

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF COMMON LAW (MCL)

These regulations apply to students admitted to the MCL curriculum in the academic year 2013-14 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations)

Admission requirements

LL59 To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the Master of Common Law, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
- (b)
 - (i) hold a degree in law from a university (or comparable institution accepted for this purpose) in a non-common law jurisdiction; or
 - (ii) have been admitted to the professional practice of law in a non-common law jurisdiction.

A candidate for admission shall, if required, produce evidence of sufficient academic attainment, and shall satisfy the examiners in a qualifying examination if such an examination is required. A candidate who fails to meet the requirements of (b) above may, in exceptional circumstances, be admitted provided that the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee is satisfied that by reason of his or her background, experience and professional qualifications, if any, the candidate is fit to follow the courses, and the candidate satisfies the examiners in a qualifying examination.

Qualifying examination

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- (a) A qualifying examination may be set to test the candidate's formal academic ability or his or her ability to follow the courses of study prescribed. It shall consist of one or more examination papers or a research paper.
 - (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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Award of degree

- LL61** To be eligible for the award of the Master of Common Law, a candidate shall
- (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (b) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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Curriculum

LL62 The curriculum for the Master of Common Law shall normally extend over one year of full-time study. To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

- (a) follow instruction and attend classes as required, and complete all coursework required;
- (b) satisfy the examiners in each of a total number of courses amounting to at least 48 credits in value and selected (with the approval of the Programme Director) from the

courses listed in the course syllabuses below, which shall include at least 30 credits of courses designated below as “common law subjects”.

Examinations

LL63 Any candidate who has failed to pass a course or courses in the manner provided for in these Regulations may be permitted

- (a) to sit a supplementary examination; or
- (b) to repeat the course or courses by following the course of instruction at the next available opportunity and taking the prescribed examination, or by taking the prescribed examination without following the course of instruction; or
- (c) to undertake the study of any alternative course or courses at the next available opportunity which enable completion of the curriculum.

LL64 A candidate who has failed to pass a course or courses shall be recommended for the discontinuation of study under General Regulation G12 if not permitted to attend for examination at some other time or to sit a supplementary examination or to repeat the course or courses or to undertake the study of another course or courses which enable completion of the curriculum.

LL65 A candidate who is unable through illness or other acceptable reason to attend for examination may apply for permission to attend for examination at some other time.

Examination results

LL66 At the conclusion of the examinations, a pass list shall be published in alphabetical order. A candidate who has shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidate's degree diploma.

COURSEWORK FOR THE MASTER OF COMMON LAW (MCL)

Potential courses are listed below. Not all courses are offered every academic year, but are subject always to the availability of teachers and resources.

- . LLAW3093 Administrative law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6021 Advanced administrative law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3113 Advanced issues in information technology law
- . LLAW3206 Advanced law of obligations (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3205 Advanced legal theory (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6022 Advanced research methodology
- . LLAW3199 Advanced topics in competition law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3214 Advanced Topics in Constitutional Law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3007 Alternative dispute resolution
- . LLAW3212 An Introduction to Derivatives Law and Practice (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3140 Animal law
- . LLAW3112 Arbitration law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6023 Arbitration law workshop
- . LLAW6157 Arbitration practice, procedure and drafting (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6058 Armed conflict, humanitarian law and human rights
- . LLAW3008 Bank security (*common law subject*)

- . LLAW3009 Banking law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3010 Business associations (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6153 Business and human rights
- . LLAW3138 Carriage of goods by sea (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3046 Child and the law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3097 Civil procedure (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW2012 Commercial law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3139 Communications law
- . LLAW3015 Company law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3125 Comparative constitutional law
- . LLAW3144 Comparative environmental law
- . LLAW3191 Comparative family law
- . LLAW3016 Comparative law
- . LLAW3156 Comparative remedies in trust law
- . LLAW3123 Competition law I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3124 Competition law II
- . LLAW2001 Constitutional law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3196 Constitutionalism in emerging states
- . LLAW3067 Construction law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3200 Copyright and creativity
- . LLAW3017 Copyright law
- . LLAW3183 Corporate conflicts (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6082 Corporate governance and shareholder remedies
- . LLAW3184 Credit and security law
- . LLAW6059 Criminal justice and human rights
- . LLAW1001 Criminal law I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW1002 Criminal law II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3099 Criminal procedure (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3018 Criminology
- . LLAW3211 Critical theory in legal scholarship
- . LLAW3182 Cross border corporate finance: issues and techniques
- . LLAW6084 Cross-border insolvency law
- . LLAW3066 Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong (in putonghua)
- . LLAW3100 Current issues in comparative commercial law
- . LLAW6086 Current issues in corporate law: mergers and acquisitions (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6127 Current issues in financial law
- . LLAW6060 Current issues in human rights
- . LLAW3092 Current issues in insolvency law
- . LLAW6137 Current issues in international arbitration and dispute settlement
- . LLAW3019 Current legal controversies
- . LLAW3101 Cybercrime
- . LLAW3127 Dealing with legacies of human rights violations
- . LLAW6088 Derivatives: law and regulation (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6061 Development and human rights
- . LLAW3179 Digital copyright
- . LLAW3151 E-business law
- . LLAW3020 Economic analysis of law
- . LLAW3117 Economic, social and cultural rights
- . LLAW3063 Emerging markets: finance and investment

- . LLAW3071 Equality and non-discrimination
- . LLAW6030 Equality and the law
- . LLAW3094 Equity and Trust I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3095 Equity and Trust II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3091 Ethnicity, human rights and democracy
- . LLAW3102 Evidence I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3013 Evidence II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6065 Freedom of speech and the press
- . LLAW6066 Gender issues in human rights
- . LLAW3165 Global business law I
- . LLAW3166 Global business law II
- . LLAW3169 Globalisation and human rights
- . LLAW3080 Governance and law
- . LLAW3203 Guided research
- . LLAW3133 Healthcare law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3047 Hong Kong Basic Law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6031 Hong Kong and international law
- . LLAW6005 Hong Kong intellectual property law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3110 Human rights and cyberspace
- . LLAW3168 Human rights and governance
- . LLAW3022 Human rights in Hong Kong (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3083 Human rights: history, theory and politics
- . LLAW3065 Information technology law
- . LLAW3024 Insurance law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3023 Insolvency law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3084 Intellectual property and Information technology
- . LLAW3155 Intellectual property policy and practice
- . LLAW3104 Intellectual property, innovation and development
- . LLAW3085 International and comparative intellectual property law
- . LLAW3086 International and regional protection of human rights
- . LLAW6237 International arbitration: practice, process & strategy
- . LLAW3111 International commercial arbitration
- . LLAW3025 International commercial litigation (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3076 International commercial transactions (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3057 International criminal law
- . LLAW3078 International economic law
- . LLAW3134 International environmental law
- . LLAW3026 International human rights
- . LLAW3175 International humanitarian law
- . LLAW3157 International law and modernity for a multipolar world
- . LLAW3158 International law in a world of crises
- . LLAW3058 International mooting competition
- . LLAW3027 International organizations
- . LLAW3035 International protection of refugees and displaced persons
- . LLAW3136 International securities law
- . LLAW6096 International tax and tax planning
- . LLAW3028 International trade law I
- . LLAW6129 International trade law II
- . LLAW3160 Interpretation of statutes, contracts and treaties
- . LLAW6204 Introduction to common law (*common law subject*)

- . LLAW3209 Introduction to Hong Kong securities law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3150 Introduction to information technology law
- . LLAW3120 Introduction to international human rights law
- . LLAW3188 Introduction to law and literary studies
- . LLAW3001 Introduction to legal theory (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3159 Introduction to negotiation theory and practice
- . LLAW3030 Introduction to private international law (conflict of laws) (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3032 Issues in family law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3033 Issues in intellectual property law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3059 Jessup international law moot court competition
- . LLAW3034 Labour law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6074 Labour rights and human rights
- . LLAW2013 Land law I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW2014 Land law II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3105 Land law III (conveyancing) (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3141 Law and film
- . LLAW3128 Law and literature
- . LLAW3174 Law and policy
- . LLAW3142 Law and politics of constitutions (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3208 Law and practice of investment treaty arbitration
- . LLAW6239 Law and regulation of private and retail banking (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3118 Law and religion
- . LLAW3172 Law and social theory
- . LLAW3035 Law in East Asia
- . LLAW1001 Law of contract I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW1002 Law of contract II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3056 Law of international finance I
- . LLAW6094 Law of international finance II
- . LLAW3048 Law of restitution I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3121 Law of restitution II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3049 Law of the sea
- . LLAW1005 Law of tort I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW1006 Law of tort II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3145 Law, economics, regulation and development
- . LLAW3036 Law, justice and ideology
- . LLAW3161 Law, meaning and interpretation
- . LLAW3061 Law, the individual and the community: a cross-cultural dialogue (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3090 Legal aspects of white collar crime
- . LLAW3190 Legal discourse and the mind
- . LLAW6042 Legal fictions: representations of the law in literature, philosophy and cinema
- . LLAW1013 Legal research and writing I (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3162 Legal translation
- . LLAW6043 Liabilities in international aviation
- . LLAW3215 Luxury Brands and Trademark Law
- . LLAW3073 Media law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3192 Mediation
- . LLAW3040 Medico-legal issues (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3146 Multiculturalism and the law

- . LLAW6075 National protection of human rights
- . LLAW6163 Negotiation: settlement and advocacy
- . LLAW3178 Online dispute resolution
- . LLAW6097 Pension and investment funds in Hong Kong and the PRC (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3042 Planning and environmental law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6045 Postmodern legal theory
- . LLAW3167 Preventative law: approach to conflict prevention and resolution
- . LLAW3043 Principles of family law (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3072 Principles of Hong Kong taxation on income (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3075 Privacy and data protection (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW6098 Project finance (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3044 Public international law
- . LLAW3163 Public international law in domestic courts
- . LLAW3180 Regulation of cyberspace
- . LLAW3069 Regulation of financial markets (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3045 Remedies (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3115 Rights and remedies in the criminal process (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3068 Rights of the child in international and domestic law
- . LLAW3050 Securities regulation (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3116 Selected legal issues in commercial practice (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3051 Selected problems in international law
- . LLAW6076 Seminar in human rights research, sources and methodology
- . LLAW3053 Sociology of law
- . LLAW3147 Space law and policy
- . LLAW3054 Succession (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW1008 The legal system of the Hong Kong SAR (*common law subject*)
- . LLAW3143 Topics in law and literature: Flaubert and Eliot
- . LLAW3171 Topics in English and European legal history
- . LLAW3176 Trademarks and unfair competition
- . LLAW3070 World Trade Organization: law and policy

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Please refer to the course descriptions in the Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB), the Regulations for the Degrees of Master of Laws (LLM), Master of Laws in Chinese Law (LLM[Chinese Law]), Master of Laws in Corporate and Financial Law (LLM[CFL]), Master of Laws in Human Rights (LLM[HR]) and Master of Laws in Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law (LLM[IT&IPL]) and the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (LLM[ARB]).

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FORMAT, BINDING, AND PRESENTATION OF DISSERTATIONS FOR HIGHER DEGREES BY COURSEWORK

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2. The appropriate Board of the Faculty shall decide whether any dissertation submitted successfully in part-fulfilment of a higher degree by coursework shall be an accession to the University Library.
3. If it is to be an accession to the Library the top copy of the dissertation shall be used, and bound in one or more volumes as determined by the Librarian and between boards faced with cloth in black for MA, MPA, MMedSc, in dark blue for MSW, MBA, and in green for all others. The title, name of author, degree, and date shall be lettered in gilt on the front cover and spine in accordance with the standard layout approved by the Librarian. The title of a dissertation written in Chinese shall be lettered on the cover in Chinese and English.

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