

## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR (JD)**

*(See also General Regulations)*

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### **Eligibility for admission**

- LL 86. To be eligible for admission to the degree of Juris Doctor, a candidate shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) hold a degree in a non-law subject with at least second class honours or equivalent awarded by a recognised university; or
  - (c) hold a law degree from a non-common law jurisdiction with at least second class honours or equivalent awarded by a recognised university.
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### **Language requirement**

LL 87. Applicants who do not have a degree awarded by an institution with English as teaching medium shall be required to take either IELTS or TOFEL for admission to the programme:

IELTS: a minimum overall band score of 7.5, with no individual score below 6.5 and a minimum band score of 7.0 in the academic writing module.

TOEFL: a minimum score of 600 on the paper-based test (or 250 on the computer-based test or 100 on the internet-based test)

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### **Qualifying examination**

- LL 88.
- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidates' formal academic ability or his or her ability to follow the courses of study prescribed. It shall consist of one or more written papers or their equivalent.
  - (b) A candidate who is required to satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination shall not be permitted to register until he or she has satisfied the examiners in the examination.
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### **The curriculum**

LL 89. The curriculum for the degree of Juris Doctor shall normally be completed in two academic years. The Board of the Faculty of Law can extend the period of study beyond two years, but under no circumstances shall the curriculum be extended beyond four academic years.

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### **Completion of the curriculum**

- LL 90. To complete the curriculum a candidate shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations
  - (b) follow instruction and attend classes as required, and complete all coursework requirements; and
  - (c) pass courses totalling at least 144 credits in value, in the manner specified below, unless the candidate has received advanced standing credits pursuant to LL 91, in which case the student shall pass courses totalling 132 credits in value.

### **Advanced Standing**

LL 91. The Board of the Faculty of Law may grant advanced standing to a candidate for up to 12 credits of courses in recognition of an equivalent course or equivalent courses completed successfully in another degree programme, where such a course is or such courses are completed no more than 5 years prior to the candidate's commencement of the JD programme. Where advanced standing credits are granted, the Board of the Faculty of Law shall specify from which course or courses the candidate is exempted in the curriculum. Advanced standing credits shall not be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, but the credits may be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

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### **Exemption of courses**

LL 92. The Board of the Faculty of Law may grant exemption to a candidate for up to 12 credits of courses in recognition of an equivalent course or equivalent courses completed successfully in another degree programme, where such a course is or such courses are completed no more than 5 years prior to the candidate's commencement of the JD programme. Where an exemption is granted, the Board of the Faculty of Law shall specify from which course or courses the candidate is exempted in the curriculum, and the candidate shall select a course or courses of an equivalent number of exempted credits.

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### **Selection of courses**

LL 93. A candidate shall select his or her courses in accordance with the recommended sequence of the curriculum, during the course selection period as specified by the University. Such selection shall be subject to approval by the Board of the Faculty of Law. Changes to the selection of courses may be made, with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law, during the add/drop period of respective semesters, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the respective add/drop period shall not normally be considered.

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### **Dissertation**

LL 94. A candidate shall submit the title of his or her dissertation no later than six months prior to presenting the dissertation for examination. The dissertation shall be presented for examination by August 31 of the final year of study.

LL 95. Under exceptional circumstances a candidate may apply to the Board of the Faculty of Law for an extension of the deadline by which the dissertation must be presented for examination.

LL 96. The candidate shall submit a statement certifying that the dissertation represents his or her own work undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree. The examiners may require an oral examination on the subject of the dissertation.

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### **Assessment**

LL 97. The courses will be assessed with a wide variety of methods, including (but not exclusively) traditional examinations, research papers, class performance and take-home examinations. A candidate shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate's performance in the assessment.

**Grades**

LL 98. The grades, their standards and the grade points for assessment shall be as follows:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Grade Point</i>
A+		4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Satisfactory	2.0
C-		1.7
D+		1.3
D	Pass	1.0
F	Fail	0

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**Failure to pass a course**

LL 99.

- (1) Any candidate who fails to pass a course or courses in the manner provided for in these Regulations may be permitted or required by the Board of Examiners
    - (a) to repeat the course or courses by following instruction and taking the prescribed examination (or any relevant assessment), or by taking the prescribed examination (or any relevant assessment) without following instruction when the course is or the courses are next offered; or
    - (b) to undertake the study of any alternative course or courses which will enable the candidate to complete the curriculum.
  - (2) Where a candidate is permitted or required to repeat a course or undertake the study of an alternative course under (1), both the new grade and the previous F grade shall be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, and both grades shall be recorded on the transcript.
  - (3) A candidate who has failed to present a satisfactory dissertation may be permitted, subject to his or her performance in other examinations, to revise the dissertation and to re-present it within a specified period as determined by the Board of Examiners after receiving a notice that it is unsatisfactory.
  - (4) The maximum number of attempts for a particular course or requirement, including retakes and re-examinations, is three.
  - (5) A candidate who is not permitted to present himself or herself for re-examination in any course(s) in which he or she has failed to satisfy the examiners or is not permitted to revise and re-present the dissertation shall be recommended for discontinuation of studies under General Regulation G 12.
  - (6) A candidate shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which he or she has received a pass grade for upgrading purposes.
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**Overall pass**

LL 100. Subject to LL 91, a candidate who has passed courses totalling 144 credits in value shall be awarded the degree of Juris Doctor.

### Absence from an examination

LL 101. Any candidate who is absent from an examination in the manner provided for in LL 102 and LL 103 may be permitted by the Board of Examiners to sit a supplementary examination.

LL 102. A candidate who becomes aware of his or her inability to sit an examination, on medical or other grounds deemed acceptable by the Board of Examiners, may apply, not later than three weeks prior to the date of examination, for permission to sit a supplementary examination at a later time pursuant to LL 101.

LL 103. Where the Board of Examiners is satisfied that a candidate's failure to obtain permission prior to his or her absence from an examination is justified by extenuating circumstances, the Board of Examiners may waive the requirement to obtain prior permission under LL 102 and grant the candidate permission to sit a supplementary examination at a later date pursuant to LL 101.

### Examination results

LL 104. At the conclusion of the examinations, a pass list shall be published in alphabetical order.

## SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR

1. Students are required to complete a total of 144 credits within a period of 24 months, including the summer semester:

#### First year (72 credits, all compulsory):

The Legal System (6 credits)(2-week block teaching in each of the 2 semesters)  
 Constitutional Law (6 credits)  
 Law of Contracts I & II (12 credits)  
 Law of Torts I & II (12 credits)  
 Criminal Law I & II (12 credits)  
 Elective (6 credits)\*  
 Legal Research and Methods (6 credits) (block teaching at the beginning of term plus classes during term time)

#### *Summer semester*

Commercial Law (6 credits)  
 Dissertation (6 credits)

#### Second year (72 credits)

Land Law I & II (12 credits)  
 Equity and Trusts I & II (12 credits)  
 Electives (36 credits)\*

#### *Summer semester*

Electives (12 credits)\*

\* There are 54 credits of electives in total. Students must take one 6-credit elective course listed under "International, Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives in Law ("ICT")". Students must also take one 6-credit elective course listed under "Chinese Law". To proceed to the PCLL, students will need to devote 30 elective credits to PCLL pre-requisites. They are:

Company Law (or Business Associations)  
 Evidence  
 Civil Procedure  
 Criminal Procedure  
 Land Law III (Conveyancing)

2. The curriculum may include an internship which will not be credit-bearing. Students may choose to do an elective mooted course.
3. The law electives are listed in the course descriptions.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The courses available to students are listed below. Where two courses are described as “I and II” (12 credits), this means that they may either be taught separately in two semesters in the same academic year or be taught as one combined course in one semester, and may either be examined separately or at the same time.

### Compulsory courses:

#### **JDOC1001 and JDOC1002                      Law of contract I and II (12 credits)**

Contract formation: rules and requirements for a legally enforceable contract, including offer and acceptance, consideration, intention to create legal relations and third parties. Contract contents: interpretation and validity of contract terms, including express and implied terms and exemption clauses. Vitiating factors: defects in the contract, including mistake, misrepresentation, duress and undue influence. Discharge of contract: ending the contract, including performance, agreement, breach, frustration. Remedies: including damages, specific performance, injunction, action for an agreed sum, account of profits and rescission.

#### **JDOC1003            Criminal law I (6 credits)**

This course introduces students to the principles of Hong Kong criminal law and liability. Topics include the nature and classification of crime, elements of criminal procedure in Hong Kong, the burden of proof and the impact of constitutional human rights, and the general principles of criminal responsibility, including criminal defences and degrees of participation. Offences considered will include homicide and theft.

[Co-requisite: JDOC1004 Criminal law II]

#### **JDOC1004            Criminal law II (6 credits)**

This course examines further aspects of criminal law and liability in Hong Kong, including additional criminal defences and inchoate liability. It will examine the application of the general principles of criminal responsibility in selected criminal offence areas, including homicide, assaults, sexual offences, and theft and deception. Where possible, students will be encouraged to consider alternative approaches to the principles of liability, and to develop social policy analysis skills.

[Prerequisite: JDOC1003 Criminal law I]

**JDOC1005 and JDOC1006                      Law of tort I and II (12 credits)**

This course pertains to the part of the civil law of obligations which is concerned with providing a remedy for injury and/or damage inflicted on persons, property or economic interests independent of contract.

The objectives of this course are to familiarise students with the most important and commonly litigated torts, and to critically examine the leading cases and important legislations decided thereunder. Students will also be encouraged to explore issues such as the relationship between tort law and regulatory governance particularly in areas such as environmental protection where the State has intervened to address market and private law failure. Further, students will be introduced to a law and economic approach to analysing tort law.

We will examine the following topics: (1) theories and functions of tort law, (2) the tort of negligence and the duty of care, (3) the tort of negligence and breach of duty, (3) causation (4) remoteness of damage, (5) defences, (6) vicarious liability, (7) defamation, (8) occupiers' liability, (9) nuisance, (10) economic torts, (11) trespass to person and (12) remedies.

**JDOC1007                      Legal research and methods (6 credits)**

Case reading: distinguishing law/fact; learning the structure and language of common law judgments; identifying relevant facts; identifying and defining legal issues, ratios, arguments, reasoning with precision; learning the ways in which judges in one case treat the judgments in earlier cases; precedent in action.

Basic legal writing skills using short weekly marked up and graded writing assignments in the format of case briefs, letters to clients, closed internal memoranda. Emphasis will be placed upon correct use of general English and appropriate legal terminology, clarity of expression and logical, effective organisation of ideas and arguments.

Learning skills: pre-class preparation; in class exercises, participation in class discussions using group and Socratic methods.

**JDOC1008                      The legal system (6 credits)**

An overview of major legal systems in the world (common law, civil law, socialist law, religious law), including a brief overview on a comparison between the common law system and the PRC legal system; the ideology of the common law system and the rule of law, justice and separation of powers; development of the Hong Kong legal system; classification of law, sources of Hong Kong law; law making process; Hong Kong court system; doctrine of stare decisis; access to justice and legal aid; legal profession and legal services; jury system; law reform; Government lawyers and organization of Government legal services; the language of the law; interface between the PRC legal system and the Hong Kong legal system.

**JDOC1009                      Constitutional law (6 credits)**

Constitutional Law is the law prescribing the exercise of power by the different branches of government. In Hong Kong, the law delimiting the structure, powers and duties of the government is codified under the Basic Law, which has served as Hong Kong's highest law since 1997. The Basic Law not only demarcates the powers of the three branches of the HKSAR government (i.e. the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary), it also allocates governmental power among the SAR and the Central Government in China.

This course will consider and examine 1) the theories of constitutionalism, 2) comparative models of judicial review, 3) HK's constitutional history and development, 4) HK's constitutional relationship with China, 5) the structure of the Executive and the Legislative Council and most importantly, 6) the fundamental liberties granted to the citizenry under the Basic Law e.g. freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and the right to equality.

Students will be expected to analyse and critique the leading case law authorities in Hong Kong and abroad (where appropriate) and to study and appreciate Hong Kong's unique political system within the rubric of "One Country, Two Systems".

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### **JDOC1010      Commercial law (6 credits)**

This course will introduce the fundamental principles of commercial law through the integration of legal issues associated with contracts, personal property, security and finance and equity in the context of commercial transactions. It focuses on the types of commercial transactions, the legal relations between parties thereto, issues arising from interrelated financial transactions, and credit and security. It covers introduction to personal property, rights in rem and rights in personam, bailment; commercial transactions (sale of goods and services, statutory control on unconscionable terms; implied terms and exemption/limitation clauses; transfer of title, *nemo dat*); gift; negotiable instruments, assignment of choses in action and security interests (retention of title, lien, pledges, mortgages, fixed and floating charges, guarantees); protection of interests in property and remedies (conversion, detinue, trespass, unjust enrichment, set-off); introduction to bankruptcy and corporate insolvency; settlement of commercial disputes.

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### **JDOC1011      Dissertation (6 credits)**

An individual research project on an approved topic carried out under the supervision of an assigned teacher, resulting in the submission of a research paper not exceeding 8,000 words (excluding tables of cases and statutes, notes, appendices and bibliographies. Footnotes or endnotes should not exceed 1,000 words.).

Instructions will be given on the principles of legal writing and in legal research methodology.

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### **JDOC2001 and JDOC2002                  Equity and Trusts I and II (12 credits)**

History and nature of equity; equitable obligations (fiduciary obligations, breach of confidence other than trade secrets); equitable remedies (account, rescission, compensation, Lord Cairns' Act, injunction).

History and nature of trusts; creation of express trusts (the three certainties, formal requirements, constitution of trusts); offshore trusts; pension trusts in Hong Kong; administration of trusts; variation of trusts; the duties of trustees and rights of beneficiaries; liability for breach of trust, personal and proprietary; resulting and constructive trusts.

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### **JDOC2003 and JDOC2004                  Land law I and II (12 credits)**

Introduction: concept of a proprietary interest; what is property law; classification of property; the nature of a trust.

Ownership, title and possession: legal ownership; title; leasehold estates in Hong Kong; ownership and possession; tenure and estates; equitable interests; possession-recovery and protection of possession; adverse possession and possessory title.

Priority: doctrine of notice; statutory intervention (e.g. land registration); subrogation.

Creation and transfer of proprietary interests in land: creation; assignment; intervention of equity (e.g. *Walsh v Lonsdale*, part performance, estoppel, constructive and resulting trusts).

Future interests: remainders and reversions: trusts for sale; vested and contingent interest; rules against inalienability.

Concurrent interests: joint tenancy and tenancy in common; ownership in multi-storey buildings; severance; termination.

Leases: nature of leases; relationship of landlord and tenant; termination; statutory intervention.

Easements: nature; creation and determination.

Licences: revocability; enforceability.

Covenants: between landlord and tenant; between adjoining and co-owners; role in use and management of land.

Security interests: mortgages; charges; pledges; liens.

Land registration and priorities.

*Electives (including ICT and Chinese law):*

### **JDOC3001 Introduction to legal theory (6 credits)**

This course encourages critical reflections on the nature of law, the central issues of jurisprudence and the concepts and techniques used in the operation of legal systems. Topics to be covered may include some of the following: the relationship between law and morality; natural law; legal positivism; Ronald Dworkin's jurisprudence; utilitarianism and economic analysis of law; justice; liberty; rights; the Rule of Law; punishment; adjudication and legal reasoning; legal realism; sociological jurisprudence; critical legal studies; feminist jurisprudence; postmodern jurisprudence.

### **JDOC3003 Law and society (6 credits)**

This course aims to capture the dynamics between law and society, namely, how law is shaped by social changes, perception and thought, and how society is moulded by legal rules and norms. Broad interdisciplinary knowledge and perspectives relevant to the study of the relationship between law and society will be discussed. Theoretical, empirical and policy considerations will be taken into account. General themes chosen to highlight the above dynamics will include the relationship between law and political power, law and economic development, law and history, law and family, and law and social life. Specific topics covered may vary from year to year and may include the following: the rule of law and the liberal constitutional state; law and economic development in the age of globalisation; the anthropology of law; law and culture; law and morality; the historical and philosophical foundations of western and Chinese law; current socio-legal issues in Hong Kong.

### **JDOC3008 Bank security (6 credits)**

Lending and securities: the role of banks in trade and other financing; lending criteria; forms of securities; securities over goods and documents of title to goods including pledges, hypothecation and liens; financing of international trade including letters of credit, documentary bills of exchange, letters of guarantee and performance bonds; effect of Bills of Sale legislation; guarantees and sureties; set-off; fixed and floating charges; enforcement and realization of securities; general discussion of loan documentation.

Duties of banker in taking securities: undue influence; mistake; misrepresentation; duties to inform or disclose to customer and third parties.

Court proceedings affecting banker: garnishee proceedings; Mareva injunctions; disclosure orders; insolvency of customer; banker's liability as constructive trustee; jurisdiction and conflict of laws especially in regard to international banking.

(*Note: Unless exempted, candidates are required to have taken Banking law before taking this course.*)

**JDOC3010 Business associations (6 credits)**

Outline of different types of business associations.

Partnership: their nature and creation and the rights and duties of the partner *inter se* and *vis-a-vis* third parties.

Registered companies: their development and nature; problems relating to incorporation; separate corporate personality; limited liability; memorandum and articles of association; *ultra vires* doctrine; an overview of membership, management and control.

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**JDOC3015 Company law (6 credits)**

The Company Law course will give students an introduction to partnership law and company law in Hong Kong and the PRC, and will cover the following topics: (1) partnership law, (2) incorporation and promoter's liability, (3) corporate personality and lifting of the corporate veil, (3) corporate capacity and the internal operation of a company, (4) outsider relationship and the indoor management rule, (5) corporate insolvency and liquidation, (6) corporate governance, (7) directors' common law and fiduciary duties, (8) PRC business associations.

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**JDOC3018 Criminology (6 credits)**

Criminology involves a study of the phenomenon of crime and will involve a consideration of the following areas: the definition and nature of crime; the justification and theories of punishment; the various schools which provide perspectives on the understanding of the etiology of crime; the treatment of the offender and crime prevention and control.

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**JDOC3020 Economic analysis of law (6 credits)**

The course will begin with a brief review of the major forms of law and economics scholarship. Introduction to basic concepts such as moral hazard, adverse selection, collective action, free ride, prisoner's dilemma, tragedy of the commons, and externalities will be provided during the beginning of the course. Thereafter, discussion will enter into areas such as contracts, property, torts, corporations, and collective decision making. The course will end with the major criticisms of the law and economics scholarship.

The course is not designed to teach law *per se* in any of these areas, but instead uses examples from these areas to highlight the economic tools and concepts and to show their usefulness in many areas of the law.

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**JDOC3023 Insolvency law (6 credits)**

Hong Kong's insolvency law regime and its social context. Changing attitudes towards personal insolvency in the late 1990s and beyond.

Corporate insolvency: liquidation, receivership and corporate rescue. Topics may include: the regulation of the insolvency regime in Hong Kong; professional ethics and insolvency officeholders; liquidation and receivership compared; the role and powers of the liquidator; insolvency and security interests; the development of a 'rescue culture'; provisional liquidation and schemes of arrangement; out of court workouts; cross border insolvency.

**JDOC3025 International commercial litigation (6 credits)**

The course will examine in depth a number of important public and private international law issues from the perspective of international commercial litigation.

The areas to be covered may include: introduction to litigation and procedure in Hong Kong, Mareva injunctions and Anton Piller orders, the jurisdiction of Hong Kong courts over persons, firms and corporations, extended jurisdiction under HCR, Order 11, the exercise of discretion on the grounds of *lis alibi pendens* and *forum non conveniens*, choice of jurisdiction clauses, and *res judicata*. Reference will be made to the position in other countries, e.g. Australia, Canada, the USA and Mainland PRC, as well as in Europe under the Brussels and Lugano Conventions.

The course will also deal with the issue of state immunity, the taking of evidence in other jurisdictions, and the enforcement of foreign judgements and arbitral awards in Hong Kong under the common law and statutory regimes.

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**JDOC3026 International human rights (6 credits)**

The course will include a common element and an optional component. The common element is divided into two parts: (a) conceptual issues and (b) modalities for prescribing, invoking, appraising and implementing human rights. The first part will include an introduction to the concept of human rights and development of international human rights law. The second part will examine the techniques and procedures in protecting human rights, including reporting procedure, fact-finding commission, role and functions of various official institutions and non-governmental organizations, domestic absorption of international standards, sanctions and humanitarian intervention.

The optional component will vary from year to year, depending on teachers' expertise and students' interest. It will cover one or more of the following areas: (a) an in-depth study of one of the human rights conventions, such as the European Convention on Human Rights, the Convention Against Torture or the Inter-American Convention of Human Rights, their modus operandi, cases and practices, and a critical appraisal of the system; (b) a study on contemporary international human rights issues, such as protection of minorities, non-discrimination, nationality and refugees; (c) a comparative study of constitutional protection of human rights in selected countries.

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**JDOC3030 Introduction to private international law (6 credits)**

This course is intended to provide a basic introduction to the area of conflict of laws. It will provide an overview of the nature and theories of the conflict of laws; fundamental concepts; classification, characterization and renvoi; domicile and the status of individuals and corporations; the jurisdiction of local courts; the recognition and enforcement of foreign law; procedure and proof of foreign law; and the harmonization of conflicts rules through international treaties.

Problems of the choice of law in a number of the following areas will be considered: contracts, torts, property and succession.

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**JDOC3032 Issues in family law (6 credits)**

This course examines current controversial issues pertaining to family law. Topics examined include rights and obligations of husband and wife during marriage, on divorce and protection for children and the weaker spouse.

(Note: Students enrolling for Issues in family law should preferably have taken Principles of family law.)

**JDOC3033 Issues in intellectual property law (6 credits)**

This course examines current controversial issues and problems in intellectual property law in the context of the circumstances of Hong Kong, with reference but not limited to the following areas:

Passing off action and other economic torts.

Registration of trade marks relating to goods and trade marks relating to services.

Copyright and designs: protection and infringement.

Protection of confidence and privacy.

Patents: requirements for grant and infringement.

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**JDOC3034 Labour law (6 credits)**

This course is intended to provide an introduction to the major issues in labour and employment law in Hong Kong. It is concerned with the law governing the workplace: the common law of the contract of employment, the statutory provisions regulating the contract of employment and governing the rights and obligations of workers and employers, workers' entitlements under legislation, workplace safety, the right to compensation for work-related injury, protection against discrimination, and collective rights such as the right to form trade unions, to bargain and to strike. International law, in the form of the International Labour Organisation conventions as well as the major UN conventions on human rights, and their interface with domestic law, will be considered.

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**JDOC3035 Law in East Asia (6 credits)**

This course will be the first opportunity for students in this Faculty to learn about the legal systems of the East Asian countries. The course will be taught thematically and comparatively from among the following topics:

An introduction to the historical foundations of the modern legal systems of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan;

Legal institutions: structure of state, courts, legal professions;

Codification of law, especially the institutions of private law;

Civil and commercial law;

Civil process and mediation;

Rights of the accused person;

Human rights and the legal status of women;

Framework for foreign trade and investment.

These topics will be examined from a comparative perspective with reference to the law in Hong Kong. The law will be analysed in the context of its history as well as its economic, political and cultural foundations.

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**JDOC3040 Medico-legal issues (6 credits)**

This course examine how the law regulates medical practice. Topics examined include consent to medical treatment, abortion, pre-natal injuries, death and withholding life sustaining treatment, euthanasia, organ transplant, confidentiality and access to medical records.

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**JDOC3041 PRC civil and commercial law (6 credits)**

This course will begin with a discussion of the political economy of China's legal change. It will then examine the specific areas of the law from both a theoretical and practical approach. Topics addressed in the course include: contract law, the law on secured transactions, corporate law, securities regulation, and the foreign trade regime in the People's Republic of China.

**JDOC3042 Planning and environmental law (6 credits)***Planning and land use*

The government lease and land use control; Town Planning; Protecting the non-urban environment: country parks, marine parks, wetlands and the harbour; Environmental impact assessment;

*Pollution control*

Air, noise, water pollution and waste; legislation and common law;

*The wider context*

International environmental law as it applies to Hong Kong; Trade and the environment.

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**JDOC3048 and JDOC 3121 Law of restitution I and II (12 credits)**

This course covers the following topics: theory and history of restitution; basic concepts in the law of restitution; restitution for money paid and benefits obtained upon grounds such as mistake, undue influence, compulsion, necessity, failure of consideration; absence of consideration; and defences for claims in restitution; restitution of unlawful tax payments; restitutionary claims from 'third parties' (knowing receipt, common law & equitable tracing); restitutionary remedy for torts, breaches of contracts, and equitable wrongs; *in personam* and *in rem* rights in restitution; concurrence of claims in restitution and contract; and restitutionary claims in insolvency proceedings.

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**JDOC3049 Law of the sea (6 credits)**

This course will examine some of the important issues in the law of the sea originating from customary international law and law-making treaties, most notably the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The course will discuss such maritime zones as internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zones, exclusive economic zones, the high seas, continental shelf, and international seabed areas. It will then consider rules and issues relating to various uses of the various sea zones, such as fishing, deep seabed mining, navigation and communication, marine scientific research, regulation of marine pollution, marine boundary disputes, military uses of the sea, and settlement of marine disputes. The course will also examine the interrelationship between international law and domestic law with respect to maritime matters. Relevant Chinese law will be taken into proper account.

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**JDOC3051 Selected problems in international law (6 credits)**

A detailed examination of selected issues of international law in areas such as international environmental law, international criminal law, law of treaties, international economic law, law of the sea, law of war and humanitarian law, air and space law, international organizations and settlement of international disputes.

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**JDOC3053 Sociology of law (6 credits)**

The main objective of the course is to provide a general introduction to the sociological study of law. It attempts to develop an understanding of law in its social context by examining social theories of law and empirical research relating to law in contemporary industrialized societies, including Hong Kong. In seeking to explore the operation of law in action, the course first explores the theories and typologies of Durkheim and Weber with particular emphasis on problems of legitimacy, ideology, and social solidarity. Specific sociologically significant features of the law are then considered. These include: the legal profession; the functions of courts; the enforcement of law by the police; the Rule of Law.

**JDOC3054 Succession (6 credits)**

The law relating to the validity, construction, revocation and operation of wills and the rules governing intestate succession; family provision, the nature and purpose of the office of executor and administrator.

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**JDOC3055 Use of Chinese in law I (6 credits)**

This course is designed to introduce students to the developing bilingual legal system in Hong Kong. It will be taught in Chinese (Cantonese).

Lectures will deal mainly with the following: the history of the official language policy in Hong Kong; Chinese legal vocabulary relating to basic legal concepts and areas of law such as public law, criminal law, the law of criminal procedure, the law of contract, the law of property and the law of tort; sources of Chinese language legal literature in Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China; the translation of legal documents.

Tutorials will involve discussion (in Cantonese) of basic elements in the Hong Kong legal system, hypothetical cases and current issues, as well as the use of Chinese to explain English legal documents and give legal advice.

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**JDOC3058 International mooting competition (6 credits)**

Students who have been selected as members of the team to represent the University of Hong Kong in one of the international mooting competitions listed below (or any other mooting competition approved by the Faculty Board) are eligible to enrol in this course.

The competitions are the William C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (takes place in Vienna), the International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, the Telders International Human Rights Law Moot, the Cardozo International Intellectual Property Moot, and the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Competition.

These competitions involve the preparation as members of a team of substantial written memorials, as well as participation in oral rounds.

A member of the Faculty will act as supervisor for those enrolled in the course. Assessment for the course may include components for written work, oral advocacy, and a brief individual research paper. With the Programme Director's permission, it is possible to take this course on a non-credit earning basis.

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**JDOC3059 Jessup international law moot court competition (6 credits)**

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is an international mooting competition in the field of public international law. Teams of up to five members prepare written memorials on a problem involving contemporary issues of international law, and participate in the Hong Kong regional mooting competition; the winner of the regional round is entitled to participate in the international rounds held in the United States. The deadline for the submission of the written briefs is normally early January; the oral rounds normally take place in February (Hong Kong) and late March/early April (international rounds).

Eligibility for enrolment in the course is limited to those students who have been selected as members of the team to represent the University of Hong Kong. A member of the Faculty will act as supervisor for those enrolled in the course. Assessment for the course may include components for written work, oral advocacy, and a brief individual research paper.

With the Programme Director's permission, it is possible to take this course on a non-credit earning basis.

**JDOC3062 Human rights in China (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international and domestic dimensions of the protection of human rights in the People's Republic of China. It will examine the applicability of international human rights standards to the PRC, the stance of the PRC in relation to international national mechanisms for the protection of human rights, and the place of international standards in domestic law. The course will consider the theoretical debates about the origin and contingency of human rights standards, questions of priorities in human rights, and the issue of rights in Chinese cultural contexts. It will also examine the extent of human rights protections available under the Chinese constitution and other laws, and will focus on selected issues, which may include the criminal justice system, freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom of religion, labour rights, gender discrimination, and minorities/self-determination. The course will also examine the social and political forces that may contribute to the improvement of human rights in China.

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**JDOC3065 Information technology law (6 credits)**

This course examines the legal and policy issues brought forth by technological advances in information technology. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

Copyright protection for computer programs and databases.

Patent protection for computer-related inventions.

Semiconductor chip designs protection.

Legal issues on the Internet.

Electronic transactions and public key infrastructure.

Computer crimes.

Data protection.

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**JDOC3072 Principles of Hong Kong taxation on income (6 credits)**

This course concentrates on the principles of law governing Hong Kong taxes on income: profits tax, salaries tax and property tax. Both the scheme of the relevant statutes and the ways in which case law has interpreted the relevant statutory provisions will be examined. On a practical level, relevant practices of the Inland Revenue Department will also be highlighted. Having acquired a sound knowledge of the law and practice, students will be expected to apply that knowledge to simulated but realistic situations commonly encountered in Hong Kong. Tax policy issues, including an analysis of Hong Kong's source-based jurisdiction of tax, capital taxation, broadly-based indirect taxation and taxation compliance will be covered. Where appropriate, these matters will be contrasted with the taxation system of Mainland China as well as other Asian jurisdictions.

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**JDOC3080 Governance and law (6 credits)**

This course seeks to understand why the state regulates certain activities and behaviour in society, what different forms of regulation exist, when and what kind of legal regulation is deemed necessary, how legal regulation is enforced, and checks balances against abuse in enforcement. This course is jointly taught by staff from the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Department of Law. The main objective of the course is to explore the interface between the study of Politics and Law in understanding governance. Relevant case studies will be included for illustration and discussion. To take this course, student must have successfully completed POLI1002 Fundamentals of Public Administration and JDOC3093 Administrative Law.

**JDOC3081 PRC commercial law (6 credits) (in Putonghua)**

The course will examine the legal framework governing commercial transactions in mainland China. Special attention will be paid to General Principles of Civil Law, Contract Law, Company Law, Bankruptcy Law, Securities Law, and other principal legislation in the area. Dispute resolution will also be briefly discussed. In order to enable students to better appreciate the rapid legal development and practical issues, the course will be taught in Putonghua and examined in Chinese. Problem solving approach will be used in the course.

Pre-requisite: Completion of Introduction to Chinese Law or the equivalent and sufficient Chinese proficiency.

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**JDOC3093 Administrative law (6 credits)**

The topics which may be included in the course in any particular year include theories of administrative decision-making, judicial review of administrative action (*ultra vires* and procedural fairness, Wednesbury unreasonableness, proportionality, abuse of power), delegated legislation, administrative law remedies, control of law-making by delegates, the practical aspects of bringing an action for judicial review under Order 53 of the Rules of the High Court, non-curial means of control and scrutiny of administrative action (Ombudsman, Administrative appeals, public enquiries), the structure and operation of administrative tribunals in Hong Kong, the Bill of Rights and review of administrative decision-making in Hong Kong, and access to information.

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**JDOC3096 Mooting (3 credits)**

The course is designed to introduce students to appellate advocacy in the form of a 'moot court' exercise. Students are required, in teams of two, to assume the role of counsel for one of the parties in an appeal from a fictional trial decision. They are required to prepare and submit to the 'court', a skeleton of their legal arguments, and a list of authorities, and to make oral argument before the court, to the satisfaction of the faculty member who is assigned to the court, and in conformity with the written mooting instructions issued to the students by the Faculty of Law.

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**JDOC3097 Civil procedure (6 credits)**

The conduct of civil litigation in the High Court and District Court: considerations prior to commencement of action; jurisdiction of courts; parties and joinder; commencement of proceedings by writs and originating summonses; applications for judicial review; service of process; pleadings (Statement of Claim, Defences and Counter-Claims; Replies); summary disposal of actions; interlocutory proceedings; discovery; further and better particulars; interrogatories; admissions; pre-trial security; compromises and settlements; aspects of the civil trial and costs; civil appeals; costs; enforcement of judgements.

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**JDOC3099 Criminal procedure (6 credits)**

The conduct of criminal cases in Magistracies, District Courts and the High Court. Police powers including arrest, detention, search and seizure; questioning; remedies for abuse of police powers; bail; jurisdiction of criminal courts; formulation and amendment of charges; commencement of criminal proceedings; transfers and committals; indictments; preparation for trial and discovery in criminal proceedings; pleas; plea bargaining; juries and aspects of criminal trials; costs; sentencing options; criminal appeals.

**JDOC3100 Current issues in comparative commercial law (6 credits)**

Consumer protection: product liability; statutory duties; exemption clauses and control thereof.

Personal property security interest: retention of title, hire purchase, finance lease, sale and mortgage hire back, chattel mortgage, etc.

Carriage and storage of goods: general introduction with emphasis on carriers and warehousemen as bailees.

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**JDOC3102 Evidence (6 credits)**

What may be proved: facts in issue; relevance; admissibility and weight.

Functions of judge and jury: who decides; judicial discretion.

Burden of proof: standard of proof; presumptions.

Methods of proof: oral testimony; documentary evidence; real evidence, proof without evidence.

Oral testimony: competence, compellability of witnesses; questioning of witnesses including rules *re* previous consistent statements, refreshment of memory and collateral issues; corroboration of witnesses; identification evidence.

Hearsay: scope, rationale, problem areas.

Common law exceptions to hearsay: informal admissions especially confessions; other common law exceptions.

Statutory exceptions to hearsay.

Evidence of character of parties.

Exclusion of evidence; self-incrimination; confession; unlawfully obtained evidence and human rights violation.

Privilege and public interest immunity.

Similar fact evidence.

Opinion and expert evidence.

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**JDOC3103 Evidence II (6 credits)**

The course is intended to provide an opportunity for (a) in depth study of specialist areas of the law relating to evidence and procedure and (b) introducing students to different approaches towards problems of proof suggested by scholars in other disciplines.

Topics for study will be selected on a yearly basis from the following list: expert evidence; similar facts evidence; police practices and a fair trial; public interest immunity; interrogatories and other forms of admission; the use of forensic science; probability theory and proof; comparative evidence and procedure; admissibility/relevance of the confessions of third persons; evasions of the hearsay rule; features and problems of identification testimony; pre-trial and trial experiments; reforms; codification, together with any current controversies or developments in the general area of evidence and procedure the teachers or students find appropriate or interesting.

(*Note:* Students enrolling for this course must have completed Evidence I or an equivalent course.)

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**JDOC3105 Land law III (Conveyancing) (6 credits)**

Government leases and Conditions; sale and grant of land by Government; sectioning and subdivision of land; duration of leases; compliance with Conditions; certificate of compliance; user restrictions in Government leases and Conditions; waiver of restrictive covenants

Deeds of mutual covenant; nature of co-owners' interests; common terms in deeds of mutual covenants; allocation of shares; basis principles governing building management; enforcement of covenants in deeds of mutual covenant

Special features of the New Territories: small house policy and tsos and t'ongs

Planning: Outline Zoning Plans; planning permission; planning through building controls; Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance

Termination of Government leases and Conditions; resumptions by the Government and assessment of compensation

Remedies; specific performance; rescission, damages; other express remedies in sale and purchase agreements

Land titles system

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### **JDOC3107 PRC civil law (6 credits) (in Putonghua)**

This course will introduce the fundamental legal concepts relating to civil relations and transactions in the PRC as well as the principles underlying the areas of law, including property, torts, and contracts. Both a descriptive account of the law and interdisciplinary methods of studying some areas of the law such as tort law and contract law of the PRC will be provided. Through the study of the above specific areas of law, students will be provided with the necessary analytical skills and judgmental power which are essential to their future work.

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### **JDOC3116 Selected legal issues in commercial practice (6 credits)**

This course seeks to discuss selected topics of Law that are fundamental and practical to Commercial Practice. Its objects are two-fold: (1) to provide a fresh and perhaps practical perspective on certain topics in Contracts, Torts, and Commercial transactions generally; (2) to introduce new topics that help students plug gaps of knowledge in important Commercial areas.

The topics intended to be covered are :-

1. Mistake
2. Illegality
3. Liability for misrepresentations
4. Liability for non-disclosure
5. Estoppel
6. Assignment of choses in action
7. Set-off
8. Subrogation
9. Resulting trusts
10. Constructive trusts

The course will be conducted through seminars. It will not cover the whole of the 10 topics listed, but specific themes within those areas. The approach will be practical, as well as theoretical.

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### **JDOC3120 Introduction to international human rights law (6 credits)**

This course will introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduates to basic principles of human rights. It will be jointly taught by several members of staff, each teaching different aspects of human rights. The subjects covered can range from the basic philosophical foundations of human rights to the United Nations and Human Rights, to regional mechanisms for human rights protection, to international humanitarian law to fair trial and due process rights to the state of human rights in specific countries or regions.

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### **JDOC3141 Law and film (6 credits)**

This elective course introduces students to the cultural study of the law by considering the multiple responses of cinematic texts to legal events. How are lawyers and legal institutions represented on the screen, and what does that tell us about the law? Is there a jurisprudential subtext to film? How do films attempt to capture traumatic events and human rights violations? Readings in jurisprudential theory and film theory will inform our discussion.

**JDOC3142 Law and politics of constitutions (6 credits)**

Almost all modern states are constitutional states in the sense that they, in one form or the other, have a constitution. A constitution is not only a legal document; it is also a political instrument.

For what purpose was the constitution made; for what functions could it serve; and on which it can be sustained are questions that cannot be answered without considering the interaction between law and politics in the making, implementation and development of the constitution.

This course applies an interdisciplinary approach and a comparative perspective to analyze intertwining issues of law and politics concerning constitutions like: constitutional interpretation theories, the roles of political parties, religion, judiciary and the public in the constitutional processes, and the significance of dialogue in constitutional deliberation.

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**JDOC3143 Topics in law and literature: Flaubert and Eliot (6 credits)**

This elective course is designed to introduce students to the major debates in 'law and literature' studies through the works of two writers who helped to define literary realism, Gustave Flaubert and George Eliot. We will pay special attention to the law's reaction to the publication of literary works, and to the writers' response to changes in the law. Texts include Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, and Eliot's *Adam Bede* and *Felix Holt*. Enrolment is limited to 16.

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**JDOC6002 Credit and security law (12 credits)**

The legal aspects of supplying and securing credit in respect of individuals and companies; the legal means of taking security over different types of property.

Aspects of law that are particularly relevant to non-corporate credit and security are: charges, mortgages, hire-purchase, bills of sale, pledges and liens, and assignments of chose in action.

The areas of law that are particularly relevant to corporate credit and security include floating and fixed charges, conditional sales, trusts, and hire-purchase.

Topics to be studied include: the concept of security, the role of Equity in security transactions, real and personal securities, types of business finance, insolvency, drafting of documentation to achieve particular purposes, and remedies.

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**JDOC6003 Civil and commercial law in the People's Republic of China (12 credits)**

Topics to be covered include: the law of person, agency, property, obligations (contracts, torts etc.), family and succession, with an introduction to traditions, reforms, civil procedure and modes of alternative dispute resolution. Each topic is discussed in light of recent developments in China, such as corporatization of Chinese enterprises, experiments in bankruptcy, contract employment and regulating the new urban real estate market. Reading knowledge of Chinese helpful but not required. No prerequisite.

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**JDOC6005 Hong Kong intellectual property law (6 credits)**

A comparative study of the Hong Kong law relating to patents, copyright, registered designs, trade marks, trade secrets, trade descriptions, common law remedies including and akin to passing off and injurious falsehood, and associated rights in information. Previous study or practice in the area of intellectual property would be an advantage but is not essential provided some preliminary private study is undertaken.

**JDOC6006 International commercial transactions (6 credits)**

The topic of International Commercial Transactions touches on a number of legal frameworks that govern international business. The various frameworks consist of a patchwork of national and international, governmental and private-sector laws, agreements and mandatory or voluntary codes of conduct. This course will be presented in four parts, and in each part, relevant laws and decisions of tribunals in various jurisdictions in Asia are comparatively considered to present a range of issues arising in contemporary practice. It will begin with an introduction and examination of commercial and legal implications of terms-of-art frequently used in international sales agreements, shipping contracts, insurance and financing arrangements, and customs documentation. International efforts to unify or harmonize definitions and their legal implications, as well as rules that govern the interpretation of contractual terms, such as the 2000 Inco-terms, ICC Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, 1980 Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods, and UNIDROIT principles, will be discussed. Agency, distribution, technology and intellectual property transfers, and e-commerce, as widespread and emerging modes of conducting international business, the legal issues inherent in each form, and associated regulation will be considered. Issues related to international investment agreements involving governments will be examined. Special problems related to corruption and money-laundering will be discussed. Significant attention will be paid to the settlement of international commercial and investment disputes, which will include an examination of special problems associated with the recognition and enforcement of awards and judgments.

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**JDOC6008 Introduction to Chinese law and legal system (6 credits)**

A broad introduction to traditional Chinese law, twentieth-century legal reform and the current legal system of the People's Republic of China. The first part of the course will consider the traditional Chinese legal system, particularly during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and will conclude with an analysis of late Qing and early Republican law reform. The second part of the course will cover legal developments from the establishment of the People's Republic through the Cultural Revolution. The third and main part of the course will consist of a detailed consideration of the legal system and the role of law in the P.R.C. since 1978. Specific areas of study will include constitutional reform and the legal structure, the enactment of a civil code, the introduction of economic reforms, family and inheritance law, criminal law and criminal procedure, nationality law and human rights issues. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters is desirable.

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**JDOC6009 Introduction to law in East Asia (12 credits)**

The purpose of this course is to examine the legal institutions, methods, principles and values of East Asian legal systems with a civil law tradition. Introduction to law in East Asia will focus on the legal systems of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

Like Hong Kong and Singapore, these three East Asian countries have enjoyed enormous economic growth in the post-war period. They also have common cultural traditions with Hong Kong and Singapore but for historical reasons their legal systems are rooted in the civil law tradition of Western Europe rather than in the common law.

The syllabus includes an introduction to the historical foundations of the modern legal systems of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan; legal institutions: structure of state, courts, legal professions; codification of law, especially the institutions of private law; civil and commercial law and legal structures for foreign trade and investment; civil process and mediation. These topics will be examined from a comparative perspective. The law will be analysed in the context of its history as well as its economic, political and cultural foundations.

**JDOC6010 Remedies (12 credits)**

The purpose of the course is to study the range of remedies available in commercial transactions. It will look at the tactic of re-classifying the transaction to achieve the relief sought, and the various types of judicial relief, especially those available before trial.

Common law damages: developments in assessing remoteness, the imposition of pre-agreed amounts, debts, the avoidance of penalties, and the question of whether loss must be proved.

Equity: the nature and relevant factors for discretionary relief, the prevention of equitable fraud through estoppel, constructive trusts and the imposition of the fiduciary obligation, and restitution.

Statutory remedies: the pre-emptive strikes, especially the Mareva injunction and the Anton Piller order, and the declaration.

Particular remedies: including the vendor/purchaser summons, promissory and proprietary estoppels, and relief against forfeiture.

**JDOC6013 Trade and investment in the People's Republic of China (12 credits)**

This course provides a comprehensive treatment of the major legal aspects of international trade, investment, finance and dispute resolution in the People's Republic of China. After a brief introduction to the Chinese legal system, the course concentrates on foreign-related legislation governing trade and investment in China. Particular attention is given to standard-form and model contracts as well as prevailing Chinese practices in the fields of trade and investment.

Areas treated in detail include: customs; import and export licensing; foreign economic contract law; technology transfer; trade finance; compensation trade; investment protection; foreign investment vehicles — equity joint ventures, co-operative ventures and wholly foreign-owned subsidiaries; special investment regimes — Special Economic Zones, Economic and Technological Development Zones and the Open Coastal Cities; foreign exchange problems; taxation and investment finance. Dispute resolution is also considered at length, with discussion of Chinese and third-country arbitration and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards as well as litigation in the People's Courts. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

**JDOC6021 Advanced administrative law (6 credits)**

This is an advanced course in administrative law which focuses on the decision-making process of administrative bodies. Topics covered include theories of administrative decision making, the procedure and content of administrative decision making, judicial (*ultra vires*, procedural fairness, estoppel and other limits on the exercise of discretionary power) and extra-judicial (ombudsman and other non-curial bodies) control of administrative action, the practical and procedural aspects of bringing an application for judicial review under Order 53 of the Supreme Court Ordinance, access to information (including the right to be given reasons and use of discovery proceedings), *habeas corpus* and remedies (including restitution). Emphasis will also be placed on subordinate legislation and the operation of some administrative tribunals.

**JDOC6022 Advanced research methodology for law (6 credits)**

Course Content:

- Different types of research in law: an introduction to different types of legal and inter-disciplinary research drawing on current examples from, particularly, the periodical literature
- Reading research material
- Issues in research on law : a discussion of issues such as objectivity, honesty and other theoretical and philosophical issues that arise in doing research
- Advanced library research techniques - using paper sources

- Archival material
  - Use of electronic resources
  - Empirical research techniques - how to read empirical research, and statistical material. An elementary introduction to empirical techniques for law students : observation studies, interviews. The secondary use of primary statistical material.
  - Formulating research topics - generating ideas, developing a 'thesis', research strategies
  - Writing a proposal
  - Planning the writing; dealing with writer's block, organisation of material - different ways of structuring a substantial piece of writing
  - The formalities of presentation - citing, acknowledging, plagiarism and how to avoid it, issues of appropriate language.
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### **JDOC6023     Arbitration law workshop (6 credits)**

The arbitration law workshop is intended to introduce students to the practice of arbitration. The workshop adopts a different approach than traditional arbitration courses which tend to focus in the abstract upon institutional rules. The workshop emphasizes a problem solving approach to learning about arbitration instead. The change is accomplished by running the workshop around a single model case study. The case study is entitled the *Sanctuary House Case*. It has been developed by Mark Cato, an experienced arbitrator and author. The case study unfolds in story form from the introduction of individuals through interlocutories to hearing and award to illustrate all the principal elements of arbitration law, practice and procedure in both a readable and entertaining way. In this manner the workshop highlights arbitration problems and teaches about practical solutions. The workshop's objective is thus to close the gap between the theory of arbitration and knowledge of the rules with actual management of an arbitration case in practice.

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### **JDOC6024     Banking law (6 credits)**

Regulation of financial institutions in Hong Kong: regulatory framework; role of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; money laundering, recovery of proceeds of crime and anti-terrorist measures.

Banker-customer relationship: nature of the relationship and its development; meaning of "customer" and types of accounts; banker's rights as against customer including appropriation of payment, lien and set-off; duties of banker including confidentiality and payment of customer's cheques; money paid by mistake; forgery; banker's liability as constructive trustee; implied duties of the customer; contractual attempts to modify such duties; supply of banker's references; banker as adviser; termination of the relationship.

Lending and securities: the role of banks in trade and other financing; lending criteria; forms of securities; financing of international trade and bills of exchange; guarantees and sureties; fixed and floating charges; credit cards and other types of consumer credit; enforcement and realization of securities; general discussion of loan and security documentation.

Taking effective securities: undue influence; mistake; misrepresentation.

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### **JDOC6025     Company law and securities regulation in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course covers both company law and securities regulation in the People's Republic of China. The part on company law involves an examination of the legal framework governing the structure and organization of business corporations and the responsibilities of and protection afforded various groups participating in a corporation's affairs, in particular, shareholders, creditors and management. The basic conceptual framework reflected in modern corporate legislation, and especially recent Chinese statutes is emphasized, with particular attention to the concept of corporate entity, scope of business activities,

shareholders' rights and responsibilities, directors' duties, the governance of joint stock companies, management and control of limited companies. Limited companies and joint stock companies as vehicles for direct foreign investment will also be briefly discussed. The part on securities regulation involves an analysis of the scheme of securities regulation in the PRC. Topics covered will include efficient capital markets, types of securities and capital structure, agency theory, portfolio theory, regulation of primary market offerings, trading in secondary markets, inside trading, mergers and acquisitions, stock exchanges, and securities market professionals. Implications on portfolio investment by foreign investors in Chinese companies through the purchase of B-shares, H-shares and N-shares will also be covered. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

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### **JDOC6027 Construction law (6 credits)**

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the subject of construction law in Hong Kong. It will consist of three main areas: (a) an introduction to the topic and the importance of the sector to the local economy; the professionals engaged in construction and their regulation; the forms of contract and standard forms of agreement in use locally; (b) the legal framework for construction activities in Hong Kong including the relevant legislation e.g. Buildings Ordinance, Town Planning Ordinance etc.; contract law and procedures; substantive law issues, and dispute resolution; and (c) construction practice for solicitors with attention to drafting, project structures and general advice for construction clients.

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### **JDOC6028 Current issues in PRC commercial law (6 credits)**

This course will highlight one or more areas of contemporary Chinese commercial law and practice of importance to foreign trade, investment or finance in the People's Republic of China. The subject matter to be covered in the course is not fixed and will vary from year to year. Students will be apprised in advance of the subject of the course to be offered. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

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### **JDOC6029 Dispute resolution in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course examines the major features of commercial dispute resolution in the People's Republic of China. Chinese approaches to disputes and dispute settlement, including cultural and political influences, will be considered at the outset. The four principal Chinese institutions for commercial dispute resolution - amicable negotiations, conciliation, arbitration and litigation - will be the focus of the course, with an emphasis on commercial arbitration. Administrative channels for resolving disputes will also be discussed.

Both PRC foreign-related and domestic commercial arbitration will be treated at length. Arbitration before the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) will be a prominent feature of this part of the course, including an examination of the jurisdiction, procedures and practices of CIETAC. The emergence of reorganized domestic arbitration commissions will be discussed, including arbitral procedures and practices. Issues of enforcement of both Chinese and foreign arbitral awards in the PRC will also be covered.

Other topics include: institutional conciliation before the Beijing Conciliation Centre and in the People's Courts; joint conciliation; enforceability of conciliation agreements; foreign-related litigation in the People's Courts, including court organization, jurisdiction and venue, service of process, preservation measures, pre-trial and trial procedures, appellate procedures and enforcement of judgements; and bilateral judicial assistance agreements. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

**JDOC6030 Equality and the law (6 credits)**

Significant protection against discrimination under the law of Hong Kong has been available only since the enactment of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights Ordinance in 1991 and the passage of sex and disability discrimination legislation in 1995. These focused considerable attention on the existence of patterns of discrimination in Hong Kong.

The purpose of this course is to explore the theoretical foundations and practical efficacy of the models of equality and non-discrimination underlying Hong Kong's anti-discrimination laws. The course will examine from a historical perspective the existence of institutionalised discrimination in Hong Kong and the reasons for its persistence, as well as the failure of the common law to address these issues. The background to the enactment of anti-discrimination and equal opportunities laws in Hong Kong will also be examined. Aspects of the substantive law of non-discrimination -- including comparative and international material will also be considered. Finally, the efficacy of law (and of the Hong Kong law and institutions in particular) as an instrument for addressing inequality will be discussed. The course will focus on different aspects of the problem of inequality and the role of law from year to year.

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**JDOC6031 Hong Kong and international law (6 credits)**

The course is divided into two parts: (a) international law -- a conceptual review and (b) application of international legal norms in the Hong Kong context. The topics covered in the first part include the nature, origin and basis of international law; sources of international law; international legal personality; jurisdiction; international responsibility; international intercourse (treaties); and international disputes (peaceful and forcible means of dispute settlement). The issues to be studied under the second part of the course are: the place of international law in the Hong Kong legal system; Hong Kong as an 'international legal person' (including 'autonomy' and 'internal self determination'); jurisdiction in a 'highly autonomous region' -- the case of Hong Kong; Hong Kong's international obligations (e.g. treatment of aliens, environmental protection); international treaty law as applied in Hong Kong; and 'one country, two systems' as a model of peaceful settlement of disputes.

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**JDOC6032 Hong Kong basic law (6 credits)**

Topics to be covered include: the background to the Basic Law: the Sino-British negotiations, the Joint Declaration, the process of drafting and agreeing on the Basic Law; basic Chinese and British constitutional concepts relevant to an understanding of the structure and orientation of the Basic Law; the relationship of the Basic Law to the Constitution; the relationship of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Chinese central government; the institutional structure of the Hong Kong SAR, especially the relationship between the executive and the legislature, and the concept of 'executive-led government'; the concept and special aspects of 'one country, two systems' - especially the preservation of the Hong Kong economic system in the Basic Law; the legal system under the Basic Law; human rights, judicial review and constitutional litigation; the Bill of Rights and the Basic Law; nationality issues under the Basic Law; interpretation of the Basic Law; transitional issues (at least the first time the course is taught - the relationship between the Provisional Legislature and the Basic Law etc.).

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**JDOC6033 Hong Kong environmental law (6 credits)**

Introduction: the Hong Kong environment; contextual factors affecting the environment and environmental law in Hong Kong. Overview of Hong Kong's environmental law, strategy and techniques. Techniques of environmental protection I: traditional approaches including the common law, nuisance, *Rylands v Fletcher*. Techniques of environmental protection II: the criminal law,

interpretation of legislation, penalties. Techniques of environmental protection III: licensing and permits. Techniques of environmental protection IV: standards, objectives, technical memoranda, codes of practice, how they are used, what is their legal force, how they compare with international standards. Techniques of environmental protection V: Planning - territorial planning, town planning. Techniques of environmental protection VI: Environmental Impact Assessment. Techniques of environmental protection VII: Preventing pollution, energy conservation. Expanding liability: the liability of Directors, the liability of lenders. Conservation and the law. Rounding up.

On the whole the emphasis will not be on medium (water, air, waste etc.), but rather on techniques, since many of the same techniques, and similar issues of statutory interpretation, enforcement etc., occur across media. But examples and issues will be drawn from a variety of contexts. It would be possible to look at one problem (water or air or chemical waste for example) in detail.

### **JDOC6034 Human rights in Hong Kong (6 credits)**

This course begins with an introduction to the historical, social, cultural and political dimensions of human rights discourse generally and in Hong Kong, covering different theories of human rights (including the contemporary debate on universality and cultural relativism) and the extent to which these theories are reflected in law and policy in Hong Kong. We will then study the sources of legal protection of human rights in Hong Kong (including international human rights treaties, the Basic Law, and the Bill of Rights Ordinance). This portion of the course will include a brief discussion of international monitoring system and an examination of the mechanisms of protecting human rights under the common law system, the Bill of Rights, and the Basic Law.

The course will then move on to selected rights and current controversies in Hong Kong. The topics selected will likely include: freedom of expression and association; the implementation of Article 23 of the Basic Law; the right to fair trial and the presumption of innocence; the development of a right to equality; the right to political participation, and the provision of social and economic rights. Additional topics will depend upon the time available and the interest of students.

### **JDOC6035 International air law: Structure and organisation (6 credits)**

This course deals comprehensively with the treaty structure in international air law. As such, it stands alone as a basic introduction to international air law.

More specifically, the course encompasses a study of the basic organization of international air law : Chicago convention and ICAO; the 'crime' treaties governing offences on board and against aircraft as well as hijacking; the liabilities regime of treaties; international controls/treaties concerning commercial operations, IATA and bilateral air services agreements.

It is envisaged that this course should deal with not only international law, but how these treaties etc. are implemented in both Hong Kong and PRC law.

### **JDOC6036 International criminal law (6 credits)**

This course will examine the development and evolution of the concepts of international criminal law, the development of individual responsibility under international law for international crimes, the definition of war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes against peace; specific international crimes, such as genocide, piracy and terrorism, the mechanisms of enforcement in relation to international criminal acts, such as various war-crimes tribunals, the principles and procedures for combating transnational crimes, the emerging idea of state criminal responsibility, co-operation in international law enforcement, extradition and its use in relation to political offences and terrorism, the concept of international crimes and the establishment and jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

**JDOC6037 International environmental law (6 credits)**

The past few decades has witnessed the rise of Asia as one of the world's most economically vibrant regions. Asia's economic boom has unfortunately been accompanied by severe environmental degradation. Air pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss, are just some of the many environmental problems that Asia faces today. In addition, global environmental problems such as climate change are at the top of the international agenda. No longer considered solely the purview of the environmentalist or social activist, environmental regulation and law touch upon nearly all aspects of social, economic and political life.

This course aims to provide students with a contextual understanding of the key global environmental issues of the day and the legal solutions. After a broad survey of the field of international environmental law, this course will focus on some key areas which provide fertile ground for exploring the major innovations and controversies in international environmental governance. These key areas will include climate change and the Kyoto Protocol regime, ozone depletion and regulation, and the illegal wildlife trade.

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**JDOC6038 International humanitarian law (6 credits)**

This course focuses on the international law of war and humanitarian intervention. The Hague Convention, the four Geneva Conventions on the Law of War 1949 and their Optional Protocols 1977 will be the main focus of the study. Topics to be covered include: the development of humanitarian thought and practices of States; definition and place within international public law and sources of international humanitarian law; the development of the humanitarian conventions and their application (scope of application - international and internal conflicts; subjects - protected persons, detainees, prisoners of war, civilians; organs - ICRC; the principles of international humanitarian law (fundamental principles, principles proper to the victims of conflicts and to the law of war, prisoners of war, specificities of implementation, protecting powers, tracing and sanctions); humanitarian intervention and sovereignty; international humanitarian law and international law of human right; peace-keeping, disarmament and international humanitarian law.

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**JDOC6039 World Trade Organization: Law and policy**

“Public” or governmental regulation of international trade is separate from but complementary to “private” international business transactions. At the international level, the World Trade Organization (WTO) is the primary multilateral legal and institutional framework that governs trade relations and trade-related issues between States. This course will examine the rules, norms and policies that constitute the WTO and its substantive agreements, with a special perspective and focus on issues that are related to China's membership. The course will begin with a review of policies that affect international trade, and economic theories associated with such policies. The Agreement Establishing the WTO (WTO Agreement), the increasingly complex management of the activities of the WTO, and its decision-making processes, will be examined. Next, the substantive agreements and associated legal instruments included in the Annexes to the WTO Agreement will be analyzed. Significant attention will be focused on the core principles of the WTO Agreements: market access; non-discrimination; transparency and administration of justice; and, binding dispute settlement. In particular, the application of these principles under the GATT and GATS will be explored. The course will further examine some WTO rules that allow derogations from these general principles and specific obligations. These derogations include rules pertaining to regional trading agreements, safeguards, general exceptions, anti-dumping measures, subsidies and countervailing duties. Finally, the course will conclude with an examination of WTO rules on trade-related investment measures (TRIMs), and environmental measures which affect international trade.

**JDOC6040 Introduction to Chinese law (6 credits)**

A general overview of the present legal system and law of the PRC. The course begins with a survey of traditional Chinese law and the development of socialist theory and practice before and after 1949. It then provides an introduction to important areas of legislation enacted since 1979, including:

Constitutional reform: courts, procuracy and lawyers

Mediation and dispute settlement

The criminal process

Introduction to civil law

Marriage law and the status of women

Economic reform

**JDOC6041 Legal Chinese in commercial transactions (6 credits)**

This course is taught in Putonghua (Mandarin). It combines the study of substantive Chinese law with the development of practical linguistic skills useful for conducting legal business in the PRC. Using original materials (statutes, Supreme People's Court and administrative documents, case reports and commentaries), the course will explore how the law in China operates in its indigenous environment, in both domestic and foreign/Hong Kong-related cases. Students are required to learn to discuss, in Putonghua, selected PRC civil and commercial law topics and to practise drafting legal documents in Chinese as well as English-Chinese and Chinese-English translation. Classes will consist of alternate lectures and group discussion/evaluation sessions.

Examination will be conducted in Chinese. A reading knowledge of Chinese and basic Putonghua comprehension are required.

**JDOC6042 Legal fictions: Representations of the law in literature, philosophy and cinema (6 credits)**

This course will examine the representation of law in a variety of contexts: literary, philosophical and cinematic. Issues such as justice, rights, the rule of law, positivism, the language of the law, the trial and the role of the profession will be canvassed through 'texts' as varied as Plato's *Republic*, Sophocles's *Antigone*, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Melville's *Bartleby the Scrivener*, Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities* (or, alternatively, *Bleak House*), Kafka's *The Trial* (or *Before the Law*), Dworkin's *Law's Empire*, Foucault's *Discipline and Punish*, *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Judgement at Nuremberg* and perhaps a sampling of various television series ('Rumpole', 'L.A. Law', 'Perry Mason', 'Street Legal' and possibly the OJ Simpson trial).

How the law is 'imagined' by these various 'texts' constitutes an important social document, unlocking, to a certain extent, the values -- moral, political, juridical -- of the culture that produced the document. But this course will argue that these representations of the law do more than just 'hold up a mirror to nature'; indeed, they force us to rethink the law, reconceiving it, as well, as a representation -- in short, a text, subject to the same conventions of aesthetic representation. So the course will conclude by examining actual legal judgements, and how those judgements are informed by narrative conventions, plot structures, novelistic characterisation and constitutive metaphors.

**JDOC6043 Liabilities in international aviation (6 credits)**

This course encompasses a study of all aspects of air carriage liabilities.

In particular, there will be close examination of air carrier liabilities (passengers and freight), manufacturers liability, airport liabilities, governmental liability (certification/security), pilot and other alternative liabilities in the event of loss or damage being caused in the course of air carriage.

**JDOC6044     Protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights in China (6 credits)**

This course will examine all major areas of Chinese intellectual property, including trademarks, patents, copyright, competition and related trade and technology transfer issues, with a brief introduction to background, policies and administrative procedures. Reading knowledge of Chinese helpful but not required. No prerequisite.

Topics to be covered: the IP challenge and common ground; overview of IP administration and ARR/ALL procedures; trade and service marks; patents and technology transfer; copyright and software protection; and competition (trade secrets, advertising etc.).

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**JDOC6045     Postmodern legal theory (6 credits)**

This is a course in legal theory examining the impact upon that field of 'post-modernism', a philosophical and aesthetic movement which has influenced not only the law but art, architecture, cinema studies, politics, literary criticism, history, anthropology and philosophy.

The perspective of the course will be, by necessity, interdisciplinary and will address, initially, a variety of general issues which the term 'postmodernism' has raised: namely, the issue of language, of subjectivity, of the body, of the unconscious, of politics and of 'system' in general. Specific topics will include: deconstruction (Derrida), psycho-analysis (Lacan, Klein, Zizek), feminism (Irigaray, Cixous), post-Marxism (Althusser, Laclau and Mouffe), New Historicism (Foucault) and post-colonialism (Bhabha and Spivak).

Each of these broad theoretical topics and issues, however, will be connected with those practical questions posed by the law. So, for example, issues of deconstruction will be addressed in the context of judicial interpretation; psycho-analysis, in terms of the split subjectivity -- conscious and unconscious -- of the subject of law, the 'reasonable man' or the rights-bearer; New Historicism and/or feminism in terms of the body constructed by the legal regulation of sexuality (abortion, pornography, homosexuality, medico-legal discourse, etc.).

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**JDOC6046     Privacy and data protection (6 credits)**

This course will consider the question of protection of privacy by the common law, bills of rights, the constitution, with particular reference to electronic surveillance and the conflict between privacy and free speech, including problems related to the Internet. Specific issues to be discussed will include: the concept of 'privacy' and the genesis and development of its common law protection, especially in the United States; the social need for 'privacy' and its political, philosophical and economic underpinnings, background to the legislation; existing common law and statutory protection: the equitable remedy for breach of confidence, defamation, copyright, the intentional infliction of emotional distress, the public interest, remedies; electronic surveillance, interception of communications, telephone tapping under the Telecommunication Ordinance; the protection of 'personal information': the data protection principles, data matching and PINS, access rights, transborder data flow; the Privacy Commissioner: powers, functions, exemptions, from the principles, the sectoral codes; the international dimension: UN Guidelines, Council of Europe Convention, and OECD Guidelines, Council of the EC draft directive, Articles 17 and 19 of the ICCPR, Article 14 of the BORO, the ECHR; and the Internet and the protection of personal information.

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**JDOC6047     Real estate law in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course covers major areas of the rapidly evolving field of the PRC real estate law, with an emphasis on the discussion of issues arising from urban real estate development, management and related transactions. Among the topics to be examined are: the PRC land system, including state and collective

ownership systems; types of land-use rights and regulatory framework; grant, assignment and lease of land-use rights as well as required procedures and related contracts; pre-sale, mortgage, *dian* and resumption issues; domestic and foreign investment regulations; and recent real estate management regulations and practices.

All reading materials are in English. Knowledge of Chinese is not required.

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#### **JDOC6048 PRC security and insolvency law**

This course will focus on both security and insolvency issues in the People's Republic of China, with reference to both PRC foreign investment enterprises and state-owned enterprises and companies. The options available to creditors for protecting their interests under Chinese law will be a central feature of both parts of this course.

Aspects of security law to be covered include the five forms of security - guarantees, mortgages, pledges, liens and deposits, with an emphasis on mortgages and guarantees. Topics to be studied include : the concept of security, Chinese attitudes towards security, the selection of security providers and of security vehicles, real and personal security, types of business finance, creating security (investigation, negotiation and documentation), the approval process, the recording system, and remedies.

The insolvency portion of the course will focus on the insolvency of foreign investment enterprises and state-owned enterprises and companies. The PRC Bankruptcy Law and related legislation at both the national and local levels will be considered. Topics to be studied include insolvency principles, the economic and political ramifications resulting from the insolvency of state-owned enterprises and companies, an overview of the insolvency process, commencement of insolvency cases, property available for distribution to creditors, representatives of the estate, and liquidation procedures generally. Cross-border insolvency issues, especially in relation to co-operation with the Hong Kong SAR, will also be considered. A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

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#### **JDOC6049 Securities regulation (6 credits)**

This course involves an analysis of the scheme of securities regulation in Hong Kong. Topics covered include efficient capital markets, types of securities and capital structure, agency theory, portfolio theory, regulation of primary market offerings, trading in secondary markets, inside trading, takeovers and acquisitions, stock exchanges, and securities market professionals.

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#### **JDOC6050 Taxation in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course provides a comprehensive study of the taxation system of the PRC. Particular attention is placed on cross-border taxation problems.

Specifically, emphasis is given to inbound and outbound investment and the principles of tax efficient structuring for investors from high tax jurisdictions, as well as low tax jurisdictions such as Hong Kong. The major PRC taxes to be studied include the Foreign Investment Enterprises and Foreign Enterprises Income Tax Law, the Individual Income Tax Law, the Tax Administration and Collection Law and various indirect taxes, particularly VAT, Business Tax and Land Value Appreciation Tax. The structure and use of the PRC double tax treaties are examined in depth.

An integral part of the course involves case studies of cross-border business activity in the PRC and Hong Kong, and if time permits, a typical OECD taxing jurisdiction.

A reading knowledge of simplified Chinese characters would be desirable.

**JDOC6055 Law of international finance I - Debt (6 credits)**

This foundation course will examine, primarily from a legal perspective but with interdisciplinary dimensions, the structure and operation of international bank and capital markets. The course, while sensitive to key issues of domestic, regional and international regulation of international securities offerings and international banking, will concentrate primarily on private law aspects of international financial transactions such as basic trade financing, Eurodollar syndicated loans, Loan sales and participation, Eurobond offerings, and basic interest rate and currency swaps, legal opinions and private international law considerations.

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**JDOC6056 Law and development in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course offers an introduction to the law of the People's Republic of China and discusses some of the central issues of China's ongoing legal reform. It is designed mainly to prepare students for further studies in specialized Chinese commercial law subjects.

The course provides an overview of the basic concepts and categories of Chinese law, including the cultural and political traditions informing the current legal system and the background to legal reforms since 1979. The course further examines the PRC constitutional framework and political-legal institutions and practices, including the legal profession and the features and uses of both formal and informal procedures, such as civil, criminal and administrative litigation and mediation.

All reading materials are in English. Knowledge of Chinese is not required.

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**JDOC6057 International securities law (6 credits)**

Securities markets have become increasingly international in nature, with the process of financial liberalisation and economic globalisation. This course provides an introduction to international securities markets and relevant law and regulation. Comparative discussion, vis-a-vis major international financial jurisdictions, including the United States, European Union, Hong Kong and PRC, as well as relevant international principles, standards and practices, with respect to the fundamental aspect of capital market regulations including: entry, disclosure, capital adequacy, offerings, exemptions, insider trading, takeovers, enforcement and extraterritorial jurisdiction. Emphasis will be placed on the development of international 'best practices'.

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**JDOC6058 Armed conflicts, humanitarian law and human rights (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international standards regulating the conduct for armed hostilities and the use of weapons in both international and non-international armed conflict, the Hague Convention, the 4 Geneva Conventions on the Law of War 1949 and their Optional Protocols 1977, treatment of prisoners of war, humanitarian intervention, the principles of international humanitarian law, peace-keeping, and disarmament and the regulation of minefields. The course will deal with situations of conflict in the Asian region and elsewhere. It will also consider the interaction between international humanitarian standards and human rights standards, their adequacy for addressing the types of armed conflict in the region, the flow of people they produce, and their aftermath.

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**JDOC6059 Criminal justice and human rights (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international standards relating to the different dimensions of the criminal justice process and their implementation at the national level through constitutional, legislative, judicial and other means. Topics covered are likely to include pre-trial and administrative detention, procedural and substantive guarantees at trial (e.g., the right to be presumed innocent and the right to a fair hearing), sentencing, and the rights of prisoners.

**JDOC6060 Current issues in human rights (6 credits)**

This course will explore in depth a limited number of issues which are of contemporary interest in the field of international human rights law. In 2006-2007, the topics will include the protection of minority rights, self-determination, indigenous rights, and in-depth consideration of the moral and legal scope of so-called "humanitarian" intervention. Prerequisite: completion of either JDOC6068 (Human Rights: history, theory and politics) or JDOC6072 (International and regional protection of human rights).

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**JDOC6061 Development and human rights (6 credits)**

This course will consider the concept of the right to development, the recognition and scope of this third generation of rights, the principles governing international trade and those governing respect for human rights, trade sanction and conditionalities in aids, particularly in light of global standards set by international bodies such as World Bank and the GATT/World Trade Organization, standards developed by other bodies such as the International Labour Organization, bilateral arrangements such as the most favoured nations clause and the moral, political and economic dimensions of such arrangement and their implications for human rights protection, the control on freedom of movement and brain drain, and autonomy on the use and disposition of natural resources.

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**JDOC6062 Economic, social and cultural rights (6 credits)**

This course will first examine the historical and conceptual evolution and recognition of economic, social and cultural rights, followed by an examination of various international and regional instruments governing economic, social and cultural rights, and in particular, implementation and enforcement of these instruments. There will then be a study of selected rights, including the right to food, the right to work, the right to housing, the right to medical care, the right to education, the right to trade union and collective bargaining, the right to social security, the right to preserve cultural heritage, and minority rights.

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**JDOC6063 Equality and non-discrimination (6 credits)**

This course will consider theories of equality, international standards on equality and non-discrimination, and their implementation in national laws and practice. The course will examine (with an emphasis on inequality issues of relevance to Asia) different forms of discrimination and inequality, which may include discrimination on the basis of race, class, ethnicity, sex, disability and other grounds.

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**JDOC6064 Ethnicity, human rights and democracy (6 credits)**

This course analyses problems and dilemmas of the political and social organisation of multi-ethnic states and the solutions that have been adopted or proposed to deal with them. The course begins with theoretical perspectives on ethnicity and the implications of ethnicity for governance, constitutional theory and legal order. It is organised around different conceptions and modes of state organisation, such as the liberal, hegemonic and consociational. International and national developments that constitute challenges to human rights, democracy, individual autonomy, cohesion of the community and the understanding of liberty will be examined throughout the course.

**JDOC6065 Freedom of speech and the press (6 credits)**

This course will examine the theoretical justifications for freedom of expression and freedom of the press, the role of the press in modern democracy, the scope of expression, the problem of inflammatory speech and hostile audience, prior restraint, the regulation of free speech by way of the common law of defamation, restriction by official secrets law, access to information and personal privacy, free speech and the judicial process, obscenity, television and broadcasting, and disclosure of sources of information.

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**JDOC6066 Gender issues in human rights (6 credits)**

This course will address the role that gender has played in the conceptualisation, interpretation and implementation of international human rights standards. The topics considered will include feminist critiques of the claimed and rocentrism of human rights guarantees, the guarantees against sex discrimination under international and regional systems, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the extent to which recent developments in human rights law and practice address the problem of discrimination against women. Specific topics addressed may include violence against women (e.g. issues such as female infanticide, sexual harassment, marital rape, and dowry deaths), the enjoyment by women of economic, social and cultural rights, and the relationships among culture, tradition, religion and women's equality.

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**JDOC6067 Globalisation and human rights (6 credits)**

The course explores the relationship between rights and globalisation. Globalisation is a complex process whereby ideas, technologies, people, and capital move from one place to another, resulting in the greater integration of the world. The spread of the idea of human rights itself, particularly under the aegis of the United Nations, is itself a consequence of globalisation. At the same time, there are other trends in globalisation which threaten the enjoyment of rights: the rise of corporate power, the weakening of state authority, the dominance of the market as the matrix for social, political and economic power, and the downgrading of social rights. Globalisation enables us to explore the connections between political and economic rights, the limitations of rights as applied only against state authorities, and the debate on universalism versus relativism as different cultures are juxtaposed with the movements of peoples and cultures.

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**JDOC6068 Human rights: History, theory and politics (6 credits)**

While grounded in an examination of international human rights law, this course also considers the evolution of concepts of human rights from historical, political, theoretical and philosophical perspectives. The issue of universality versus cultural relativism will be examined, as will the possible responsibility of non-state actors for human rights violations. The course analyses how norms are created through treaties and other instruments, the role of human rights in foreign policy, and the relationship between human rights and international criminal justice and the laws of war, respectively.

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**JDOC6069 Human rights and governance (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international and regional guarantees of the right to self-determination, its relationship with the democratic process and other democratic rights, sovereignty and self-determination, and the rights of minorities. The course may include particular emphasis on the relationship between human rights and the process of democratisation or transition from authoritarian regimes to democratic governments.

**JDOC6070 Human rights in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international and domestic dimensions of the protection of human rights in the People's Republic of China. It will examine the applicability of international human rights standards to the PRC, the stance of the PRC in relation to international national mechanisms for the protection of human rights, and the place of international standards in domestic law. The course will consider the theoretical debates about the origin and contingency of human rights standards, questions of priorities in human rights, and the issue of rights in Chinese cultural contexts. It will also examine the extent of human rights protections available under the Chinese constitution and other laws, and will focus on selected issues, which may include the criminal justice system, freedom of expression, freedom of association, freedom of religion, labour rights, gender discrimination, and minorities/self-determination. The course will also examine the social and political forces that may contribute to the improvement of human rights in China.

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**JDOC6071 Indigenous peoples and human rights (6 credits)**

This course will examine the international law status of indigenous peoples and population and the relationship between the rights of indigenous peoples and the rights of minorities. The work of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations in the field will be considered. Taking case studies from the Asia-Pacific region as a particular focus, issues addressed may include the definition and legal status of indigenous peoples, their rights to land and resources, their linguistic and cultural rights, and their rights to self-determination, autonomy and self-government.

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**JDOC6072 International and regional protection of human rights (6 credits)**

This course will examine the evolution of international standards of human rights within the United Nations system and the mechanisms established to promote their enjoyment. The topics to be covered will include the development and content of the International Bill of Rights, the major United Nations human rights treaties and the work of the United Nations treaty bodies. The Charter-based mechanisms of the United Nations will be examined, including the Commission on Human Rights and its thematic and country-specific procedures. Particular attention will be given to the relevance of these mechanisms to the Asian-Pacific region.

The European, Inter-American and African regional systems for the protection of human rights will also be considered, in particular the work of their supervisory organs. The possibilities for an Asian regional or sub-regional human rights machinery for the protection of human rights will also be examined.

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**JDOC6073 International protection of refugees and displaced persons (6 credits)**

This course will examine the various international attempts to address the problem of the forced movements of people due to persecution, armed conflict or natural disaster. It covers international efforts in protecting aliens and refugees, the definitions of refugees in international and regional instruments, the principle of non-refoulement, the 1951 Convention on Refugees, the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and national responses to the flow of refugees.

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**JDOC6074 Labour rights and human rights (6 credits)**

This course will focus on the International Labour Organisation and its various agreements. Topics to be covered include historical development of the ILO, the institutional framework and the complaint mechanism, collective bargaining, freedom of association and workers' and employers' organisations, closed shop system, right to strike and other industrial action, restrictions on working conditions, child labour and wage negotiation.

**JDOC6075 National protection of human rights (6 credits)**

This course examines the various means of protecting and promoting human rights at the national level. The topics covered will include the relationship between international law and national law; the role of national institutions, both governmental and nongovernmental; human rights and development; and the relationship between human rights and politics at the national level. The course will include a number of case studies, drawn primarily from Asia, which will analyse both the actual situation of human rights and concrete proposals for improving that situation.

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**JDOC6076 Seminar in human rights research, sources and methodology (6 credits)**

This course will provide an introduction to the methodology of, and sources for, rights research. The seminar will examine the various purposes of human rights research and sources and research strategies appropriate for different purposes. The topics covered will include international sources, comparative national material, non-governmental organisation material, and will include both legal sources and resources from other disciplines. The use of electronic resources and search strategies, including the use of the Internet and World-Wide Web, will also form part of the seminar.

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**JDOC6077 The rights of the child in international and domestic law (6 credits)**

This course will examine the concept of children's rights within the Asia-Pacific region as a general theoretical issue, as well as consider selected issues of domestic law and practice in the light of the minimum standards mandated by international human rights law. The second part of the course will seek to apply these theoretical models to the concrete legal situations in the region. It will consider international instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of Children, and the Hague Conventions on Child Abduction and Inter-country Adoption, as well as other regional or bilateral arrangements.

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**JDOC6080 Comparative company law (6 credits)**

This course is a comparative survey of company law, focusing on the Asia-Pacific region. It will examine in a practical way the historical development, the main structure and characteristics, and the judicial application of the company law in the selected jurisdictions. The discussion will be also devoted to the legal aspects of business organization in international investment in each jurisdiction. The course will enable the students to appreciate the differences and similarities of company law of the different regimes. As an advanced course, completion of Hong Kong company law or a comparable subject is a prerequisite. The course will be conducted by a combination of lecture and discussion with the involvement of scholars or practitioners of the relevant jurisdictions. The method of assessment may be either a final examination or a research paper, depending on the number of student registered for this course.

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**JDOC6082 Corporate governance and shareholder remedies (6 credits)**

This course will examine among others the following topics:

- The current framework of corporate governance and the role, duties and powers of directors, auditors and managers.
- Power of general meeting to ratify breaches.
- Role of corporate practices and conduct, and self-regulation in general.

- Role of the Stock Exchange and SFC.
  - Shareholders' legal remedies against abuse of corporate power.
  - Shareholders' self-help remedies including institutional activism, individual activism, and access to information.
  - Proposed reform in corporate governance and shareholder remedies.
- Comparisons will be made with the law in the United Kingdom, Australia, and to a lesser extent, United States and Canada.

**JDOC6083 Corporate reconstruction (6 credits)**

**JDOC6084 Cross-border insolvency law (6 credits)**

The aim of the course is for students to consider how best to resolve cross-border insolvency issues. The course will begin with an analysis of the transnational aspects of Hong Kong and United States law and, to a lesser extent, of the law of the United Kingdom, Australia, and perhaps other jurisdictions. Also discussed will be some recent proposals to foster cross-border co-operation in insolvency including proposals by the International bar Association and UNCITRAL, as well as the European Union Insolvency Convention on Insolvency Proceedings. Much time will be spent analysing the choice of law questions that arise in transnational insolvencies.

**JDOC6086 Current issues in corporate law (6 credits)**

**JDOC6087 Current issues in insolvency law (6 credits)**

Insolvency cases in Hong Kong are at an all-time high and the entire insolvency legal regime - including the bankruptcy of individuals and the liquidation and rescue of companies – is in transition. This course will cover both personal and corporate insolvency and will address the ongoing initiatives to reform Hong Kong law.

Detailed knowledge of insolvency law is not a prerequisite. The *Hong Kong Corporate and Personal Insolvency Manuals* will be assigned and will provide students with both an overview of insolvency law in Hong Kong and a detailed analysis of practical considerations. Discussions in class will consider the adequacy of existing insolvency laws and procedures in Hong Kong and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the law reform amendments and proposals. Comparisons will be made with insolvency law developments in other jurisdictions.

There will be four primary areas covered: (1) personal insolvency law (both bankruptcy and voluntary arrangements); (2) corporate liquidation; (3) corporate rescue (including out-of-court rescues and the proposed Provisional Supervision procedures); and (4) cross-border insolvency.

**JDOC6088 Derivatives: Law and regulation (6 credits)**

Covers the historical and market developments of swaps and derivatives, market innovations as to financial, capital market and commodities based derivatives, use of derivatives in emerging economies, regulatory and supervisory concerns, and selective case studies of regulatory and litigation issues as to derivative arrangements.

**JDOC6089 Comparative financial law and regulation (6 credits)**

**JDOC6090 Emerging markets: Finance and investment (6 credits)**

Consideration of the fundamental regulatory and contractual aspects of financing and investment in developing countries and transitioning economies. Specific subject matter will include the role of law in economic reforms, financial sector reforms in emerging economies, basics of infrastructure financing from the countries perspective, debt rescheduling, privatization, regulation of foreign direct investment and related dispute resolution considerations from the emerging countries perspective.

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**JDOC6092 Equity in commercial law (6 credits)**

This course is divided into three main parts. Part 1 deals with equitable obligations and their remedies. There will be special emphasis on duties of confidence, fiduciary duties in joint ventures and the doctrine of Chinese walls, as well as such remedies as equitable compensation and taking accounts. Part 2 deals with the use of equitable doctrines to obtain priorities in insolvency, such as the Quistclose trust, Romalpa clauses, equitable tracing to recover assets in a money-laundering scheme, remedial constructive trusts and the development of proprietary restitutionary remedies. Part 3 deals with the use of trust structures in international finance, especially in the securitizations of assets.

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**JDOC6093 Regulation of financial markets (6 credits)**

This foundation course will consider the nature and operation of financial regulation as to banking, capital, pension and insurance markets, emphasizing overriding policy objectives, functional convergence and the role of the regulators/supervisors, and the movement toward collaborative international best practices.

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**JDOC6094 Law of international finance II – equity and structured finance (6 credits)**

Course assumes a basic knowledge of syndicated lending and bond financing, although the first class will provide an overview of these transactions, covers more advanced aspects of international financial arrangement selected from such topics as role of security in international financing, fundamentals of infrastructure financing (from a lender's perspective), asset securitization, stock and debt derivatives, mezzanine financing, payment systems, aircraft finance and ship financing, and alternative forms of dispute resolution in financial arrangements.

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**JDOC6095 International investment law with East Asia focus (6 credits)****JDOC6096 International tax and tax planning (6 credits)**

This course assumes a basic knowledge of the general principles of taxation law. It will examine two distinct, yet interdependent, areas: comparative international taxation systems and principles of international tax planning. Specific emphasis will be placed upon the taxation environment (law, policy and practice) within the Asia-Pacific region. Topics to be covered include:

- Inbound and outbound investment: the principles of efficient tax structuring for investors from both high and low tax jurisdictions.
- International taxation: jurisdiction to tax; use of tax treaties; withholding tax; tax efficient financing; mergers and acquisitions; exploitation of intellectual property; real estate; tax incentives; tax havens.
- Personal taxation.
- Impact of international and domestic anti-avoidance regimes on tax planning.
- Case studies involving Hong Kong and mainland China and selected Asia-Pacific countries (particularly Japan, Singapore and the United States) will be an integral part of the course.

**JDOC6097 Pension and investment funds in Hong Kong and the PRC (6 credits)**

This course is a comparative study of (a) the private law rights and obligations in and (b) the regulatory regime of pension funds and investment funds in Hong Kong and in the PRC. In relation to (a), emphasis will be placed on the different legal structures used in the two jurisdictions to operate pension and investment funds, and the differences in the extent of the rights and duties of the parties arising thereunder. In relation to (b), emphasis will be placed on a few recent legislative developments in both jurisdictions, such as the new legislative framework on mandatory provident funds in Hong Kong, and the provisional regulation on investment funds in the PRC. Knowledge of PRC law is helpful, but not a pre-requisite to this course.

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**JDOC6098 Project finance (6 credits)**

The course reviews the techniques and contract structures for international project finance including selection of project vehicles, risk assessment and management, concession agreements, project contracts such as purchase, supply and take or pay and forward agreements. The role of the project participants and the creation of legal obligations through performance bonds and guarantees, indemnities, counter-indemnities, and letters of credit as well as their common features and problems encountered in use are discussed. Financial agreements including syndication generally and direct and indirect participation are examined. The place of project security and insurance are introduced as is the topic of subordination. Final topics address current issues in privatisation, the provision of infrastructure in Asia and their relationships to development. Assessment will be by a written open-book final examination (worth 60%), an assigned and agreed research paper (worth 30%), and class participation (worth 10%).

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**JDOC6099 International commercial arbitration (6 credits)**

In the world's globalizing economy there has been a dramatic increase in the size and complexity of international commercial transactions. This course will examine the legal problems and other risks (including financial, monetary, political and cultural) associated with the resolution of disputes arising out of such international commercial transactions. The main focus of the course will be on the use of international commercial arbitration to resolve disputes in a globalizing economy. The course will consider the following topics : the sources of international arbitration law (domestic and international), ad hoc and institutional arbitration, model arbitration laws and arbitration rules, arbitration laws of the HKSAR, the PRC and other Asia-Pacific states, and issues relating to the international arbitral process and procedure, such as arbitrability of disputes, arbitration and submission agreements, powers of arbitrators, the applicable law, the form of the arbitration hearing, interim and final remedies, arbitral awards (including challenges and appeal), and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

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**JDOC6101 Competition, mergers and acquisitions (6 credits)**

Topics likely to be covered include theories of regulation, concept of control, acquisition of shares including takeover offers, disclosure in takeovers, purchase of own shares and financial assistance in takeover, compulsory acquisition, defending against unwanted takeovers, use of litigation in takeovers, role of SFC and the takeover panel, judicial review of regulator's powers, the need for insider dealing law, concept of insider dealing, role of Insider dealing Tribunal.

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**JDOC6102 Legal aspects of white collar crime (6 credits)**

The course applies international and comparative perspectives to the problem of white collar crime in the HKSAR. The topics covered include defining 'white collar crime', money laundering, terrorist financing, forfeiture/confiscation of crime tainted property, corporate criminal liability, punishing the corporation, investigating and prosecuting white collar crime, and possibly others.

**JDOC6106 Issues in information technology law (6 credits)**

This course examines the legal and policy issues relating to information technology (IT). It covers wide range of issues involving how national governments regulate the technology of internet and how private citizens' rights relating to internet are protected such as privacy and personal data, censorship and freedom of expression, civil and criminal liabilities of internet entities (e.g., ISPs and end-users), internet jurisdiction, issues in electronic transactions such as digital signature, computer crimes, selected intellectual property issues (e.g. P2P infringement, business method patent and domain name), and enforcement of law over internet.

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**JDOC6107 Insurance law (6 credits)**

Regulation of the insurance industry, types of insurance, indemnity and non-indemnity insurance, definition of insurance, the insurance contract, renewal, indemnity, contribution, subrogation, insurable interest, the duty of utmost good faith, disclosure, the proposal as the basis of the contract, promissory warranties, waiver, definition of the risk, limits of liability, exceptions and conditions, third parties rights against the insurer, motor insurance, employees compensation insurance.

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**JDOC6108 The child and the law (6 credits)**

Special attention to be given to the law relating to the child by examining the increasing importance of the child in family law. Evaluation of law governing parent and child relationship; the concept of parental rights and duties; the emergence of children's rights; the relationship between the child and the state; child protection under municipal and international law.

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**JDOC6109 Public international law (6 credits)**

This is an introductory course in the theory and practice of public international law. Topics will include the historical development of international law; sources of international law; the concepts of sovereignty and statehood; jurisdiction and territory; state responsibility; law-making through treaties and other means; the use of force; human rights; and international institutions. Strongly recommended for students in the LLM in Human Rights Programme.

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**JDOC6110 Law and regulation of banking and insurance in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course involves an examination of the legal framework governing banking and insurance. The course begins with a discussion of the central bank, the People's Bank of China, regarding its role, activities, and regulatory power. Entry into the business of banking and regulation of the activities of banking business are examined. In addition to the regulatory regime, the law of negotiable instruments and the international transaction aspects of banking business are also treated. The course then moves into the regulatory regime governing the insurance industry. Restrictions of entry and activities of insurance companies are examined. Prudential management and investment limitations are also dealt with. Regulatory supervision of insurance companies and regulation of insurance agents and brokers are analysed. Other topics of insurance law include: insurable interest, subrogation, the insurance contract, third party claimants, and bad faith claims.

**JDOC6111 The law of E-commerce: International trade and logistics (6 credits)**

Legal issues raised by the growing use of Electronic Data Interchange and Computer Encryption in international commercial transactions, documentary credits and international carriage of goods. Topics include the national and international framework for electronic commerce; electronic contracting; internet trade system using the private/public key cryptography; legal authentication and security issues; International Conventions and Model Laws on electronic commerce promulgated by international bodies such as ICC, UNCITRAL, OECD; electronic bills of lading and BOLERO; electronic letters of credit; internet taxation issues and revenue implications.

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**JDOC6112 Criminal law and procedure in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course will examine the structure of criminal liabilities under Chinese criminal law and the stages of criminal process on the mainland of the People's Republic of China (PRC). It will consider: (1) the organizations of criminal law in China and their relationship; (2) the changing rules of criminal liabilities and criminal process and their political and social context; and (3) the operations of the criminal law and the culture of criminal justice system in China. Major topics of the course include: definition of crime in the PRC, structure and principles of PRC criminal law, commercial crimes in the market economy, powers in criminal investigation, the judiciary and criminal trial, rules of evidence, and rights of the accused.

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**JDOC6113 Constitutional and administrative law in the People's Republic of China (6 credits)**

This course consists of two parts. The first part of the course examines the following topics: (1) China's constitutional development and reform, (2) the state system, (3) the status of the Chinese Communist Party, (4) citizen's rights and obligations and, (5) the social and economic system. Through comparative studies, students are expected to understand the major differences between the concepts under the Chinese Constitution and the features of western liberal constitutionalism and the difficulties, as well as perspectives, for China's constitutional reform.

The second part of the course focuses on China's administrative law system. Topics on this part include: (1) historical foundation and development of the administrative system in China; (2) comparative studies of Chinese and western administrative law system; (3) administrative review including administrative reconsideration, punishment, and supervision; (4) judicial review or administrative litigation; and (5) state compensation. In contrast to the first part, this part is mainly conducted through case study format. Students are expected to analyse the issues in the cases by applying relevant laws and regulations.

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**JDOC6114 Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong (6 credits)**

The course examines the cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong from both theoretical and practical perspectives. The course covers: (1) the new constitutional order of "one country, two systems" and the cross-border constitutional conflict; (2) conflict of criminal jurisdictions and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters; (3) mutual legal assistance in civil and criminal matters; and (4) theories and practice of regional mutual legal assistance in Greater China. Specific topics of the course include: the status of the PRC Constitution and the Basic Law and the issue of congressional supremacy, repatriation of fugitives and sentenced persons and mutual legal assistance in other criminal matters, mutual recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and judgments, procedures of cross-border services and evidence taking, and cross-border insolvency and family law matters.

**JDOC6115     Advanced seminar on Chinese law (6 credits)**

This seminar will focus on selected topics including: the role of the judiciary, the rule of law, law and development, enforcement of the law, economic reform and commercial law, WTO and China, globalization and local culture.

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**JDOC6117     Cybercrime (6 credits)**

‘Cybercrime’ refers to computer-mediated activities which are either criminal or regarded as illicit and which can be conducted through global electronic networks. It encompasses cybercrimes against the person (e.g. cyber-stalking, cyber-pornography), cybercrimes against property (e.g. hacking, viruses, causing damage to data, cyber-fraud), and cyber-terrorism. The computer-age has also provided organized crime with more sophisticated and potentially secure techniques for supporting and developing networks for a range of criminal activities, including drugs trafficking, money laundering, illegal arms trafficking, and smuggling.

Cybercrime poses new challenges for criminal justice, criminal law, and law enforcement. This course will examine the nature of and problems created by cybercrime, along with some of the legal and policy challenges arising in relation to the development of national and international law enforcement and regulatory responses to cybercrime.

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**JDOC6118     Electronic banking and finance law (6 credits)**

This course presents an introduction and analysis of the legal and regulatory issues arising from the use of electronic technology in the provision of financial services. The course will be comparative and interdisciplinary in nature, emphasizing US, European and Hong Kong regulation.

The course focuses on challenges to traditional models of financial regulation posed by the Internet and electronic communications. Topics covered include the development and regulation internet banking, securities and insurance activities. Specific topics covered include market access, payment systems, virtual financial intermediaries, Electronic Communications Networks (ECNs), product offerings through the Internet, and enforcement issues. The course will also address specific transactional issues such as financing of technology companies.

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**JDOC6119     Human rights and cyberspace (6 credits)**

The exponential growth of the Internet and World-wide web provides great opportunities for and poses significant challenges to enjoyment of human rights in many areas. This course will examine a number of areas in which the Internet revolution has provided new tools and opportunities for promoting the enjoyment of human rights, as well as for enabling violations of human rights:

- The use of the Internet for building human rights networks for the dissemination of information and the co-ordination of action at national and international levels.
- Issues of access to technology, in particular the opportunities for persons with certain disabilities provided by IT developments, the problems of accessibility and the legal obligations of e-service providers to ensure that their services are accessible to persons with disabilities.
- The use of the Internet for the dissemination of racist material and other forms of offensive material.
- Cyberstalking and harassment through the Internet.
- The global dimensions of the Internet: the difference between rich and poor, the issue of language.
- Gender and the Internet.
- Freedom of expression and the Internet.
- Jurisdictional and substantive law problems in relation to human rights and the Internet.
- Use of the Internet by non-governmental organisations for building international networks and co-ordinating activism on human rights issues.

**JDOC6120 Intellectual property and information technology (6 credits)**

This course examines intellectual property rights (i.e., patents, trademarks and copyright) as they apply to the information technology and the challenges they pose in the on-line world. The course will also examine enforcement issues as well as issues specific to e-commerce such as domain names and strategies for the protection of websites.

Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Introduction to information technology
- Software copyright
- Protection of databases
- Intellectual property issues on the Internet
- Software and business method patents
- Protection of semiconductor chips

**JDOC6123 Law, the individual and the community: A cross-cultural dialogue (6 credits)**

This course is a "global classroom" course centered on dialogue amongst parallel classes at universities in a number of countries (including Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Finland and the USA) by means primarily of Internet-based communications technology. The course deals with competing ideas about the appropriate relationship between individual and community and the role of law in regulating that relationship. A special concern is to explore the extent to which human rights are an indispensable and universally-desirable aspect of such legal regulation. Are there reasons to believe that either the idea of human rights or the content attributed to some human rights cannot be justified as appropriate for all societies in all contexts? In order to provide a context for the dialogue amongst the students in the different universities, selected cases and scenarios from international human rights law (as well as some comparative constitutional case law) provide the concrete focus for exploring the broader theme. The issues to be examined are likely to include (though will not necessarily be restricted to) the death penalty, preventive detention, sexuality, corporal punishment, parent and child relationship, and freedom of expression.

The course will involve regular meetings of the class in Hong Kong, together with participation by students in discussions with their counterparts in other countries for 8 weeks during the semester. This discussion will be based around the common themes and reading being considered simultaneously by each of the classes during that period. The main form of communication technology used to link the students is an Internet website discussion group (a series of "conferences"), hosted by the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto, with a back-up site at the National University of Singapore. Students will be required to contribute to the conferences on a weekly basis as part of the course. The co-instructors at the different institutions will moderate general conferences involving all students from all the participating universities.

[Note: This course was originally conceptualised and implemented by Professor Craig Scott of the University of Toronto and Professor Kevin Tan, of the National of University of Singapore. The course description above is based largely on their course description and appears with their permission.]

**JDOC6124 Telecommunications law (6 credits)**

The aim of this course is to provide an overview of telecommunication legislation and regulation. In the last two decades the traditional monopolies offering telecommunications services have been broken up around the world. The liberalization of the telecommunication markets has called for legislation and regulation able to deal effectively with incumbent dominant operators to ensure a level playing field to all new entrants in the market.

The following topics may be covered:

- Telecommunications technology - the jargon explained;
  - The move towards the liberalization of the telecommunications industry - GATS and WTO agreements on Basic Telecommunications; an overview of the Hong Kong telecommunications market pre and post 1995;
  - The need to regulate; regulatory principles and structures; regulatory models compared (US, EU and Hong Kong); types of licences; licence fees; licence provisions;
  - The role of the regulator, his powers and duties. The Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA), the Telecommunications Authority (TA) and the Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau (ITBB);
  - Telecommunications regulation and legislation in Hong Kong. The impact of the Telecommunications Amendment Ordinance 2000;
  - Universal service obligation; numbering and portability; key principles and issues in interconnection; interconnection charges and agreements; access; cost allocation; unbundling the local loop; tariffs;
  - The regulation of anti-competitive conduct; sector-specific provisions vs competition laws (US, EU and Hong Kong approaches compared);
  - The regulation of broadcasting in Hong Kong - an overview;
  - The convergence of telecommunications, broadcasting and computer technologies - challenges for the regulator. Proposals for dealing with convergence compared. The Internet - a prototype of the converged media;
  - The challenges posed by the Internet; Internet telephony - various approaches compared; the licensing of Internet Service Providers.
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#### **JDOC6127     Current issues in financial law (6 credits)**

The course will cover a number of important topics in current financial and security law at both a local and international level. In addition, various issues of importance to lenders in the event of insolvency will be explored. Although some knowledge of the common law of contract and property law may be useful, introductory classes will re-examine matters of basic common law principles before more detailed analysis is begun.

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#### **JDOC6128     International trade law I (6 credits)**

International trade terms and the use of documents in export sales; contract issues in the international trade context; China trade comparisons; attempts at standardisation, codification and unification; Hong Kong regulation of international sales transactions; bills of exchange; collections; documentary credits; bank guarantees and performance bonds; export credit insurance.

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#### **JDOC6129     International trade law II (6 credits)**

Carriage by sea; carriage by air; multi-modal transport and containerisation; marine insurance; commercial arbitration regimes in Hong Kong and abroad; public regulation of international trade including aspects of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and Multi-fibre Agreement.

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#### **JDOC6130     Law, justice and ideology (6 credits)**

Social theory and the sociology of law: Pound, Erlich, Durkheim, Weber; law and social change. Law as ideology: law and power, Marxist theories of law and state, critical legal studies. Theories of justice: utilitarianism, the economic analysis of law, Rawls, Nozick, Hayek.

**JDOC6131 Media law (6 credits)**

The primary objective of the course is an appreciation of the extent that law is affecting media practice. A familiarity with principal areas, such as defamation, privacy, contempt of court and various regulatory regimes governing the media will be developed. The underlying themes throughout the course are the meaning of freedom of the press, the responsibility of the media as a watchdog, and the balance between the two. Apart from a study of the local context, there will be frequent references to comparative materials, in particular the USA. The syllabus outline is as follows:

1. Introduction: the role of the press in democratic society, its relation and differences with freedom of expression, the history of, and the justification of the development.
2. Freedom of the press: freedom from what, and freedom to do what? No licensing; control by the Press Council.
3. The Law of Defamation and its defences.
4. News Gathering I: Intrusion into Privacy.
5. News Gathering II: access to information, official meetings and records, places and institutions.
6. Breach of Confidence.
7. Publication of Obscene and Indecent articles.
8. Contempt of Court: Disclosure of news sources and prejudicial reporting of trial.
9. Access to the Media and the rights of reply.
10. Broadcasting regulation and the differences between broadcasting and printing media.
11. Regulated Media and Beyond: the Internet.

Media law will be a one-semester course. Seminar will be conducted, where students are expected to have prepared for class discussion.

Assessment : 60% exam, 40% class participation, a research paper of about 15 pages and a presentation on the research paper.

**JDOC6132 International and comparative intellectual property law (6 credits)**

This course examines the international framework within which intellectual property law operates, including copyright, patents, trade marks, designs and other forms of intellectual property. The course examines how multilateral Conventions and other agreements such as TRIPS shape national intellectual property laws, the effect of international bodies such as WIPO and WTO, the role of bilateral agreements, and other international influences on the development of intellectual property laws. The course also discusses the enforcement provisions (i.e. civil and criminal process); dispute resolution (including the new WTO decisions on intellectual property); and the overall implications for global competition between developed and developing countries in an integrated world market.

*Previous or concurrent study of any other intellectual property law is strongly recommended.*

**JDOC6133 International economic law (6 credits)**

The recent dramatic transformation of the international economic legal order is generally attributed to “globalization”, on the one hand, and liberalization, harmonization and unification of national policies and laws that affect trade, investment, and financial and commercial transactions across national borders, on the other hand. Concerns arise as to the coherence and compatibility of these processes and efforts with respect to national and global economic development, and overall welfare. This is the domain of international economic law; the law and policy of relations between national governments concerning the regulation of economic transactions that have cross-border effects. The course will broadly introduce those areas of international law and institutions that have shaped, or are the resultant of, the recent transformation of the international economic legal order, under three general themes: international trade, investment and competition law; international financial and monetary law; international commercial transactions. It will cover the relevant activities of international organizations such as the WTO, ASEAN, APEC, NAFTA, EU and ICSID. In addition to trade, investment and

competition, the subject matter will include topics dealing with banking, insurance and securities. The role of institutions such as central banks through the BIS and the Basle Committee in the development of regulatory frameworks will be examined. The activities of two Bretton Woods international institutions, the World Bank and IMF, as well as the IOSCO will be studied. Efforts to unify or harmonize laws that affect international commercial transactions by international institutions such as the ICC, UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT, Hague Conference in Private International Law and OECD will also be examined.

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#### **JDOC6134 Selected Issues on WTO and China (6 credits)**

This course is an advanced seminar on the interactions between WTO law and national measures in selected areas such as customs administration; public health and safety, consumer protection, industrial and competition policies; agricultural, textiles and clothing markets, financial services markets, telecommunications, and intellectual property rights. Each topic will include a discussion of the interactions between WTO law and national measures with respect to China. This will include examination of issues related to State trading, economies in transition and differential treatment to accommodate the special needs of developing economies. The course will begin with a review of the general principles of the WTO agreements, and a discussion of the sources of WTO law concerning China's commitments and obligations. Topics of study will include valuation for customs purposes, pre-shipment inspection, rules of origin and import licensing procedures. The WTO agreements on sanitary and phytosanitary measures and technical barriers to trade will also be considered, as will the treatment of anti-dumping measures, subsidies and countervailing duties, and government procurement. Policies related to trade in agricultural products, textiles and clothing will be addressed in the light of relevant WTO agreements. The GATS and its annexes on Financial Services with respect to banking, insurance and securities, and, Telecommunications will be examined. Finally, the course will conclude with a detailed analysis of the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs Agreement) and a review of the requirements necessary for a national regime to implement the TRIPs agreement.

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#### **JDOC6136 Dispute settlement in the WTO : Practice and procedure (6 credits)**

This course is a specialized seminar on issues that arise in the context of WTO law and its dispute settlement processes. It will unfold along three themes: the foundations of WTO law; the law and policy of dispute settlement in the WTO; and, practice and procedure before WTO dispute settlement and arbitral Panels and Appellate Body (AB). The first theme will review the sources of WTO law, its relationship with, and status within, the legal systems of WTO members. This includes an analysis of the standards of WTO review applicable to national measures applied by its Members within their own domestic legal systems, and the effects of WTO dispute settlement mechanisms on certain fundamental dimensions of national sovereignty.

The second theme will consider the provisions that establish and govern the processes and institutions for the settlement of disputes in the WTO. The principles that govern WTO dispute settlement will be explored, and the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (DSU) will be examined in some detail. Equally, particular attention will be given to specialized rules that are applicable to the settlement of disputes arising from the operation of a number of WTO Multilateral Agreements on Trade in Goods (MTAs), the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), and the Plurilateral Trade Agreements.

The third theme will address issues concerning the scope of the jurisdiction of the WTO Panels and AB, practice and procedure related to claims and defenses, stages of pleadings involved before the Panels and AB, evidentiary requirements, adoption and implementation of the decisions ("reports") of the Panels and AB, as well as available remedies for breach of WTO obligations, and in particular, for failure to implement a Panel or AB decision.

**JDOC6137 Current issues in international arbitration and dispute settlement (6 credits)**

This course will focus on selected issues of current interest in international arbitration and dispute settlement. The topics offered will vary from year to year. The course is likely to be offered by permanent staff of the Faculty, Visiting Professors and Practitioners.

**JDOC6138 Arbitration law (6 credits)**

In the world's globalizing economy there has been a dramatic increase in the size and complexity of international business and commercial transactions. The main focus of this cross-listed course will be on the use of arbitration to resolve disputes arising out of such business and commercial transactions. The course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the arbitration law and practice in Hong Kong and students will consider a range of theoretical issues and substantive topics in this course, including:

- overview of the wide range of dispute resolution methods, including arbitration
- fundamental concepts of arbitration law
- legal framework of arbitration law in Hong Kong
- overview of Hong Kong's Arbitration Ordinance and its objectives and principles
- issues relating to the arbitral process and procedure, such as the:
  - o arbitrability of disputes
  - o enforceability of arbitration and submission agreements
  - o appointment and powers of arbitrators
  - o jurisdictional challenges
  - o preliminary proceedings
  - o form of the arbitration hearing
  - o interim and final remedies
  - o evidentiary matters (hearings and discovery)
- rendering of arbitral awards (including challenges and appeal)
- recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards
- interests and costs
- role of the courts in the arbitral process

**JDOC6139 PRC Information technology law (6 credits)**

This course examines the key law and regulations concerning the Internet and related business in Mainland China. It intends to provide a wide-angle view of the Chinese legislative framework for the Internet and IT industry. Against the background that both the Mainland and Hong Kong are the members of the WTO, the course also intends to examine the impact of the Chinese Internet and IT Regulations on cross-border transactions of IT products and services. The law of other jurisdictions and the international treaties, however, may be used to compare with the related Chinese law.

Topics may include:

- Overview of IT and Internet Regulatory System
- Administration of Websites
- Electronic Commerce and Electronic Signature
- Online Publishing and Media
- Online Advertising
- Telecommunications
- Commerce Encryption
- Online Intellectual Property Issues
- Domain Name System
- Legal Protection for Software and Integrated Circuits

- Privacy Protection and Internet Censorship
- Liabilities of Network Service Providers
- Defamation, Negligence and Trespass
- Computer Crimes
- Jurisdiction and Conflict of Law in the Cyberspace
- Online Dispute Resolution

#### **JDOC6140 Law, technology and ethics (6 credits)**

This course will explore international and national laws on intellectual property protection of the inventions in life science including, *inter alia*, pharmaceuticals (including traditional Chinese medicine), DNA sequences, genetically modified food, biodiversity and plant varieties, stem-cell and human-cloning research. The course will introduce students to the biotechnology revolution and the commercialization of biotechnological discoveries through patenting. In addition, the courses will discuss the legal and policy debates on public health issues such as the access to essential medicine for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, Avian bird flu and other epidemic diseases, as well as the moral and ethical issues in commercially using and patenting the inventions involving human and animal.

*Previous study or concurrent enrolment in any basic intellectual property course is suggested. Scientific and technical background is helpful, but not required.*

#### **JDOC6144 Rights and remedies in the criminal process (6 credits)**

This course examines how courts in various common law countries have enforced the legal rights of suspects and accused persons at different stages in the criminal process. The following rights will be studied comparatively: right to be free from arbitrary detention, right to bail, right to legal representation, right of silence, right to trial without undue delay, right against unreasonable search and seizure, and right to a fair trial. The remedies to be examined will include exclusion of evidence at trial, stay of proceedings, declaration, damages, adjournment, and bail.

#### **JDOC6146 Law and religion (6 credits)**

Law and religion are two of the oldest social institutions. In various forms, law and religion exist in every human society. Law and religion also have very close relationship to each other. Looking from human history, religion could be so intertwined with law that there could be complete overlap. However, the modern trend is to separate the two so that a wall is built between law and religion.

This course will examine the various models on how law and religion interact with each other. Historical as well as analytical approaches will be adopted. Critical questions will be raised on examining the proper relationship between law and religion under different worldviews and various religious traditions including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Christianity. The role of religion in public debate will also be considered.

#### **JDOC6149 Healthcare law (6 credits)**

Health care structure in Hong Kong: private health care and Hospital Authority; health insurance; complaint and investigation procedures; Hong Kong Medical Council and professional misconduct; other healthcare professionals e.g. psychotherapist and radiologist.

Medical treatment: consent to medical treatment; assessment of competence; role of expert witness; consent by and on behalf of a MIP and MHO; voluntary patients; compulsory detention; mental health review tribunals; medical negligence.

Beginning life: family planning; contraception; sterilization; abortion; child destruction; infanticide, wrongful conception, and wrongful life.

Confidentiality: access to medical records; personal data and privacy; reporting statutes; AIDs; protection of genetic information.

Use of body parts and bodily materials; human experimentation: embryo and fetal research; rules governing clinical trials; liability for injuries; the role of institutional ethics committee.

Complimentary medicine: Chinese medicine; Chinese Medical Council; integrating Chinese medicine.

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### **JDOC6150 Comparative law (6 credits)**

The common law system provides principles and methods for responding to society's needs and values. Some of those principles and methods will be compared with the legal and extra-legal equivalents in non-common law nations. The influence of special social and economic characteristics will be noted. Appropriate jurisprudential theory will be discussed.

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### **JDOC6151 Human rights in Asia (6 credits)**

The course will cover important contemporary human rights issues in Asia. These current issues may be regional or country-specific. The teaching may draw in history, culture, politics and law to take a holistic approach to the many human rights challenges that countries or regions within Asia face. It will nevertheless be dominated by the legal approach.

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### **JDOC6152 Dealing with legacies of human rights violations (6 credits)**

This course will examine the ways that nations around the world have dealt with, and are dealing with, legacies of gross violations of human rights of the past. It will draw from several disciplines but will be dominated by the legal approach which is firmly rooted in the right to an effective remedy for gross violations of human rights and the duty of States to investigate, prosecute and punish such acts. Issues to be examined will include the policy choices that nations emerging from sustained periods of repression or armed conflict have to make, and the types of mechanisms that have been employed by countries that have sought to deal with such situations. The course will, *inter alia*, examine whether there is a chasm between the striking promises made by the ubiquitous use of terminology such as 'truth', 'justice', 'healing' and 'reconciliation' and reality. How does public opinion, most significantly, the views of victims and survivors, fit into international diplomacy and local politics? What role can traditional dispute resolution play? The course will also examine the work and effectiveness of international criminal tribunals, 'internationalised domestic courts', commissions of inquiry, and other methods of reckoning with past wrongs in societies around the world, as well as consideration of new processes that are evolving.

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### **JDOC6153 Business and human rights (6 credits)**

This course is centered on the relationship between domestic and transnational business enterprises and human rights, and the responsibilities that may flow from this, as well as wider issues of corporate social responsibility. The issues that may be covered include the following: the relevance of human rights norms to business and whether corporations are or should be bound by human rights law; the proper scope of corporate social responsibility; the potential impact of business activities on human rights and business' relationship to labour, environmental, and other interests; legal and extra-legal mechanisms by which business activities might be regulated; comparative studies of different national regimes, including in the Asia Pacific region; and transnational corporate governance. This course is likely to include case studies of individual businesses and their approach to human rights and corporate social responsibility.

**JDOC6154 Competition law (6 credits)**

Did you ever wonder why oil companies in Hong Kong adjust autofuel prices simultaneously, and whether that has any implications for the price we pay for autofuel? Did you ever wonder how and why Internet Explorer managed to drive Netscape out of the market, when Netscape was initially a superior product? Competition law may help you answer these questions. This course, to be offered in the second semester, introduces students to relevant competition law concepts, including regulation of anticompetitive agreements and collusive behavior, regulation of monopolies. Materials will be drawn from the U.S. and the European Community. There will also be a brief introduction of the ongoing development in competition law in Hong Kong, and China.

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**JDOC6155 European economic regulation (6 credits)**

This course, to be offered in the second semester, introduces students to the regulation of economic activities in the European Community ("EC"). Students will learn how the European Community has striven towards its goal of integration of the common market through economic regulation. In addition, they will acquire an understanding of the general economic and legal environment within the EC, the relationships between the EC and the Member States, and on a broader level, how the European experience sheds light on the allocation of power within a federal system. Areas to be covered in the course include free movement of goods, freedom to provide services, freedom of establishment, state aid, and possibly public procurement and competition law.

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**JDOC6156 Comparative constitutional law (6 credits)**

This course reviews the operation of certain key aspects of the Basic Law of the HKSAR within a comparative context. Regular reference will be made to operational characteristics of Public Law in Canada, Australia, the United States and certain other jurisdictions. Topics may include: an overview of the nature of Constitutional Law and Constitutionalism, the theory and nature of Judicial Review, the operation of the adjudicating process in political entities where sovereignty is divided to some degree, the right to due process, equality rights and other key civil and political rights including freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Students will be evaluated by a written assignment (between 3000- 4000 words) that accounts for 80% of the overall grade and an oral presentation/ class participation that accounts for the remaining 20%. There will be no examinations.

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**JDOC6165 PRC economic law (6 credits)**

This course introduces students to the general framework of major economic legal institutions in China, broadly defined as the legal and regulatory structures supporting the Chinese state's management of various types of economic activities by both public and private agents. Primary subject areas of investigation include banking and insurance law, law on consumer protection and product liability, anti monopoly and competition law, tax law, foreign investment law and labour law. This course also examines the impact of globalization and China's transition to a market economy on the reform of the country's economic legal regime, particularly the policy implications of China's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO).

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**JDOC6166 International sales (3 Credits)**

This course will examine the common law relating to large scale international documentary sales (i.e., sales in which the use of documents is central - principally on c.i.f. and f.o.b. terms), including the documents used (especially bills of lading) and the system of banker's documentary credits so far as relevant. There will be reference to, but not complete coverage of, the Vienna Convention on

International Sales, the operation of which is usually excluded in sales of the type to be examined; and the same applies to the ICC “INCOTERMS”.

Pre-requisites: Some knowledge of the law of sale of goods and/or that of carriage by sea is an advantage, but not crucial.

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### **JDOC6167 PRC tort law (6 credits)**

This course introduces the history of PRC tort law, relevant principles of PRC General Principles of Civil Law on which tort law is based, and substantive issues of tort law including liabilities based on fault such as tort injuries to human body, dignity, family relations, property, etc.; liabilities without fault such as product liability, environmental pollution, injuries caused by animal; accidental torts such as accidents in transportation, medical treatment and work-related activities. These issues and various concepts such as intentional torts negligence, vicarious liabilities and joint and several liabilities will be discussed in comparison with the Common Law counterparts. The course is taught in English and no knowledge of Chinese is required.

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### **JDOC6168 Secured transactions (3 Credits)**

This elective will be taught by Prof Bridge over 6 weekly three-hour sessions between February-March 2008. The course looks at common law approaches to the grant of proprietary security over personal property to support repayment of a loan. The focus will be on the type of security granted, the publicity (or registration) requirements and the enforcement of the security. Alongside proprietary security, the course will deal with various proprietary devices that, in economic terms, amount to security, mainly by reserving title until payment is made. Priority amongst competing secured creditors and other proprietary claimants will also be considered. National and international reform proposals, especially those inspired by the United States Uniform Commercial Code, Article 9, will throughout the course come in for discussion.

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### **JDOC6169 Global business law (6 credits)**

To help course participants to reason like international business lawyers in a practical setting by introducing private and public international law and examples of domestic regulatory rules that are relevant to international business. For those who have an interest in private international law, it is a chance to study some public international law, particularly investment law problems and vice versa. It is also a chance to look at investment law more closely. The aim is not to learn black letter law but to focus on problem-solving skills essential to a modern business lawyer.

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### **JDOC6170 Introduction to information technology law (6 credits)**

This is a basic course in the LLM IP/IT stream introducing students to the information technology and the legal issues arising from the technology. The course will begin by examining the essential features of information technology and the characteristics of the Internet, followed by investigations into the legal issues created by the technology. Discussions will primarily be based on the laws of Hong Kong, with references made to the laws of other leading jurisdictions. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

Introduction to information technology and the Internet

- Intellectual property issues
- Illegal contents on the Internet (eg. defamatory or obscene materials)
- Online trading
- Data privacy
- E-crimes
- Jurisdictional issues

**JDOC6171 Corruption: China in comparative perspective (6 credits)**

This course examines the pervasive problem of corruption in the People's Republic of China in comparative perspective. The course aims to combine theoretical understanding of corruption with the best practice in prevention, investigation and punishment of corruption. Subject matters to be covered in the course include perception of corruption, definition of corruption, theoretical observations, case studies on corruption, anti-corruption system, legal framework, education and whistle blowing, and international cooperation.

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**JDOC6172 Carriage of goods by sea (6 credits)**

Bills of lading and other sea transport documents (e.g. waybills, delivery orders); express and implied terms in contracts of affreightment (concerning seaworthiness, deviation, dangerous cargo ... etc.); the Hague and Hague-Visby Rules; voyage charterparties and time charterparties; maritime arbitration; electronic data interchange (EDI) and electronic bills of lading.

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**JDOC6175 Law and literature (6 credits)**

This course explores the complex inter-relations between literature and the law by examining the ways in which each discipline has responded to the other's presence. Both law and literature are products of language. Does that mean that they are cognate disciplines, or are they competing epistemologies? Why do legal themes recur in fiction, and what kinds of literary structures underpin legal argumentation? How do novelists and playwrights imagine the law, and how do lawyers and judges interpret literary works? We will think through these questions by juxtaposing novels, plays, court cases, and critical theory.

Prerequisite: a previous course in any legal and/or literary subject.

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**JDOC6177 Comparative environmental law (6 credits)**

This course is concerned with how various jurisdictions use law to address environmental problems such as air pollution, land contamination, and deforestation.

What are the factors that influence law-making, enforcement and compliance with environmental law in each jurisdiction? What problems arise from the "transplanting" of environmental laws from the developed world to developing countries? What can Hong Kong and mainland China learn from the experiences of the United States (US) and the European Union (EU) in environmental law and policy? How does federalism within States and regional economic integration amongst States (such as in the EU) influence the application of environmental law within a nation? These are some of the questions that will be explored in this course.

A practical approach will be adopted in this course to highlight the various policy trade-offs inherent in designing and implementing environmental law and policy. The course will draw upon examples from Hong Kong, mainland China, the US, the EU and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

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**JDOC6178 Law, economics, regulation and development (6 credits)**

This course is premised on a conviction that the law does not exist in a vacuum, and the study of the law should therefore not be confined to a narrow focus on legal doctrine and case law. The aim of this course is to provide a broad survey of inter-disciplinary approaches to the law, which will provide students with the basic toolkit to question and analyze legal theories and institutions from alternative perspectives. The belief is that students will gain a richer and more nuanced understanding of the law and legal methods as a result.

The course comprises of three broad components: (1) Law and Regulation, (2) Law and Economics, and (3) Law and Development.

The law and regulation component of the course seeks to examine the role of law as an instrument of regulating economic and social activity. The course will explore theories of regulation, regulatory techniques and instruments, and issues of efficiency, accountability and legitimacy in relation to regulation. It will also explore the application of economic concepts to the law, focusing on areas such as torts, contracts, and property rights. For instance, the course will examine how economic concepts have been applied to provide a benchmark for determining negligence in torts.

Finally, the law and development component will examine the relationship between law and economic, social, and political development. It will survey theories concerning the meaning of development and the potential role of law and legal institutions in the development process.

### **JDOC6179    Multiculturalism and the law (6 credits)**

With the advent of globalisation, the interface between multicultural and multi-religious communities has become increasingly complex, particularly when set against the background of liberal democratic regimes. Mass-migration of populations in search of economic opportunities or freedom from conflict-torn zones has led to increased interaction between cultural and religious communities and their practices. Tensions arising from minority practices adjudged 'controversial' by the host community in these societies have resulted in a clash between the majority and the minority groups, often straining community relations and testing the limits of tolerance. For example, if freedom of religion is a fundamental right, how should conflicts between this right and the right to equality be dealt with? Or how should the law approach religious limitations on the freedom of expression or regulate hate speech against religion?

This course aims to explore the challenges posed by minority rights, ethnicity, cultural and religious rights to the liberal democratic model of government, which focuses on the individual, his rights and the responsibility of the state in protecting his rights. It will examine the difficulties inherent in effectively protecting minority rights in a liberal democracy by drawing on developments in this area at the national level by looking at countries such as (but not limited to) India, United States, United Kingdom and Singapore. Course materials will be drawn from a variety of sources in order to compare the practices of various jurisdictions with a view to exploring the focal themes of the course and to consider the feasibility of integrated approaches to address this contemporary challenge. The ultimate objective is to identify a suitable mechanism to strike the delicate balance between the various conflicting rights and competing identities in a community.

The course will also look at how international law has developed in this regard. Despite various initiatives to protect these rights as group rights, minority rights, the freedom of religion or culture, the international human rights movement and national regimes seeking to implement these rights remain inadequate in this regard. It will consider different ways to deal with religious and cultural pluralism in the national context and consider the implications this has for constitutional law and international law. In this context, a variety of themes will be explored, such as the liberal democratic tradition as contrasted with the communitarian system of governance, religious influences on morality and the law, religious rights in the public and private spheres and the rights of women and children.

### **JDOC6180    Space law and policy (6 credits)**

This course introduces students to the study of space law. It will enable them to understand the socio-economic environment of Space Law from the legal standpoint and will provide them with a detailed overview of the substantive rules of law relating to peaceful use of outer space, liability, registration, space commercialization, launching activities, remote sensing and environmental issues. It will teach them how to develop an understanding of the theoretical nature and practical aspects of the function of telecommunications services in mainland China and Hong Kong. Students will critically analyze the relevance and substance of Space Law and related problems, such as space launching activities, remote sensing and space debris, and gain an understanding of the process of telecommunications liberalization within the World Trade Organization (WTO).

**JDOC6181 Management and commercialization of intellectual property (6 credits)**

Topics include:

- Technology transfer and licensing
  - Commercialization of innovations
  - IP portfolio management
  - IP issues in merger and acquisition
  - IP issues in franchising and outsourcing
  - IP and standard setting
  - IP and competition
  - IP litigation strategies
  - IP issues in innovation industries such as ISP's liability and safe harbor, keyword advertising and digital music licensing.
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**JDOC6182 International organizations (6 credits)**

International organizations: their developing importance especially in regional affairs; their constitutions; their law-making roles and methods; the importance of consensus, package deals and weighted votes; their status within the framework of international law.

A selection will be made from the following case studies:

The United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS III);

Regional economic organization: the Pacific Forum, the Organization of American States, the Organization of African Unity;

Regional defence organization: NATO, the Warsaw Pact.