

Guidelines for course selection and enrolment for Taught Postgraduate Programmes | Academic year 2026-27

Part I. Key dates

You must select courses strictly in accordance with the regulations and guidelines set out in the programme syllabus for your intake year. For instance, students admitted in 2026 are required to follow the 2026–27 syllabus as published under [Regulations and Syllabus](#).

First day of teaching, unless specified otherwise for a course on the [timetable](#):

First semester: **September 8, 2026** | Second semester: **January 25, 2027**

Check the new announcements section on the respective course Moodle **regularly** for updates.

Period	Start Date and Time	End Date and Time	End Date and Time
You MUST select courses for the entire academic year during the designated course selection period, and add/drop period below	Courses with prefix LLAW/JDOC6xxx, JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx and JDOC3xxx	Courses with prefix LLAW/JDOC6xxx, JDOC1xxx, JDOC2xxx, and JDOC3xxx	Courses with prefix LLAW1xxx, LLAW2xxx and LLAW3xxx (6-credit courses) are only applicable to MCL students
Course Selection For courses offered in First, Second and June Semester	10 August 2026 (10:00)	14 August 2026 (16:00)	
Semester 1 Add/Drop Period For courses offered in First, Second and June Semester	8 September 2026 (10:00)	15 September 2026 (09:00)	15 September 2026 (16:00)
	17 September 2026 (09:00)	22 September 2026 (16:00)	
Semester 1 Suspension Period No changes are permitted during the suspension period	15 September 2026 (09:00)	17 September 2026 (09:00)	
Semester 2 Add/Drop Period For courses offered in Second and June Semester	25 January 2027 (10:00)	1 February 2027 (09:00)	1 February 2027 (16:00)
	3 February 2027 (09:00)	10 February 2027 (16:00)	
Semester 2 Suspension Period No changes are permitted during the suspension period	1 February 2027 (09:00)	3 February 2027 (09:00)	
June Semester Add/Drop Period For courses offered in June Semester	31 May 2027 (10:00)	7 June 2027 (16:00)	

Part II. Before selecting courses

- Login to the [Student Information System \(SIS\) in HKU Portal](#) according to the above schedule. Click [HERE](#) for the user guide.
- Outstanding payments to HKU will prevent you from course selection and enrolment (Useful link: [Schedule of fees](#)).
- Carefully review regulations on “Completion of Curriculum”, “Selection of Courses”, “Progression in Curriculum”, and “Requirements for Graduation” as outlined in your programme regulations.

Ensure sufficient credits if you wish to enrol in a course offered in the June Semester. Credit loads below or above the limits specified in the regulations and syllabus are not permitted.

For MCL or LLMs programmes:

- Each law course carries 9 credits unless otherwise specified.
- Full-time candidates – A total of 72 credits over one academic year (or 78 credits for MCL or LLM(T&IPL) programme under specific conditions).
- Part-time candidates – A total of 36 credits per academic year and 72 credits in total (or 78 credits for LLM(T&IPL) programme under specific conditions) over two academic years.

For JD programme:

- Each JD course carries 6 credits.
- A total of 144 credits. Year 1 study: Maximum of 66 credits and Year 2 study: Maximum of 78 credits.

[Tips]

- Timetable clashes are not allowed, and no waitlist.
- Check SIS often for real-time updates of course availability.
- If a course is closed, wait until it reopens or select alternative.
- Dropping a course does not guarantee re-enrolment or a place in another course.
- Courses in **Temporary Course List** will **NOT** be counted as successful enrolment on the courses.
- Use “Show Requirement Details” in SIS to ensure graduation requirements are met.

[How it works?]

- Most courses are auto-balloting on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Confirmation appears in SIS within 2-3 minutes. If SIS fails, log out and login again.
- Enrolment is only confirmed when your SIS status is “**Approved**”.
- Teacher approval does not guarantee enrolment, and manual enrolment request will NOT be considered.
- Late add/drop requests after the deadline will NOT be considered.
- Availability depends on programme prerequisites, classroom capacity, and any prioritization that may apply.

Part III. Important notes

1. Attendance requirement (Useful link: [Faculty's policy and guidelines](#))

Attendances at classes in law courses is **compulsory**.

Failure to meet the Faculty's 70% attendance requirement in each course, without prior satisfactory explanation to the course convenor(s), may constitute failure to follow instruction and unsatisfactory performance. This may result in disqualification from examinations or graded assignments, or result in the Faculty late-dropping the course due to non-compliance. In serious cases, failure to follow instruction or unsatisfactory performance may also lead to a recommendation that you discontinue your studies at the Faculty of Law.

If your enrolment in a course is confirmed in SIS but your name does not appear on the course attendance list at the start of the classes (even during the add/drop period), please **immediately** inform the course convenor(s) and add your name to the list, to certify your attendance.

2. Prerequisite and/or co-requisite

Prerequisite and/or co-requisite requirements must be satisfied before enrolling in any course. You must ensure that the prerequisites have been fulfilled and/or you are concurrently enrolled (within the same academic year) in any required co-requisite courses, as specified in the programme regulations and syllabus.

3. Compulsory and Core courses

You are strongly advised to prioritize the enrolment of compulsory and/or core courses over all other courses in the same semester. Dropping these courses after enrolment requires strong justification, valid supporting documentation, and prior approval from the Faculty during the designated add/drop period.

For students admitted in 2026 intake

If you **complete the Online Master Registration**:

On or before 12 noon on 5 August, 2026, you will be automatically enrolled in the compulsory courses for both regular semesters as specified in your programme syllabus.

After 12 noon on 5 August, 2026, you will be responsible for enrolling yourself in the specified compulsory courses for both regular semesters during the course selection, and/or the add/drop period, and should do so as your first priority.

For part-time year 2 students

The Faculty will automatically enroll you in any outstanding required compulsory or core courses.

4. Dissertation course

A strict timeline applies for dissertation courses. Important dates for the [LLAW6014 18-credit Dissertation](#), [LLAW6054 9-credit Dissertation](#) and [JDOC1011 Dissertation](#) are provided on the course profile page. Failure to follow the timeline to complete the dissertation or late-dropping from the dissertation course, will lead to a grade of "NE" (Not Examined – Not Fail) or "NC" (Did not complete) being reflected on the transcript.

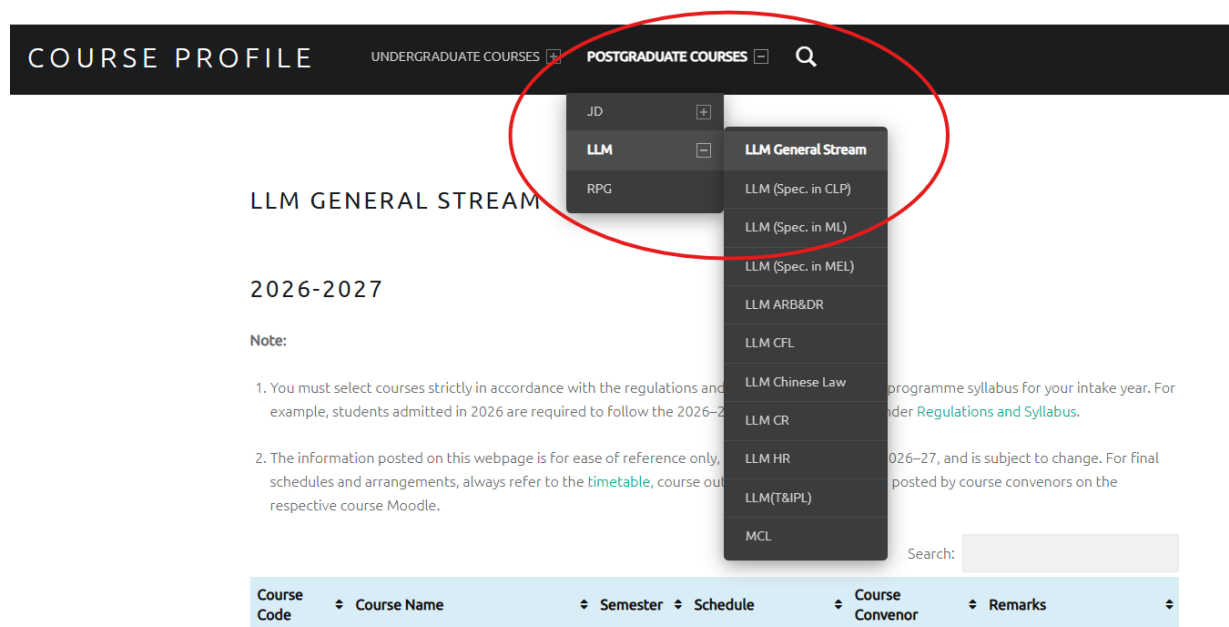
5. Intensive course

- Offered in January and/or June Semesters, taught over 3-4 weeks.
- Enrolment and study load recorded as Second or Summer Semester on transcript.

- Assessment results released in mid-June or early September.
- Maximum of one (1) course may be enrolled in June Semester.
- Timetable may be changed or course cancelled without prior notice.
- Course availability confirmed in December (for January courses), and May (for June courses).
- Add/drop period for a course ends after the second class (each class is three hours).
- After the stipulated add/drop period in the regular semester, changes must be made via online form by 31 October 2026 or 29 January 2027, further details to follow.
- **Failing in a June semester course delays graduation and may incur additional fees.**

6. Course listing and information

Please refer to the Course Profile page for more information and select the appropriate programme (see also screen capture below).



7. Graduation and congregation

The Summer congregation takes place around July, while the Winter congregation takes place in November / December. Graduands eligible for graduation will be assigned to the closest Congregation after the completion of their studies, at which point you will receive your final assessment results via the SIS. Please plan accordingly for internships or personal activities.

Part IV. Support and contact

Student Information System (SIS) – ITS Hotline: 3917 0123 / Email: ithelp@hku.hk

If you encounter SIS restrictions when attempting to fulfil syllabus requirements, please email to Lawcoursereg@hku.hk with **your full name, 10-digit University number (i.e., 303...), programme, study mode (full-time/part-time), year of study, contact number in Hong Kong, relevant course code(s), a detailed description of the issue and a screenshot.** Your enquiries can be addressed more efficiently and effectively when you provide complete and detailed information.

Due to extremely high volume of enquiries received during the course selection and add/drop period, response times may take up to three working days.

Please DO NOT send duplicate or follow-up emails to multiple University or Faculty email addresses, as this will delay assistance with your enquiry. As a matter of fairness, all messages are processed in the order they are received.

Programme structure

The table below provides a summary of the total number of courses required for students admitted in the 2026 intake to satisfy the graduation requirements.

The course categories listed in the table are provided for general reference only. For specific details, please refer to the programme syllabus for your intake year. Remaining courses may include designated electives, electives or other electives – refer to your programme regulations and syllabus.

Programme / Course category	Compulsory / Core	Capstone	Remaining courses	Total no. of courses required for the programme
LLM	--	1	7	8
LLM (Specialisation in Competition Law and Policy)	2	1	5	8
LLM (Specialisation in Maritime Law)	3	1	5	9
LLM(Arb&DR)				
List A: Candidates with a degree in law	3	1	4	8
List B: Candidates with a degree in a discipline other than law	6	1	1	8
LLM(CFL)	--	1	7	8
LLM(ChineseLaw)	--	1	7	8
LLM(CR)	1	1	6	8
LLM(HR)	2	1	5	8
LLM(T&IPL)*	--	1	Refer to the syllabus for details	
MCL [#]	1	1	Refer to the syllabus for details	
JD	14	1	9	24

Note

* Candidates are required to complete no fewer than 72 credits nor more than 78 credits.

Candidates are required to complete the compulsory non-credit bearing course and no fewer than 72 credits nor more than 78 credits.