

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAWS FOR BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVERNMENT AND LAWS) GRADUATES**

*(See also General Regulations)*

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### **Admission requirements**

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Laws, a candidate shall
    - (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
    - (b) hold a degree of BSocSc(Govt & Laws) from the University of Hong Kong.
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### **Award of postgraduate diploma**

2. To be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in Government and Laws, a candidate shall
    - (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
    - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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### **Curriculum**

3. The curriculum for the Postgraduate Diploma in Government and Laws shall extend over one academic year of full-time study. To complete the curriculum a candidate shall
    - (a) follow instruction;
    - (b) satisfactorily complete all prescribed written and other work; and
    - (c) satisfy the examiners in each of a total number of subjects amounting to at least 60 credits in value and selected from the subjects listed in the Syllabuses below, which must not include any subject which has already been taken and passed by the candidate in the course of his or her studies for the BSocSc(Govt & Laws) degree.
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### **Selection of courses**

4. Unless the Head of the Department of Law determines otherwise, candidates shall take subjects totalling 60 credits in value in the year of study. Candidates shall select their subjects in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus by a prescribed date before the beginning of the academic year. Such selection shall be subject to approval by the Head of Department of Law. Changes to the selection of courses may be made subject to the approval of the Head of the Department of Law during the first two weeks of each semester, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the first two weeks of a semester shall not normally be considered, and candidates withdrawing from any course without permission after the first two weeks of a semester shall be given a F grade.
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### **Assessment**

5. Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses which they have registered for. Candidates shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate's performance in the assessment, which may be conducted in any one or any combination of the following manners: written examination or test, written assignment or exercise, continuous assessment of performance, field work, research or project report, or any other manner as specified in the syllabuses.

### **Examinations**

6. Any candidate who has failed to pass a subject or subjects in the manner provided for in these Regulations may be permitted
- (a) to sit a supplementary examination; or
  - (b) to repeat the subject or subjects by following the course of instruction and taking the prescribed examination, or by taking the prescribed examination without following the course of instruction; or
  - (c) to undertake the study of any alternative subject or subjects which enable completion of the curriculum.
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### **Discontinuation of study**

7. A candidate who has failed to pass a subject or subjects shall be recommended for the discontinuation of study under General Regulation G12 if not permitted to attend for examination at some other time or to sit a supplementary examination or to repeat the subject or subjects or to undertake the study of another subject or subjects which enable completion of the curriculum.
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### **Absence from an examination**

8. A candidate who is unable through illness or other acceptable reason to attend for examination may apply for permission to attend for examination at some other time.
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### **Examination results**

9. At the conclusion of the examinations, a pass list shall be published in alphabetical order. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidate's postgraduate diploma.
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## **SYLLABUSES FOR THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAWS**

### *12 CREDIT COURSES*

- \*Criminal law I and II
- \*Equity and introduction to trusts I and II
  - Guided research
  - Human rights law
  - Law and society I and II
- \*Law of contract I and II
- \*Law of tort I and II
- \*Property law I and II
  - Use of Chinese in law II

### *9 CREDIT COURSES*

- Legal skills

## 6 CREDIT COURSES

\*Administrative law  
 Admiralty  
 Alternative dispute resolution  
 Bank security  
 Banking law  
 Business associations  
 Chinese laws governing foreign investments  
 Civil litigation  
 Commercial law I  
 Commercial law II  
 Company law  
 Comparative law  
 \*Constitutional law  
 Construction law  
 Copyright law  
 Criminology  
 Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong  
 Current legal controversies  
 Economic analysis of law  
 Emerging markets : finance and investment  
 Equality and non-discrimination  
 Fundamentals of evidence and trial procedure  
 Human rights in Hong Kong  
 Human rights in China  
 Information Technology Law  
 Insolvency law  
 Insurance law  
 International commercial litigation  
 International commercial transactions  
 International criminal law  
 International human rights  
 International moot competition<sup>+</sup>  
 International organizations  
 International trade law I  
 International trade law II  
 International trade regulation I : Introduction to the Law of the WTO  
 International trade regulation II : Selected Issues on WTO and China  
 International trade regulation – WTO and China  
 Introduction to International Economic law  
 Introduction to private international law  
 Issues in evidence and trial procedure  
 Issues in family law  
 Issues in intellectual property law  
 Jessup international law moot court competition<sup>+</sup>  
 Labour law  
 Law in East Asia  
 Law, justice and ideology  
 Law of agency  
 Law of International Finance I – Debt  
 Law, the individual and the community : a cross-cultural dialogue  
 Legal fictions : representations of the law in literature, philosophy and cinema  
 Legal history  
 Media law

Medico-legal issues  
People's Republic of China civil and commercial law  
Planning and environmental law  
Principles of family law  
Principles of Hong Kong taxation on income  
Public international law  
Regulation of financial markets  
Remedies  
Research project (oral presentation)  
Securities regulation  
Selected problems of international law  
Shipping Law  
Social justice summer internship  
Sociology of law  
Succession  
The child and the law  
The Hong Kong Basic Law  
The law of the sea  
The law of restitution  
The rights of the child in international & domestic law  
Use of Chinese in Law I

(Note : To be eligible for admission to the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (P.C.LL.), a candidate must take and pass the subjects marked "\*" unless the relevant subject or its equivalent has already been taken and passed by the candidate in the course of his or her studies for the BSocSc(Govt & Laws) degree.)

\* Enrolment in the courses marked with <sup>(+)</sup> is limited to those candidates who have been selected as members of the mooted competition team to represent the University.