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## Message from the Dean



The Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK LAW) was established in 2004. With an emphasis on very practice-oriented programmes delivered by first-class professors from over 20 different jurisdictions, the adoption of innovative teaching methods and last but not least the recruitment of a highly qualified student body, CUHK LAW has moved from strength to strength since then. The outstanding quality of our taught programmes is globally acknowledged and evidenced by collaborations with many leading law schools in the world. The research conducted by our professors and by our research students meets the highest standards and generates significant impact. We are proud that CUHK LAW is on a regular basis ranked amongst the top 50 law schools in the world. We are providing a truly global learning environment. In 2018 CUHK LAW was ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking exercise the most international law school worldwide.

Our Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme is designed for critical and creative thinkers who are ready to become leaders in law and related fields, who want to be successful in the increasingly globalised legal arena and who are dedicated to serve the society. We invite you to join our exciting journey into the legal future. We are CUHK LAW!

Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff  
Wei Lun Professor of Law  
Dean, Faculty of Law

# Message

## from the Programme Director



Professor Lee holds a J.S.D. from Stanford Law School and an LL.M from Harvard Law School. His research interests include intellectual property, information law, and Internet law. He has published leading journal articles in Asia, Europe, and North America. Before starting his academic career, he was a practicing lawyer in Taiwan specializing in technology and business transactions.

The CUHK Faculty of Law is one of the premier law schools in Asia, and the cornerstone of the Faculty is our LLB Programme. The four-year LLB Programme is selective, engaging, transformative, and rewarding. Our LLB students study in a matchlessly rigorous and collaborative environment, situated on one of Asia's most beautiful campuses, located in a globalised city with a fascinating historical heritage.

The unique strength of our Faculty is that we bring together outstanding teachers with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives from around the world. Our teachers are demanding but readily available to help you succeed along your chosen paths. We bring real-world experience and leading research into the classroom. We will prepare you to fulfill the responsibilities that our society places on the profession. We will also guide you to become a leader in the legal profession.

In the LLB Programme, you will learn the rules and values underpinning the very foundations of society with extensive reading, thinking, writing, discussing, and debating. You will also acquire the expertise to synthesise large amounts of information and present it coherently. The substantive legal knowledge and critical thinking skills will allow you to engage in the most intriguing challenges in Hong Kong and the rest of the world.

CUHK LAW will help you succeed both academically in the LLB Programme and professionally after graduation. You will become an integral member of a strong support system, consisting of our idiosyncratically designed Distinguished Professional Mentors Programme, pioneering legal clinics, robust mooted teams, various study abroad and exchange programmes, Law Student Careers Office, alumni network etc. You will be part of not only a valuable network, but also a caring family.

Our legal education emphasises persuasion, problem solving, analysing complex issues, dispute management and reflecting on competing viewpoints — all skills that are essential for every field of employment. Therefore, the LLB is a platform degree, not only permitting you to practise law, but also ensuring your success at the very highest levels, regardless of which career path you choose.

Join our vibrant community, and make an impact!

Professor Jyh-An Lee  
Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies  
& LLB Programme Director

# Welcome

## to CUHK LAW



## Why Study Law in Hong Kong?

Hong Kong is one of the most exciting places to study law in the world. Not only is it the only common law jurisdiction in East Asia, it remains a highly internationalised jurisdiction notwithstanding the resumption of Chinese sovereignty: the Basic Law, Hong Kong's constitutional charter, resulted precisely from the interaction of international law and Chinese law. Today, eminent judges from the rest of the common law world continue to serve on the courts of Hong Kong and virtually all of the globe's largest law firms maintain an active presence within Hong Kong's borders.

Hong Kong prides itself on its robust rule of law, fiercely independent judges, and world class financial regulatory system. Life in Hong Kong has always been shaped by the law. Those with the specialised knowledge a legal education provides are uniquely positioned to help shape the future of Hong Kong.

# The CUHK LLB



## CUHK

Established in 1963, and with roots traceable back to the 1940s, CUHK has a unique mission to bring together East and West. It is highly regarded for its research excellence and four of its professors, including a former Vice-Chancellor, have been awarded Nobel Prizes.

CUHK strives to provide an environment where students are exposed to a variety of cultures, while enhancing both their Chinese and English language proficiency. CUHK has over 4,000 non-local students, drawn from 50 jurisdictions all over the world including Australia, Canada, mainland China, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

CUHK is the only university in Hong Kong to have adopted the collegiate system found in institutions such as Oxford and Cambridge. The colleges create a nurturing environment, offering the chance for interaction with students and staff from other disciplines and backgrounds. They offer residential accommodation, and include dining rooms, sports facilities, and a wide range of clubs, activities, and societies. You can find more information about CUHK's different colleges on the main university webpage.

## CUHK LAW

CUHK LAW provides a world-class academic and professional education in law. In just ten years' time CUHK LAW has become a world-leading law school and is the top-ranked Hong Kong law school in terms of research excellence in the most recent HK Research Assessment Exercise.

Choosing to study law at CUHK LAW means many things. It is the chance to surround yourself with some of the brightest and most committed students in Hong Kong. It is the opportunity to learn from dedicated academics and lawyers drawn from all parts of the world. It is the privilege to study at a beautiful campus with top-class facilities. It is the benefit of studying at the only university in Hong Kong to adopt the collegiate system. Most importantly, it is the choice to expose yourself to new ideas and challenges, and in so doing, take a first step towards a profession that can help shape the fabric of Hong Kong life.

CUHK LAW expects its students to not only develop their academic skills and specialised knowledge in a particular area of study, but to develop the skills necessary for the transition to adulthood and full participation as a member of Hong Kong society. General education and other non-law courses are also available to allow students to study fields outside of law, and

participation in the social life of the university community is encouraged and expected. Students have the chance to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, including membership in student clubs and societies, participating in overseas exchanges, or volunteering with social or charitable organisations in Hong Kong.

CUHK students are among the best and brightest Hong Kong has to offer. Competition for a place of study is fierce — we receive roughly 1,500 applications for about 80 possible places in the LLB each year. Our students have won top prizes in internationally-recognised mooted competitions, graduate scholarships, and training contracts in top international and local law firms. In recent years over 80% of CUHK LLB graduates who sought a place on the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) course, the next step in the process of qualifying as a solicitor or barrister in Hong Kong, were successful.

“CUHK LAW's LLB programme provides its students with substantive knowledge, practical skills and analytical capacities, preparing and equipping them to engage in legal practice at the highest levels, in Hong Kong and around the world.”

### Professor Christopher Roberts

Deputy LLB Programme Director



Professor Roberts holds a JD and JSD from NYU School of Law. His research focuses on public international law and on the transnational history of public order law. In addition to his academic career, Professor Roberts has worked with several international organizations, including the United Nations, International IDEA, and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.



The Head Office of CUHK LAW is located in the Lee Shau Kee Building, a purpose-built teaching and research facility located in the University's flagship campus in Shatin, New Territories. The Lee Shau Kee Building features a state of the art moot court, a legal resources centre, lecture theatres, classrooms and breakout rooms, all equipped with excellent information technology systems to support the learning activities of LLB students.

CUHK LAW has its own dedicated area of the main campus library. The Lee Quo Wei Law Library consists of approximately 131,400 volumes of books and bound periodicals on law or law related subjects. It is complemented by access to a growing array of online sources, including nearly 6,000 e-journals and 104 databases, as well as the interdisciplinary collections housed in the CUHK Library. The Library provides seating for students in a mix of individual study desks, open plan tables and group study rooms, and offers computers for student use as well as a wireless network for use by students with their own laptops.

Overlooking the scenic Tolo Harbour, CUHK's stunning campus is the largest and greenest in Hong Kong, and won the gold award of Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence. The University offers a wide range of sports and recreational facilities, including seven libraries, art museums, concert halls, a swimming pool, sports fields, tennis courts, squash courts, a water sports centre and gymnasium.

## Facilities

### Double Degree Study Options

CUHK LAW offers LLB students with the double degree options, which allow them to pursue academic interests and enhance competitive edge in the most efficient way.

#### Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Double Degree Programmes at CUHK

CUHK LAW provides maximum flexibility to offer students two double degree programmes that can be combined with an LLB: an LLB with Bachelor of Arts in Translation, and an LLB with Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology. Students will be given the opportunity towards the end of the first year of studies to register for the double degree option. After completing the first degree, the second degree can be deferred for up to three years.

#### Master of Laws (LLM) Programme at the Dickson Poon School of Law of King's College London

In collaboration with the Dickson Poon School of Law of King's College London (KCL), CUHK LAW offers a study option for LLB students to join the KCL's Master of Laws (LLM) Programme. This option provides students with an opportunity to obtain both an undergraduate degree (LLB from CUHK) and a postgraduate degree (LLM from KCL) in four years. Students will spend their first three years at CUHK in Hong Kong and the fourth year at KCL in London. Students will gain invaluable exposure to two legal systems in Hong Kong and England and prepare themselves for work in an international workplace by studying at two world-class law schools.





# Programme Structure

The CUHK LLB is a full-time four-year academic journey designed to expand students' intellectual capabilities.

The LLB provides students not only with the first steps into a well-regarded profession, but also with the tools and knowledge to be engaged members of the community. Students will learn of Hong Kong's shared heritage with other common law legal systems around the world, as well as its place within the broader Chinese context. The LLB includes the study of not only the practical elements of Hong Kong's legal system, but also the theoretical and normative perspectives that undergird it. This approach provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the laws and legal principles upon which Hong Kong society is founded and operates.

Intellectual coherence is the overarching principle which guides the ordering and grouping of subjects, and which sets the CUHK LLB apart from comparable degree programmes.

The first two years in the CUHK LLB contain compulsory subjects, grouped together into three themes: Foundations of Law, Public Law, and the Law of Obligations, while the second two years consist mainly of electives and pre-requisite courses for admission into the PCLL. Students may organise their academic programme so as to leave space for a term or an entire year abroad, if they wish. The elective courses vary year on year depending on the expertise of staff in the Faculty, and students may also elect to identify a particular stream of specialisation in either Global Law or Chinese Law.

# Study Sequence

## ■ YEAR 1 — 33 UNITS

- Legal Analysis & Argumentation
- Hong Kong Legal System\*
- Legal System of the PRC
- Contract I & II\*
- Hong Kong Constitutional Law\*
- University Language Courses
- General Education Courses
- Physical Education Courses
- IT Course

## ■ YEAR 2 — 35 UNITS

- Administrative Law\*
- Criminal Law I & II\*
- Tort I & II\*
- Equity & Trusts I & II\*
- Jurisprudence & Ethics
- Elective Non-Law Courses
- University Language Courses
- General Education Courses

## ■ YEAR 3 — 29 UNITS

- Companies and the Law I & II\*
- Land Law I & II\*
- Commercial Law\*
- Evidence\*
- Elective Law Courses#
- Elective Non-Law Courses

## ■ YEAR 4 — 30 UNITS

- Independent Research Paper
- Property Law\*
- Elective Law Courses#
- Elective Non-Law Courses
- General Education Courses

\* Required for admission to the PCLL programme

# e.g. Human Rights Law, Competition Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law, Environmental Law, Crime and Criminal Justice, the Law of the Sea, International Commercial Dispute Resolution, International Trade and Financial Law, Public International Law, Jessup International Law Moot, Mooting, International Legal Advocacy, Tax Law, Internet Law



# Teaching and Learning



CUHK LAW has the most internationally diverse faculty in the world with professorial and professional members from over 20 jurisdictions. The Faculty's professors are internationally recognised specialists in a variety of fields, and the professional consultants offer real-world experience in the practice of law. Together, they offer our LLB students the very best legal education in Hong Kong in all areas of study and practice. At CUHK Law, no matter which area of law attracts your interest, you will find an expert in our Faculty.

## Mentorships

Students enjoy a close mentoring relationship with Faculty members – each student is assigned an Academic Advisor to help ensure success both in legal studies and in university life in general. CUHK LAW's priority is to provide you with an excellent legal education that prepares you for your future career and aids you in developing as a lifelong learner.

CUHK LLB students belong to a vibrant community. They regularly meet remarkable people who inspire them to realise their goals. Each student has a Distinguished Professional Mentor, a solicitor or barrister or judge or government lawyer, eager to share their professional and life experience with their mentees. The Sir TL Yang Society, named after a former Chief Justice of Hong Kong and Honorary Professor at CUHK Law, provides opportunities throughout the year to hear expert speakers and meet distinguished guests. It also provides up to HK\$10,000 to every student towards Summer Study Abroad Programmes.

## Overseas Exchanges & Summer Study Abroad Programmes (SSAP)

Students participating in an SSAP travel as a group and study short courses from leading professors at a top law school outside of Hong Kong, and also participate in local cultural and professional activities. Current summer programme locations include Tsinghua University in mainland China, the University of Sydney in Australia, and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Canada. All the SSAPs are designed and run exclusively for the benefit of CUHK Law students.

Over 280 term or year-long foreign exchange programmes at University, Faculty and College levels are also offered to provide students with the opportunity to study worldwide. These programmes can broaden students' life experience and academic understanding. Credits earned abroad may count towards completing the LLB.

## Mooting

CUHK LAW's award-winning mooting teams compete around the world. Its clinical programmes enable students to provide legal assistance to refugee asylum seekers. And its Chinese mainland internship programme provides students with opportunities to undertake short-term work at a court in China.

## Scholarships

There are academic scholarships at University level, Faculty level, and College level. Within CUHK LAW there is a student-run law society and a student-run law magazine. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities that the Faculty offers.

“CUHK LAW will help you develop your existing learning skills and develop new skills in learning, which will be invaluable in your future career and life pursuits.”

**Professor Steven Gallagher**  
Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning



Professor Steven Gallagher has taught equity and trusts, land law and culture heritage law. His research interests include cultural heritage, legal history and equity. He is currently researching for a course considering superheroes and the law.

# Career Success & Careers Facilities

Most of our students intend, after completing their degree, to complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) before moving on to careers in legal practice, many aiming for top firms and barristers' chambers. Some graduates choose to go into government or industry. Others remain in academia. Their achievements are testimony to their hard work and the quality of their education.

## **Law Student Careers Office**

The Faculty's Law Student Careers Office provides students with guidance on career choices, applications and interviews as well as assistance with career preparation and professional development. The Director, Mr. Paul Mitchard QC, has prepared a programme of seminars on career and professionalism topics which includes presentations by representatives of law firms, barristers' chambers and other prospective employers.

## **Virtual Careers Resource Centre**

The Law Student Careers Office also maintains a Virtual Careers Resource Centre (VCRC) which serves as a contact point for prospective employers, teaching faculty members and students. The VCRC contains a Legal Careers Directory with up-to-date information on law firms and chambers and on internships and other employment opportunities for students. The VCRC website also notifies careers seminars and other events as well as providing students with information on matters such as job applications and CV preparation and with a wide range of other career-related resources designed to ensure that Faculty of Law students are fully informed and equipped for entering into what today is a challenging and rapidly-changing jobs market.

## **E-mentoring**

The Careers Office also supports an e-mentoring programme through which students may connect with Law Faculty alumni in their chosen field for career guidance and help with achieving the level of 'employability' and professionalism which many employers require. In this regard, Mr. Mitchard says:

"The demands of legal recruiters are becoming increasingly sophisticated: it is therefore important for students, right from the start of their university career, to keep abreast of what is going to be required of them in addition to academic achievement and to take steps to enable them to meet those demands."

## **Mr. Paul Mitchard QC**

Director of Career Planning and Professionalism



Mr. Mitchard is a graduate of the University of Oxford who spent more than 35 years in practice as a Solicitor in England and, since 2009, in Hong Kong. He was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2008 and was one of the first solicitors to be granted higher rights of audience in Hong Kong. From 2001 until his retirement in 2014, Mr. Mitchard was a partner at the US law firm of Skadden Arps, where he set up and headed the firm's litigation and arbitration practice in Europe and Asia. He was Visiting Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law 2012-15.





# What Do Our Students Say



## Rachel Chiu

*LLB (CUHK), PCLL (CUHK)  
LLM Candidate (Cantab.)  
Training Contract at Deacons 2021  
Alumna of St. Stephen's Girls' College*

CUHK LAW has paved the way for me to become the type of lawyer I want to be. Not only has the CUHK LLB Programme given me an excellent environment to learn and exchange ideas with students and professors from all around the world, it has also provided me with ample opportunities to explore my interests and develop my career. My two-year experience as a mooter and then a student coach of the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Team pushed me to sharpen my advocacy skills and piqued my interest in international law as well as litigation. I am also most grateful for the faculty's Distinguished Professional Mentorship Programme, which gave me a head start in building connections with legal professionals and in finding my first internship while I was still an inexperienced freshman.

Thanks to the training and support I have received at CUHK LAW, I am honoured to have received an offer to pursue a master's degree in law at the University of Cambridge, and a training contract from Deacons, commencing in 2021. I am very grateful to the teachers, staff and my classmates at CUHK LAW.



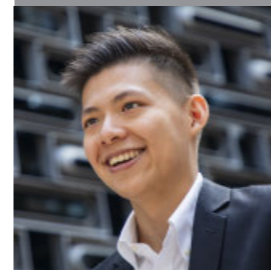
## James Leung

*CUHK LLB graduate 2020  
Training Contract at Mayer Brown 2021  
Alumnus of Berkhamsted School (UK- A Levels)  
Alumnus of Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School (Hong Kong - IGCSE)*

The CUHK LLB programme is comprehensive and has prepared me well for a strong legal career. The law degree strikes a very good balance between teaching the descriptive and normative aspects of law. We were taught areas of law that closely relate to our daily lives and also broader legal theories, allowing us to better understand the conceptual underpinning of our legal system and the rule of law in general. This all-round approach is essential, providing the intellectual bases necessary both to engage with and apply the law in practice and to understand the concepts behind it.

The faculty provides many channels for us to broaden our horizons. I was part of the editorial board of the Hong Kong Student Law Gazette, a wholly student-run organization which explores timeless legal themes as well as emerging legal issues, in connection with the professional legal industry. I am also particularly grateful for the faculty's Distinguished Professional Mentorship Programme, which enabled me to connect with legal professionals and land a mini-pupillage with a prominent barrister.

All in all, the faculty's support has been immensely helpful and I am more than thrilled to commence PCLL postgraduate degree in CUHK this September.



## Colbert Hung

*CUHK LLB graduate 2020, CUHK PCLL 2020 entry  
Future Trainee Solicitor of Herbert Smith Freehills 2021  
Alumnus of Taipei Municipal Chenggong High School*

CUHK LAW provides non-local students with a clear path into the highly-regarded legal profession. The well-structured programme enabled me to pursue various opportunities within and outside the campus. Throughout my LLB study, I had the unique opportunity of representing CUHK LAW and Hong Kong at the world's prestigious aviation law moot court competition. The experience both solidified my legal knowledge and further broadened my understanding in the international aerospace industry.

Furthermore, I was also fortunate to enjoy a fruitful exchange in Melbourne, where I met other law students from around the world. I also completed various internships with a wide range of firms in both Hong Kong and Taiwan.

In sum, CUHK LLB provides a demanding yet rewarding curriculum. As one of the most globalised faculties of law in the world, the programme and its internationally-recognised teaching staff allow students to absorb knowledge and translate them into career opportunities. I was glad to receive a training contract with Herbert Smith Freehills starting from 2021, and will always be grateful for the support and guidance I received at CUHK LAW.

## Lily Liu

*CUHK LLB graduate 2020  
Training Contract at Deacons 2021  
Alumna of High School Affiliated to  
Nanjing Normal University*



As one of the most international law schools in the world, CUHK LAW offered me an international perspective that helped me investigate and determine my career interests and paved the way for me to achieve them.

Professors at CUHK LAW are from various backgrounds, are very dedicated to teaching and provided me with valuable insights into different jurisdictions and practices. Being able to spend time on exchange at the University of Pennsylvania, and to participate in summer study at Tsinghua University and the University of Oxford afforded memorable experiences that supported both my professional and personal development.

I am currently continuing my study at CUHK as a PCLL student. I will be joining the mooting team in this year's Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which I believe will be another rewarding experience giving my university life a perfect conclusion. I am grateful for the four-year journey I had with CUHK LAW and look forward to future challenges in the Vis Moot and PCLL study.

## Kristen Lai

*CUHK LLB Year 4  
Alumna of Diocesan Girls' School*



The CUHK LLB programme is both intellectually stimulating and vastly rewarding. CUHK LAW provides students with many different opportunities academically and non-academically. The academic staff and professors at CUHK LAW are very experienced, knowledgeable and kind, and are quick to explain any enquiries raised by students. Interactive tutorials provide an intellectually challenging and free environment in which students are encouraged to raise questions and think about the unlimited possibilities and alternative ways to answer the same legal question, demonstrating that law is a field in which many different positions can be taken and different arguments can be made.

Outside of the classroom, CUHK LAW offers students plenty of mooting opportunities to improve their advocacy skills. Students are welcome to join the Faculty's mooting society and to take part in organizing and attending mooting competitions within CUHK as well as with other law schools in Hong Kong. Through joining the mooting society, students can easily make friends with law students of different years and from different universities.

All in all, CUHK LAW is unique in providing a warm and welcoming environment for students to pursue legal knowledge and well-rounded personal development.

# Admissions

CUHK Law admits approximately 80 outstanding new members to the LLB student body every year through the JUPAS and Non-JUPAS routes. There are no shortcuts to the application process: each application will be carefully evaluated on the basis of academic merit and overall quality.



## JUPAS (Code: 4903)

Prospective students taking the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) examination should apply through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS). Applicants must fulfil the following minimum requirements in order to be considered. However, meeting these requirements does not guarantee admission – in the past, the vast majority of admitted students have far exceeded them.

Subjects	Minimum Score (Weighting)
English Language	5 (2)
Chinese Language	4 (1.5)
Mathematics	3 (1)
Liberal Studies	3 (2)
Elective 1	3 (1)
Elective 2 or Mathematics (Extended Part) Module I (M1) or Module II (M2)	3 (1)

## Non-JUPAS

Prospective students who do not apply on the basis of the HKDSE should apply through the Non-JUPAS route. Most Non-JUPAS applicants apply on the strength of their results in the International Baccalaureate (IB), GCE Advanced-Level examinations, or other comparable secondary school qualifications.

## Applications

Applications for admission should be directed to the CUHK Office of Admissions and Financial Aid: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/adm>

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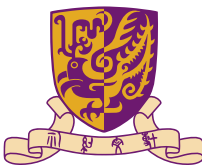
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