courses)
	Current students	4-10 Aug 2026	
Summer semester courses	Freshmen and current students (Except for final year students)	18 Jan - 1 Feb 2027 <u>and</u> 14-21 Jun 2027	18 Jan - 1 Feb 2027 <u>and</u> 14-21 Jun 2027

¹ The option of gaining a law specialization is only applicable to LLB.

2. You may, of your own volition, take additional credits² not exceeding 6 credits in each semester,³ and / or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year (inclusive of the summer semester). 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(s) should take this matter into account and plan ahead.

This policy allows LLB students some flexibility to gain a law specialisation or declare a minor (but not a major) in another discipline. Students who overload in 2026-27 are still expected to take a minimum of 24 credits in each of their subsequent semesters and spend four (4) academic years (8 semesters) to complete their LLB degree.

Likewise, students under 5-year integrated double degrees who overload in 2026-27 are still expected to take a minimum of 24 credits in each of their subsequent semesters and spend five (5) academic years (10 semesters) to complete their integrated double degrees.

3. The course list for the academic year of 2026-27 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/regulations/>. Unless otherwise pre-approved by a Programme Director or the Director of Exchange, students must follow the normal sequence of study. Please refer to:

Appendix A:	BA & LLB Programme
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² 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.

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

Additional information for freshmen (first year students)

5. Freshmen are required to follow the prescribed order of studies. Requests for changing the prescribed order of studies are generally not approved. Please refer to relevant regulations and syllabuses <https://dm.law.hku.hk/regulations/> or the appendixes below for more information.
6. Students select courses via the Student Information System (SIS) - see [Course Selection Demonstration](#) to get a quick idea on how to select courses via SIS.
7. Unless otherwise indicated by course teachers, lectures normally start in the first week of each semester, while tutorials normally start from the second week of each semester. Students will be invited to select their preferred tutorial group(s) in the first week of each semester - further details will be announced via email in due course.
8. LLB students may go on exchange either in their third or fourth years. Students under integrated double-degree programmes wishing to go on law exchange normally do so in their fourth or fifth years. Year one students do not have a pressing need to overload or change their sequence of study to facilitate exchange.

Additional information for final year students

9. Final year students are not allowed to take summer course(s).⁴ This is to ensure their timely graduation and admission to the PCLL programme.
10. 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 in the online form via Moodle before the end of the add/drop period of the first semester to notify us of your intention.
11. Final year students who are unable to graduate within the normal period of study (ie. four (4) academic years (8 semesters) for the LLB Programme and five (5) academic years (10 semesters) for Integrated double-degree programmes) due to exchange or other 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, save in exceptional circumstances. They are also required to pay composition fees for the additional semester(s).

⁴ Except students who need to overload to satisfy graduation requirements.

Additional information for students under integrated double-degree or dual degree programmes

12. **Changing of sequence of study of law course(s):** Students who wish to change their order of study to facilitate exchange should normally follow our recommendation(s) for change of order and complete the [online form](#) (see also appendix H for reference) **by August 16, 2026**. Due to overwhelming enquires during the course selection period, we seek your understanding and patience if we are unable to answer all your course selection enquiries instantly. If you follow our recommendation(s) and submit your request form by the stipulated deadline, you may assume our approval. Your home faculty will enroll your course(s) manually as early as possible. Please be reminded to double-check your course enrolment is in order.

For students admitted to integrated double-degree or dual degree programmes in 2024-25 and thereafter, courses satisfying the **law capstone curriculum requirement** and, where applicable, the **designated disciplinary elective curriculum requirement**, must normally be taken in either year four or year five. Students planning exchange should carefully plan completion of these graduation requirements.

13. **Opting out from LLB Programme:** Students under any one of our integrated 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.

14. **Interdisciplinary electives taken by BA&LLB students:** some interdisciplinary courses have more than one course code, plan carefully and select correct course code. Taking HKGS2013/LALS3008/LLAW3233 Law, History and Culture as an example, if you enroll in:

HKGS2013 - the course will count as your free elective;

LALS3008 - the course will count as your LALS elective; and

LLAW3233 - the course will count as your law elective.

Additional information for students who are under single LLB programme

15. **Designated research course (DRC) and Designated Disciplinary Elective (DDE) graduation requirements:** All students in the single LLB programme must take at least one law elective which is a designated research course (DRC) to fulfil the graduation requirements. You 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 – provided your research is on substantive law and requires a paper of 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.

In addition, all students admitted to the single LLB programme **in AY2024-25 and thereafter** must complete at least one 6-credit course from the list of **designated disciplinary electives** to fulfil their graduation requirements.

16. **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 may apply for an exemption, but must take a 6-credit course in either Chinese language or Chinese culture offered by the School of Chinese in lieu.

Other course arrangements applicable to all students

17. **Course enrolment limit:** You are only allowed to select up to 36 credits and must take not fewer than 24 credits in any semester (except summer semester).⁵
18. **Course pre-requisites:** For those students who went on exchange in previous years, please note the course selection system does not recognize your successful completion of course pre-requisites (for example: Business Associations, 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 I**) 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 an integrated double degree) shall enroll you in the course(s) manually.
19. **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 Faculty via the Assistant Dean (Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Programmes), parts I and II of full-year courses must be completed during the same academic year.

⁵ Except students admitted in 2024-25 or before under HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme who are required to take 84 credits each year in their 3rd and 4th years.

20. **LLM electives:** senior year LLB students⁶ are allowed to take certain LLM courses by enrolling in relevant cross-listed LLAW3XXX courses as law electives.

However, enrolment in such cross-listed LLM courses via LLAW3XXX coded courses is subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) students must have a CGPA of 3.3 or higher at the point of enrolment;
- (b) no more than 2 such courses may be taken during undergraduate studies; and
- (c) enrolment is subject to places being available in the LLM course.

Please refer to the courses listed in the syllabus for the degree of LLB as ‘advanced disciplinary electives’.

21. **PCLL pre-requisites:** For the purpose of PCLL admissions, you must comply with any requirements as may be specified in the PCLL regulations from time to time.
22. **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 their final year.
23. **Capstone requirement:** Students who commenced their LLB or integrated double-degree or dual-degree studies prior to 2024-25 **must complete LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution** as their capstone requirement. For students who commenced in 2024-25 and thereafter, this course is one of the courses students can take to satisfy their law capstone requirement. The mooting course carries 6 credits and is a full-year course. It comprises three components: students must (i) attend at least 2 out of 3 compulsory lectures which will take place throughout September-October, (ii) attend a two-hour coaching session which will take place during October–November, and (iii) participate in a Moot in February -April (dates to be determined). Course credits for this mooting course will count towards second semester, please take this into account when you plan for your course selection.
24. **Introduction to Chinese Legal System:** The “regular” Introduction to Chinese Legal System course will be offered in the second semester. Depending on the situation and student interest, we may offer an “intensive” Introduction to Chinese Legal System in the winter and summer. Details will be announced in due course.

⁶ LLB3-4 and Double-degree 4-5 students.

25. **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 between compulsory courses and PCLL pre-requisites, we seek your advance understanding that some minor clashes with popular law and non-law electives are inevitable. Please be flexible in your course selections.
26. **Course cancellation policy:** To ensure teaching manpower is allocated in an efficient manner, the Faculty may sometimes have to cancel elective courses with insufficient enrolment numbers. 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.
27. **Course add/drop arrangements:** An enrolment quota is set for each elective, and the SIS course enrolment system will not accept your enrolment once all 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 the course, the available spot will be allocated to the first student who adds it via the Portal). 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 pedagogical constraints.
28. **Special enrolment requests from students:** Enrolment requests which deviate from the Regulations and Syllabuses (for instances: requests for overloading / underloading, and requests for changing order of study to facilitate exchange etc) are considered by Programme Director(s) and the Assistant Dean (Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Programmes) on a case-by-case basis. When your request involves non-law courses or if you are an integrated 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

29. 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.
30. For students who are under integrated double-degree programmes, please note your application for leave for Year 4 and Year 5 is determined by the Faculty of Law.

31. A student who desires leave of absence for more than two full consecutive days is required to apply for leave of absence.
32. Students who intend to apply for a gap semester / year to take up full-time internships, please also refer to the [application form](#) for more information.

Specialization (applicable to LLB, HKU-UCL and HKU-PKU dual degree students)

33. The Faculty of law offers three streams of law specialization: (i) Chinese law, (ii) Commercial, corporate and financial law; and (iii) International trade and economic law (ITEL). Due to resource constraints, not all specializations are necessarily on offer every year. Students who intend to gain a specialization 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. Please refer to the courses listed in the syllabus for the degree of LLB.

Minor

34. 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 their 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.
35. List of minors can be found at: <https://aas.hku.hk/list-of-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) of Faculty of Law for assistance.

Appendix A - BA&LLB Programme

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

For First Year students:

<u>Your year of admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (57 credits)</u> • 2 x Introductory literary studies electives • 1 x Any courses offered in the Faculty of Arts • Law of contract I-II • The Legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Criminal Law I-II • Legal research and writing • Academic communication in english (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits)

For Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Year students:

<u>Your year of admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (63 credits)</u> • 2 x Introductory literary studies electives • Law of tort I-II • Constitutional law • Administrative law • Introduction to law and literary studies • 3 x Common core courses • <u>Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits)</u>
2024-25	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • 2 x Advanced literary studies electives • 1 x Advanced interdisciplinary elective • Business associations • Commercial law • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Land law I-II • Practical Chinese for double degree law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu) • 1 x Common core course

2023-24 and 2022-23	<u>Year 4 & 5 (60 credits for each academic year)⁷</u> • 3 x Advanced literary studies electives • 1 x Advanced interdisciplinary core course • 1 x Advanced interdisciplinary elective • Commercial law • Business associations • Introduction to legal theory • Equity & trusts I-II • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • 3 x Law disciplinary electives • 6 x Free electives
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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 notes in mind as you plan your sequence of courses at HKU. Most of the notes relate to moving courses around between different years so as to free up space for exchange in Year 4.

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 the graduation requirements (UG5) by the University, students, who are admitted from the academic year 2025-26 and thereafter, are required to complete a non-credit bearing Academic Communication in English course (if not exempted) and two 3-credit artificial intelligence literacy courses.

To the extent possible, you should take at least 6 credits of Year 3 University Requirements in Year 2. For example, you could take Practical Chinese for Double Degree Law 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 seek prior approval. Please email Ms Nicole Wong at nicolewng@hku.hk for assistance).

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

In Year 4 (the year abroad):

- (i) You should try to take Introduction to Legal Theory (6 credits) or an equivalent while you are abroad;
- (ii) If you go on a full-year exchange: you should try to take Equity and Trusts I-II (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) 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.

Appendix B - BBA(Law)&LLB Programme

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

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

For First Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (57 credits)</u> • Academic communication in english (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits) • 1 x Common core course [Yr 1 or Yr 2] • 3 x Business / Accounting courses • Law of contract I-II • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Criminal Law I-II • Legal research and writing [Yr 1 or Yr 2]

For Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (63 credits)</u> • 3 or 4 x Common core courses • Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits) • 4 x Business / Accounting courses • Law of tort I-II • Legal research and writing [Yr 1 or Yr 2]
2024-25	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • Practical Chinese for double degree law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu) • 3 x Business courses + 2 Free electives / 5 x Accounting courses • Commercial law • Business associations • Constitutional law • Administrative law
2023-24 and 2022-23	<u>Year 4 & 5 (60 credits for each academic year)⁸</u> • 3 x Business courses / 6 x Accounting courses • Criminal law I-II • Introduction to Chinese legal system

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

	• Land law I-II • Introduction to legal theory • Equity & trusts I-II • Mooting and dispute resolution (Capstone) • 5 x Law disciplinary electives • 3 x Free electives (For business stream)
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Guidance Notes for Exchange: BBA(Law)&LLB students:

BBA(Law)&LLB students who 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 I&II, Constitutional law, Administrative law and Introduction to Chinese legal system. Since your law 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)&LLB Year 3 students (business stream) who plan to go on law exchange in Year 4 are advised to swap their Year 3 free electives with 18 credits of Year 4 required law courses, specifically Land law I-II or / and Introduction to Chinese Legal System. BBA(Law)&LLB Year 3 students (accounting stream) students who plan to go on law exchange in Year 4 are allowed to enroll in Land law I-II or Introduction to Chinese legal system in Year 3.

BBA(Law) Year 2 students (both business stream and accounting stream) who plan to go on law exchange in their Year 4 may take Constitutional law, if necessary.

Appendix C - BSc&LLB Programme

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

<https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/syllabuses>)

For First Year students:

<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (57 credits)</u> • Academic communication in English (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits) • 2 x Introductory disciplinary courses • 1 x Interdisciplinary core course • Law of contract I-II • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Criminal law I-II • Legal research and writing

For Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Year students:

<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (63 credits)</u> • 4 x Introductory disciplinary courses • 2 x Common core courses • Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits) • Constitutional law • Administrative law • Law of tort I-II
2024-25	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • 1 x Introductory disciplinary + 2 x Advanced disciplinary courses or 2 x Introductory disciplinary courses + 1 x Advanced disciplinary courses • Practical Chinese for double degree law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu) • 1 x Common core course • Business associations • Commercial law • Land law I-II • Introduction to Chinese legal system

2023-24 and 2022-23	<u>Year 4 & 5 (120 credits; 60 credits for each academic year) ⁹</u> • 7 x Advanced disciplinary courses or 1 x Introductory disciplinary course + 6 x Advanced disciplinary courses • 1 x Interdisciplinary core course • 2 x Law and science interdisciplinary electives • 1 x Common core course • Business associations • Commercial law • Equity and trusts I-II • Introduction to legal theory • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • 3 x Law disciplinary electives
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⁹ Students may choose to take the courses either in their Year 4 or Year 5.

Appendix D - BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB Programme

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

<https://web.socsc.hku.hk/bachelors-regulations-and-syllabuses/>)

Important note to Year 4-5 students: SSGL5(g) stipulates that: “Candidates shall normally enrol in not more than 108 credits of introductory courses”. If you intend to take any introductory elective(s) in the last two years of your study, it/they will be counted as additional course(s) on top of your standard study load of 300 credits.

For First Year students:

<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (57-63 credits)</u> • Academic communication in English (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits) • 1 or 2 x Common core course(s) • Making sense of politics • 1 x Introductory course for Major in PPA • Law of contract I-II • The Legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Criminal Law I-II • Legal research and writing

For Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Year students:

<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (57-63 credits)</u> • Research methods • 2 x PPA gateway courses • Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits) • 2 or 3 x Common core courses • Law of tort I-II • Constitutional law • Administrative law
2024-25	<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • 3 x PPA electives • Global citizenship / Social innovation (12 credits)¹⁰ • Practical Chinese for double degree law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu)

¹⁰ Students can take Global Citizenship / Social Innovation in Year 3 or Year 4.

	• Business associations • Commercial law • Land law I-II
2023-24 and 2022-23	<u>Year 4 and 5 (120 credits, 60 credits per year)</u> • 5 x PPA electives • PPA capstone • 2 x Free electives • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Introduction to legal theory • Commercial law • Business associations • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • Equity & trusts I-II • 5 x law disciplinary electives •

Guidance Notes for Exchange: BSocSc(Govt&Laws) students:

1. If students need to go on half-year exchange in Years 2 or 3, they will need to take 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 take full-year law courses if not already completed (eg. Law of tort, Criminal law and Land law).
2. 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.
3. To go on Social Sciences exchange in Year 2, students should take all the gateway courses and all Year 3 PPA courses at the visited institution in order to satisfy the Politics part of the curricula in Years 2 & 3.

On their return in Year 3, students pursuing the double degree will need to take all law courses, 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).

4. The Faculty of Law does not offer an exchange programme for GLaw students in Years 2 or 3. In principle, however, the Law Faculty allows Years 2 or 3 students to transfer up to 12 law 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 Faculty of Social Sciences 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 Faculty of Social Sciences they should indicate clearly that they wish to transfer law credits and what those law courses and credits are. The Faculty of Social Sciences will seek our Faculty's endorsement for transferring those law credits.

5. Students pursuing the integrated double degree can go on law exchange in Years 4 or 5. Applications to go on Law exchange should be submitted to the Law Faculty.
6. To go on Law exchange in Year 4 or 5, students pursuing the integrated double-degree should:
 - complete 12-credits of Global Citizenship or Social Innovation through internship in the summer of Year 2
 - for students entering Year 3 in 2026-27, take Land Law I&II, and Introduction to Chinese Legal System 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 Chinese language course in Years 4 or 5
 - aim at taking Introduction to legal theory, Equity & trusts 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 Faculty (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 Faculty of Law 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 Faculty of Law they should indicate clearly that they wish to transfer PPA credits and what those PPA courses and credits are. The Faculty of Law will seek the PPA Department's endorsement for transferring those PPA credits.
 - take Mooting and Dispute Resolution in Years 4 or 5, during the year they are in Hong Kong.
7. In Years 1-3, applications for changing the order of studies (whether in PPA or Law courses) should be made to the Faculty of Social Sciences, which will seek the endorsement from the Faculty of Law in cases involving proposed changes in the sequence of law studies. In Years 4-5, applications for changing the order of studies (whether in PPA or Law courses) should be made to the Faculty of Law, which will seek the PPA Department's endorsement in cases involving proposed changes in the sequence of PPA studies.

8. Students are reminded that whatever study plans they have in mind, they need to fulfil the curriculum requirements set out in the relevant Regulations applicable to them, including that they should take no fewer than 24 credits in any one semester.

Appendix E - LLB Programme

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

For First Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (57 credits)</u> • Academic communication in English (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits) • 3 x Common core courses • Law of contract I-II • Criminal law I-II • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Legal research and writing

For Second, Third and Fourth Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (63credits)</u> • Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits) • 3 x Common core courses • Law of tort I-II • Constitutional law • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Land law I-II • Administrative law
2024-25	<u>Years 3 and 4 (120 credits, 60 credits per year)</u> • Commercial law • Introduction to legal theory • Business associations • Equity and trusts I-II • Capstone course • 7 x Disciplinary electives (including a designated disciplinary elective and a designated research course) • 6 x Free electives (law or non-law courses) • Practical Chinese for law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu)

2023-24	<u>Years 3 and 4 (120 credits, 60 credits per year)</u> • Commercial law • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Introduction to legal theory • Business associations • Administrative law • Equity and trusts I-II • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • 5 x Disciplinary electives • 6 x Free electives • Practical Chinese for law students
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Course selection advice for LLB3-4 students: students 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:

For students admitted in 2024-25

<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • <u>Commercial law</u> • <u>Introduction to legal theory</u> • <u>Business associations</u> • <u>Practical Chinese for law students</u> • <u>18 credits of law electives</u> • <u>18 credits of free electives</u>	<u>Year 4 (60 credits)</u> • <u>Equity and trusts I-II</u> • <u>Capstone course</u> • <u>24 credits of law electives</u> • <u>18 credits of free elective</u>
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For students admitted in 2023-24 and before

<u>Year 3 (60 credits)</u> • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Commercial law • Business associations • Administrative law • Practical Chinese for law students • [Land law III]¹¹ • (Introduction to legal theory¹² + 18 credits of electives) OR (24 credits of electives)	<u>Year 4 (60 credits)</u> • Equity and trusts I-II • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • [Evidence] • (Introduction to legal theory + 30 credits of electives) OR (36 credits of electives)
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¹¹ Courses put in square brackets are PCLL pre-requisites.

¹² There is no pedagogical reason favouring taking Introduction to legal theory in any of the two upper years

Appendix F – HKU-UCL Dual Degree Programme

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

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2024-25 (UCL Y1) / 2026-27 (HKU Y3) and 2023-24 (UCL Y2) / 2025-26 (HKU Y4)	<u>Years 3 and 4 (168 credits, 84 credits per year)</u> • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Constitutional law • Commercial law • Business associations • Legal research and writing • Introduction to Chinese legal system • Practical Chinese for law students (or, if exempted, course on Chinese language or culture in lieu) • 5 x Free elective • 4 x Common core courses • Dissertation (12 credits) • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • 7 x Disciplinary electives • HKU legal internship (12 credits)

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:

- The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR (1st sem)
- Constitutional law (1st sem)
- Commercial law (1st sem)
- Legal research and writing (1st sem)
- Practical Chinese for law students (1st sem)
- Introduction to Chinese legal system (2nd sem)
- Business associations (2nd sem)
- HKU legal internship (1st, 2nd and summer sem)

Appendix G – HKU-PKU Dual Degree Programme

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

For HKU students

For First Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2026-27	<u>Year 1 (63 credits)</u> • Academic Communication in English (non-credit bearing) (if not exempted) • Artificial intelligence literacy I (3 credits) • 2 x Common core courses • Law of contract I-II • Criminal law I-II • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Legal research and writing • 1 x Disciplinary elective • Practical Chinese for law students

For Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth Year students:

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2025-26	<u>Year 2 (75 credits)</u> • Artificial intelligence literacy course (3 credits) • Constitutional law • Law of tort I-II • Commercial law • Land law I-II • Business associations • Administrative law • Equity and trusts I-II • 1 x Disciplinary electiveCapstone course
2024-25	<u>Year 3 (first semester) (36 credits)</u> • 6 x Disciplinary electives <u>Year 3 (second semester)</u> Study at PKU

For PKU students

<u>Your Year of Admission</u>	<u>Courses that you should take in 2026-27</u>
2024-25 (PKU Yr 1) / 2026-27 (HKU Yr 3)	<u>Year 3 (first semester)</u> Study at PKU <u>Year 3 (second semester at HKU)(36 credits)</u> • • 3 x Disciplinary electives • Core university English or free elective (if exempted from Core university English) • 2 x Common core courses
2023-24 (PKU Yr 1) / 2026-27 (HKU Yr 4)	<u>Year 4 (66 credits)</u> • Law of contract I-II • Law of tort I-II • Land law I-II • The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR • Legal research and writing • 1 x Disciplinary elective • Constitutional law • Practical Chinese for law students
2022-23 (PKU Yr 1) 2027-28 (HKU Yr 5)	<u>Year 5 (72 credits)</u> • Criminal law I-II • Commercial law • Equity & trusts I-II • Business associations • Mooting and dispute resolution (capstone) • Administrative law • 4 x Disciplinary electives

Appendix H
[SAMPLE FORM for reference only – click
https://hku.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5pXcHKG1gZc4sIe
to submit your application online]

Faculty of Law
The University of Hong Kong

Application for changing of order of study
(Deadline: August 16, 2026)

SECTION ONE: Personal particulars

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

SECTION TWO: Changing of order of study and taking up to 72 credits^{13,14}: In addition to my standard study load (60 credits per academic year), I would like to take the Faculty's recommendation and enroll in the following core law course(s) in 2026-27:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Law course(s) which you are allowed to overload¹⁵</u> (tick "✓" as appropriate)	
BA&LLB Year 3	Commercial Law	
BBA(Law)&LLB Year 2	Constitutional Law	
BBA(Law)&LLB Year 3 ¹⁶ (up to 18 / 12 credits under business / accounting stream)	Land Law I-II	Intro to Chinese Legal System
BSS(GL)&LLB Year 3 ¹⁷ (up to 12 credits)	Intro to Chinese Legal System	Business Associations
		Commercial Law

The total no. of credits you'll take in 2026-27: _____ credits

* Students who will take more than 72 credits in an academic year will not be processed.

Date

Signature

¹³ Please complete the online form by **August 16, 2026**. **Late application will not be entertained**. Your home faculty will enroll your course(s) manually as early as possible. Due to overwhelming enquiries during the course selection period, we seek your understanding that we may not be able to answer your course selection enquiries instantly. **If you follow our suggestion (see SECTION TWO above) & submit your request form by the deadline, you may assume our approval.** Please check and ensure your enrolment record is in order.

The enrolment limit is 36 credits for each semester. Please make sure that you do not reach the enrolment limit. Students of 5-year integrated double degrees who overload in 2026-27 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 double degrees.

¹⁴ For BSc&LLB Year 3 students, the BSc award is subject to one of 11 Science majors. If you wish to request a change in the order of study, please email us at lcreg@hku.hk by August 16, 2026. Your application will be considered case by case. Late application will not be entertained.

¹⁵ Please ensure that there is no time clash with other courses and to take note of quota restrictions.

¹⁶ BBA(Law)&LLB Year 3 students (business stream) who plan to go on law exchange in their Year 4 are advised to swap their Year 3 free electives with 18 credits of Year 4 required law courses, specifically Land law I-II or / and Introduction to Chinese Legal System. BBA(Law)&LLB Year 3 students (accounting stream) students who plan to go on law exchange in Year 4 are allowed to overload Land law I-II or Introduction to Chinese Legal System in Year 3.

¹⁷ GL students are allowed to take **up to 12 credits** of Introduction to Chinese Legal System, Business Associations and / or Commercial Law in Year 3, provided that (i) you have taken or will take 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.

Appendix I [SAMPLE FORM]

Faculty 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 & 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 2026-27:-

	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 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.

Date

Signature