Admissions Talk

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Admissions Tutor
- Undergraduate Admissions -
LLB & Integrated Double Degrees
1. Why HKU Law?
   HKU or Overseas (Top Universities)?
   HKU or Other HK Law Schools?

2. HKU Law – Which Programme?

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Why HKU Law?

• Longest History – Sense of Belonging

• Law, Justice and Humanity: 50 Years and Beyond (2019) (https://50.law.hku.hk/)

• Approaching 55th anniversary (2024)
Why HKU Law?

• Commitment to Excellence

“The Faculty is committed to academic and professional excellence. While the faculty has come a long way since its inception in 1969, it continues its efforts in international outreach, in strengthening ties with Mainland China, and in enhancing the quality of legal education with a view to training not just good lawyers but also leaders who have a passion to serve, wherever they are.”
Why HKU Law?

• Physical Resources

Dedicated Law Faculty Building

Mooting Chambers

Lui Che Woo Law Library

Cheng Yu Tung Tower

Academic Conference Centre

Philip K.H. Wong Theatre
Why HKU Law?

• HKU Law’s International Standing

Excellent International Ranking

2023 QS Law Ranking in Law
2. University of Oxford
3. University of Cambridge
9. UC Berkeley
12. NUS
14. UCL
15. KCL
25. HKU (2nd in Asia)
27. UPenn

2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings in Law
3. University of Cambridge
6. UC Berkeley
7. University of Oxford
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# Why HKU Law?

## Other Benefits

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<td>Common Law Family</td>
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Why HKU Law?

Alumni Network

HKU Law’s alumni from:
Academics, Law firm partners, barristers, Government Officials, Legco members.....

Associations

- HKU Law Alumni Association
- HKU Master of Laws in Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Alumni Association

Activities

- Mentorship Programme
- Career talks
- Choir Concert
- Sports and Family Fiesta
Why HKU Law?

HKU Law or Other HK Law Schools?

Experience
- HKU Law (1969)
- Law School A (1987)

Expertise
- HKU Law (80)
- Law School A (39)
- Law School B (49)

Diversity
- HKU Law
- Law School A
- Law School B
Why HKU Law?

• HKU Law Graduates on Staff
  Professor Albert Chen, Former Dean
  Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon), Former Dean
  Professor Anne Cheung
  Professor Eric Ip

Associate Professor:
Dr Cora Chan
Dr Felix Chan
Dr Peter Chau
Mr Wilson Chow
Ms Puja Kapai
Mr Kelvin Kwok
Ms Rebecca Lee
Dr Michael Ng
Dr Richard Wu

Assistant Professor:
Ms Daisy Cheung
Dr Julius Yam

Principle Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Lecturer:
Rr Alwin Chan
Mr Eric Cheung
Ms Julienne Jen
Ms Eva Tam
Mr Jacky Yeung
Ms Charmaine Yip
Why HKU Law?

Faculty and Staff Honors & Awards

Mooting

- Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court – Best Oralist & ranked 11th (International round) (2018)
- Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot-Runner-up (2017 & 2015)
- Herbert Smith Freehills competitions Law Moot-Champion (2017)

Knowledge Exchange (KE)
University KE Excellence Award (2016)

Research and Teaching Excellence

- Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme
- General Research Fund projects and Early Career Scheme
- Outstanding Young Researcher Award
- Outstanding Research Award
- Inaugural UGC Teaching Award
- University Distinguished Teaching Award
- University Outstanding Teaching Award
Why HKU Law?

- Distinguished Visiting & Honorary Professors
  
  Professor John Lowry, Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor
  Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart
  Professor Lech Garlicki
  The Hon Mr Justice Kemal Bokhary, GBM, JP, QC
  The Hon Mr Justice Patrick Chan, GBM
  Ian Grenville Cross, SBS, QC, SC
  The Hon Mr Justice Geoffrey Ma, GBM, QC, SC
  Ms Anna Wu Hung-yuk GBS, JP
  The Hon Mr Justice Andrew Lin, QC, SC
  The Hon Mr Justice Frank Stock, GBS, QC, JP
  The Hon Mr Justice Henry Litton, GBM, CBE, JP, SC
Why HKU Law?

Clinical Legal Education Programme
- Real cases
- General clinic or refugee clinic

Pathway Programmes
- UNSW
- NUS
- KCL
- UC Berkeley

Double Degree Programmes with Overseas Partners
- JD/LLM (UPenn)
- LLB/JD (UBC)
- LLM/LLM (Peking U)
- LLM/MLAW (U Zurich)
Why HKU Law?

• Exchange Opportunities

**Over 200 Exchange Partners**
UK (including Oxford, Cambridge, London), US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Israel, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Denmark, Singapore, Switzerland

** Incoming Exchange Students**
100+ incoming exchange students from 40+ law schools each year
### Which Programme?

- **Undergraduate**

  **Basic Degree – LLB (4 Years)**
  - Maximum flexibility
  - Specialization and minors

#### HKU-UCL LLB
- 2 degrees in 4 years
- HK+UK qualified
- Annual intake of 10 (5 from each institution)

#### HKU-PKU LLB
- 2 degrees in 5 years
- 2.5 years at each university
- Annual intake of 4-8 on each institution
- Common Law & Civil Law jurisdictions

#### Pathway Programmes
- 2 degrees in 4 or 5 years
  - KCL LLM
  - UNSW LLM
  - UC Berkeley LLM
  - UBC JD
- Annual intake of 3-5 from each partner universities
## Which Programme?

### Undergraduate

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### Integrated Double Degree Programmes

(Two Degrees in 5 Years)

- **BA&LLB**
  - Offered with Faculty of Arts
  - [https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB](https://arts.hku.hk/current-students/undergraduate/BALLB)
- **BBA(Law)&LLB**
  - Offered with HKU Business School
- **BSocSc(Govt & Laws)&LLB**
  - Offered with Faculty of Social Sciences
  - [https://ppaweb.hku.hk/programmes/ug/gl](https://ppaweb.hku.hk/programmes/ug/gl)
- **BSc&LLB**
  - Offered with Faculty of Sciences
Which Programme?

Postgraduate Curricula

- Juris Doctor (2 years, qualified to take PCLL)
- PCLL (1 year professional qualification exam)
- LLM (1 year full time or 2 year part time)
- MPhil and PhD
Application Process

All Applicants - JUPAS (HKDSE) & Non-JUPAS

✓ Good communication, intellectual and analytical skills
✓ Both English language proficiency and intellectual ability

Usually Only FIRST Choice Considered

✓ First batch of interviews arranged in January 2024 for non-JUPAS students
✓ Predicted score report
✓ Personal statements important
**Application Process**

**JUPAS applicants (70% of intake)**

- Must achieve necessary grades for eligibility to HKU
- But minimum actual grades for admission to LLB and integrated double degrees are much higher (see next slide)

**Non-JUPAS applicants (30% of intake)**

- GCEA Level (excluding English and Chinese):
  - at least 3A* and 1A (with 4 A-level subjects)
  - or 2A* and 1A (with 3 A-level subjects)
- IB: at least 37/42 or 40/45 (slight higher for double degree programmes)
- Other qualifications: refer to UER for minimum requirements
## Application Process

### 2023-24 Law Admissions

#### Average JUPAS (HKDSE) Results

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<td>6.923</td>
<td>6.115</td>
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HKU-UCL Dual Degree in Law

- 4-year dual degree programme
- First two years at UCL and last two years at HKU
- Intake quota: 5 places for each institution
- Pay tuition fee to respective host institutions
- Obtain an LLB degree from respective institutions
- Eligible for admission to PCLL programme subject to application
**Application Process**

**HKU-UCL Dual Degree in Law**

- Via JUPAS and non-JUPAS application system
- **JUPAS applicants** should also apply separately through the Faculty of Law online application system at [https://web.law.hku.hk/hkuucl/](https://web.law.hku.hk/hkuucl/)
- **OR** to UCL through UCAS, but **NOT BOTH**
- Duplicate applications to **BOTH** HKU and UCL not allowed and will result in disqualification
- LNAT requirement is waived if applied through HKU

*Place HKU LLB programme (JS6406)* as one of your Band A choices (for JUPAS) via JUPAS or as the first choice (for non-JUPAS) via HKU non-JUPAS application system in order to be considered in the main round admissions and be shortlisted for interviews.
Deadlines: 15 November 2023 (Non-JUPAS, for first-round evaluation)  
6 December 2023 (JUPAS)  
31 January 2024 (Faculty Online Application for JUPAS applicants)

JUPAS applicants who decide to apply to HKU are required to submit an application to HKU via JUPAS together with an online application via the Faculty of Law website at https://hkuucl.law.hku.hk/

Non-JUPAS applicants who decide to apply to HKU are only required to indicate their choice of this programme in the non-JUPAS application form and submit the completed form together with a personal statement for this Dual Degree programme to the University by the specified deadline.

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for interview.

FAQs for information, please visit https://www.law.hku.hk/prospective-students/ug-faq/

All information regarding this Dual Degree programme is subject to change without prior notice. Please check website from time to time https://hkuucl.law.hku.hk/
5-year dual degree programme

- **HKU admitted students**: First two and a half years at **HKU** and last two and a half years at **PKU**
- **PKU admitted students**: First two and a half years at **PKU** and last two and a half years at **HKU**

Intake quota: approx. 8 places for each institution

- Pay tuition fee to respective host institutions
- Obtain an LLB degree from respective institutions
  - i.e. **HKU LLB (common law jurisdiction)**; and **PKU LLB (civil law jurisdiction)**
- Eligible for admission to PCLL programme subject to application
Application Process

HKU-PKU Dual Degree in Law

- **Via JUPAS and non-JUPAS application system**
- Mainland applicants applying on the strength of GaoKao – via PKU Law Faculty online application system
- Hong Kong applicants* applying on the strength of HKDSE or other recognised examinations other than GaoKao – via JUPAS and non-JUPAS respectively
- **JUPAS applicants*** should also apply separately through the Faculty of Law online application system at [https://web.law.hku.hk/hkupku/](https://web.law.hku.hk/hkupku/)
**Application Process**

**HKU-PKU Dual Degree in Law**

*Special notes on eligibility of applicants:*

- Must hold a valid Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents (Home Return Permit) and are **not** a student from Macau.
- Must complete high schooling in Hong Kong and will be graduating from a Hong Kong secondary school at the time of application.
- Highly proficient in both spoken and written Chinese (Putonghua) and English is a must.
- Place HKU LLB programme as one of your Band A choices (for JUPAS) or as the first choice (for Non-JUPAS) via JUPAS or non-JUPAS application system respectively in order to be considered for main round admissions.
- Shortlisted candidates may be invited for interview by the Panel comprising HKU Law and PKU Law members.
- **Deadline for Faculty online application:** 31 January, 2024
- All information regarding this Dual Degree programme is subject to change without prior notice. Please check website from time to time. [https://www.law.hku.hk/prospective-students/ug-hku-pku-dual-degree-programme-in-law/](https://www.law.hku.hk/prospective-students/ug-hku-pku-dual-degree-programme-in-law/)
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<td>Closing Date for Non-JUPAS (Subject to the availability of places)</td>
<td>22 August 2024</td>
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Thank You!

We look forward to welcoming some of you in September 2024!