



The University of Hong Kong

Faculty of Law

Factsheet for Incoming Exchange & Visiting Programme 2023-24

General Information

Faculty website	https://www.law.hku.hk/
Website for inbound exchange students	https://www.law.hku.hk/prospective-students/international-exchange-programme-incoming-exchange-visiting-programme/
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Faculty of Law exchange programme, HKU

The Faculty of Law is Hong Kong’s leading law school. It has a cherished heritage and is ranked amongst the best in the Asia-Pacific region and is highly regarded for providing quality legal education and life-long learning opportunities.

Building on its strong tradition of teaching, research in the common law and prominent links with the professional community, our Faculty, as a regional centre of excellence in China and the Asia-Pacific Region, aspires to be a world-class law school that meets the highest standards of international excellence in every dimension and to be recognized as one of the best law schools internationally.

The law school was established in 1969 and matured into the Faculty of Law in 1984. Since its establishment, the Faculty of Law has become the breeding ground for some of the most distinguished legal professionals and community leaders in Hong Kong. While most of our undergraduates have proceeded to study the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (the qualification for entry into the legal profession in Hong Kong, either as solicitors or barristers), a considerable number of them have become senior figures serving the business, public service and other sectors. Among them are senior judges, Senior Counsels, leading practitioners, legislators, political party leaders, and cabinet members, chairpersons of statutory bodies, senior civil servants, leading journalists, committed philanthropists, and artists and not to mention leading academics and many others who contribute to the well-being of the community in many different ways.

The Faculty comprises of two departments (the Department of Law and the Department of Professional Legal Education), employs about 80 academic scholars from 17 jurisdictions around the world. In September 2022, the Faculty had over 1180 undergraduates enrolled in the law-related bachelor degrees, 480 PCLL students, 50 JD students and over 1330 full-time and part-time postgraduate students.

More information about the Faculty of Law and the offered programmes can be found on the Faculty’s website at <https://www.law.hku.hk/>.

**Admission Requirements**

Generally, students should demonstrate good academic performance with a grade point average of 3 (which converts to the letter grade of B) on a 4.3 scale. Applications with a slightly lower GPA will be considered if justifications are provided. Given that different universities adopt different grading systems, the Director of Student Exchange (Incoming) retains overriding discretion in mapping between different grading systems and deciding whether to accept nominations for admission as exchange and visiting students from your home institution. In addition, students should have completed at least 1 year of law studies prior their exchange study. For students enrolled in a double degree programme of Law, the grade point average of their law subject will be taken into account.

Except for some courses offered in the LLM(Chinese Law), the teaching medium for most of the courses offered by our Faculty is in English. Following the University's entry requirement for incoming exchange students, both native and non-native English speakers are required to submit a valid and acceptable [English Proficiency Proof](#). For instance, applicants should achieve an overall band of 7 with no subtest lower than 6.5 in IELTS Academic Module, or a score of 97 in the TOEFL internet-based test.

Tentative Dates of Semesters and Nomination Deadlines**Academic Year 2023-24 (Tentative)**1st Semester

First Day of Teaching	01.09.2023 (Fri)
Last Day of Teaching	30.11.2023 (Thu)
Assessment Period	08.12.2023 – 22.12.2023

2nd Semester

First Day of Teaching	15.01.2024 (Mon)
Last Day of Teaching	26.04.2024 (Fri)
Assessment Period	06.05.2024 – 24.05.2024

Nomination deadlines are normally established as follows:

For students applying for the September/Fall term: March 31 in the same calendar year

For students applying for the January/Spring term: August 31 of the previous calendar year.

Online Nomination and Application

Exchange partners are required to nominate their students via the online nomination system (<https://goglobal.hku.hk/incoming/partner/auth/login>) and upload the official transcript and English proficiency test report (or English Language Proficiency Statement, for native English speakers) to the system. Nominees will be informed of the online application procedures by email (via our International Affairs Office) in September / April, and are required to upload the passport copy, personal statement and CV during the online application.

Exchange partners are encouraged to submit their nominations for Spring Semester during the application round in August.



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Master Registration

Students will receive their HKU university Number (UID) & Portal Account by email around 1 to 2 weeks before their exchange semester starts. They should follow the instructions at <https://aal.hku.hk/studyabroad/support.php?pid=5&type=incoming> to complete the registration process.

Orientation

The Faculty-level orientation session for incoming exchange students is normally scheduled during the last week in August (for 1st semester and full-year exchange students) or 2nd week in January (for 2nd semester students). All incoming exchange students must attend the orientation before their commencement of the exchange studies. The International Affairs Office will also arrange a daylong orientation for all incoming exchange students. Details of Weeks of Welcome (WoW) programmes for incoming exchange students are available at: <https://wp2.cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/>

Details of the Faculty-level orientation session will be provided by email in due course.

Selection of Courses

Exchange students should select courses according to the Faculty's regulations, procedures and rules. The normal course load for HKU LLB students is 30 credits (i.e. equivalent to 5 LLB courses) in each semester; or 60 credits (i.e. equivalent to 10 LLB courses) for one academic year. With the prior approval from their home university, exchange students should inform the faculty office by email (laffairs@hku.hk) if they wish to opt for one of the following variations of workload for each semester:

- i. a reduced workload of 24 credits; or
- ii. a reduced workload of 4 courses (for eligible students to take Postgraduate Electives); or
- iii. a maximum load of 36 credits.

For students who wish to enroll non-law courses offered by other faculties, approval must be sought from the respective units, and the final approval rests with the offering department. Please also note that students are permitted to enroll 6 credits (i.e. equivalent to 1 HKU course) of non-law subjects in each semester.

Course availability varies from year to year subject to the availability of teaching resources and student enrolment. However, the majority of LLB courses will normally offered annually. Please refer to the website of Faculty of Law (<https://course.law.hku.hk/law-electives/>) for the list of elective courses offer in 2022-23 for reference. Please note that courses listed under "Core courses" and "PCLL Pre-requisites" of undergraduate courses are **not open** to exchange students. Some taught postgraduate courses with course code LLAW6XXX are open to designated JD students from North America only.

A detailed guideline for course selection as well as the final course list offered for exchange students will be provided by email in August (for exchange students in the 1st semester and full-year) and December (for exchange students in the 2nd semester).



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Accommodation Information

Students may refer to [CEDARS Accommodation Office](#) to look for housing resources during the exchange studies at HKU. As housing resources are limited, students are suggested to apply for accommodation through their [application link](#) as soon as possible.

HKU offers different types of student residing in (i) student halls, (ii) residential colleges, and (iii) non-hall accommodations to our students. Most of the rooms available are double room. Some halls have compulsory meal plans, while others have not. Please refer to the list of [accommodation options](#) and their [fee charges](#) for your reference. You may contact CEDARS Accommodation at accommodation@cedars.hku.hk for further enquiries.

Visa Application

Students must complete online visa application by respective application deadlines. Please note that it will take 6 to 8 weeks to process student's visa application. The visa application fee is non-refundable.

For general visa application procedures, please refer to <https://www.studentvisa.hku.hk/>.

Quarantine Arrangements

According to the latest announcement made by the HKSAR Government, all inbound travellers are required to follow quarantine measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Inbound travellers coming from the Mainland or Macao may take Return2hk Scheme or Come2hk Scheme, and be exempted from the compulsory quarantine. For details, please visit: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/return2hk-scheme.html>

Inbound travellers coming from overseas and Taiwan, and travellers coming from the Mainland or Macao NOT using Return2hk Scheme and Come2hk Scheme, will need to undergo compulsory quarantine. For details, please visit: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>