

**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**

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### *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 mooting competition team to represent the University.