

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
(GOVERNMENT AND LAWS)(BSocSc[Govt&Laws])**

These regulations apply to students admitted to BSocSc(Govt&Laws) curriculum from the academic year 2004-2005.

(See also General Regulations)

Admission requirements

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Laws under these regulations, a candidate shall
 - (a) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (b) hold a degree of BSocSc(Govt & Laws) from The University of Hong Kong.
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Award of Degree of Bachelor of Laws

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

3. The curriculum shall extend over two academic years of full-time study. To complete the curriculum a candidate shall
 - (a) follow instruction;
 - (b) satisfactorily complete all prescribed written and other work;
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in 12 credits of courses selected from the Department of Politics and Public Administration;
 - (d) satisfy the compulsory moot requirement, unless otherwise exempted by the Head of the Department of Law;
 - (e) satisfy the examiners in at least 111 credits of courses selected from the law courses offered in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum or the syllabus below (excluding those which the candidate has already taken and passed in his or her studies for the BSocSc (Govt & Laws) degree).
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Selection of courses

4. Unless the Head of the Department of Law and/or the Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration (as the case may be) determine otherwise, candidates shall take courses totalling 123 credits as set out in paragraph 3 in the two years of study. Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus by a prescribed date. Such selection shall be subject to approval by the Head of Department of Law and/or the Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration (as the case may be). Changes to the selection of courses may be made subject to the approval of the Head of the Department of Law and/or the Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration (as the case may be) during the first two weeks of

each semester, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the first two weeks of a semester shall not normally be considered, and candidates withdrawing from any course without permission after the first two weeks of a semester shall be given a fail grade.

Specialisation

5. A candidate who has taken at least 48 credits of optional courses listed under one of the specialisations in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum will be duly recognised by having that specialisation stated in the official academic transcript provided that he or she has achieved a CGPA of 2.9 in the courses taken under that specialisation.

Passing a course

6. Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses which they have registered for. Candidates shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate's performance in the assessment.

Grades

7. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Any course for which a candidate is given an F grade shall be taken into account in the calculation of the semester GPA (SGPA) and shall be recorded on the official academic transcript, but shall not count towards the cumulative GPA (CGPA) and the degree.

Examinations

8.

- (1) Any candidate who has fails to pass a course or courses in the manner provided for in these regulations may be permitted by the Board of Examiners
 - (a) to sit a supplementary examination (or take any relevant assessment or re-assessment); or
 - (b) to repeat the course or courses by following the course of instruction and taking the prescribed examination (or any relevant assessment or re-assessment), or by taking the prescribed examination (or any relevant assessment or re-assessment) without following the course of instruction; or
 - (c) to undertake the study of any alternative course or courses which enable completion of the curriculum.
- (2) Where a candidate is required to sit a supplementary examination or be assessed or re-assessed under 1(a), or to be reassessed in an alternative course under 1(c), or to repeat a course or courses under 1(b), the new grade obtained shall replace the previous F grade in the calculation of the cumulative GPA, but the previous F grade may be recorded on the transcript.
- (3) A candidate shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which he or she has received a pass grade for upgrading purposes.

Discontinuation of Study

9. A candidate who is placed on probation at the end of the first semester or any subsequent semester [of their LLB] and fails to satisfy the criteria set out in the LLB examination procedures during the next consecutive semester, shall be recommended for discontinuation of study under the General Regulations.

Absence from an examination

10. 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.

Pass lists

11. The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) shall be awarded under these regulations in five divisions:

- First Class Honours
- Second Class Honours Division One
- Second Class Honours Division Two
- Third Class Honours
- Pass

SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVERNMENT AND LAWS) (BSocSc[Govt&Laws])

(The full 5-year curriculum is set out below for easy reference. Please consult the full regulations and syllabus of the BSocSc (GL) programme for details. For the LLB degree, please also refer to the syllabus of the LLB for the full list and description of law courses available)

Unless otherwise determined by the Head of the Department of Law and/or the Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration (as the case may be), the curriculum of the 5-year double degree of BSocSc(Govt& Laws) and LLB is as follows:

First year (63 credits)

Faculty of Social Sciences (30 credits)

- Faculty of Social Sciences electives (18 credits)
- Making sense of politics (6 credits)
- Politics and Public Administration elective (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (18 credits)

- Law and society (6 credits)
- The legal system (6 credits)
- Legal research and writing I and II (6 credits)

Other courses (15 credits)

Academic English for Social Sciences students (3 credits)
 Practical Chinese language for law students (3 credits)
 Critical thinking and logic (6 credits)
 Elective (3 credits)

Second year (66 credits)***Faculty of Social Sciences (24 credits)***

Politics and Public Administration electives (24 credits)

Faculty of Law (39 credits)

Law of tort I (6 credits)
 Law of tort II (6 credits)
 Law of contract I (6 credits)
 Law of contract II (6 credits)
 Constitutional law (6 credits)
 Administrative law (6 credits)
 Legal research and writing III (3 credits)

Other course (3 credits)

Writing solutions to legal problems (3 credits)

Third year (66 credits)***Faculty of Social Sciences (30 credits)***

Politics and Public Administration electives (30 credits)

Faculty of Law (36 credits)

Criminal law I (6 credits)
 Criminal law II (6 credits)
 Governance and law (6 credits)
 Legal research and writing IV and V (6 credits)
 Law electives (12 credits)

Fourth year (first year of LLB) (63 credits)***Faculty of Social Sciences (6 credits)***

Politics and Public Administration electives (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (57 credits)

Introduction to legal theory (6 credits)
 Commercial law (6 credits)
 Introduction to Chinese law (6 credits)
 Mooting (3 credits)
 Law electives (36 credits)*

Fifth year (second year of LLB) (60 credits)

Faculty of Social Sciences (6 credits)

Politics and Public Administration electives (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (54 credits)

Law electives (54 credits)* (including the option of Internship (30 credits))

* The 90 credits of law electives in the LLB degree must include 'Equity and Trusts I' and 'Equity and Trusts II'.

Note 1: Students who complete the Internship (30 credits) shall be deemed to have completed one semester of full-time study for the purpose of regulation (3) above. The course description of the Internship is as follows:

'The Internship is designed to enhance students' ability to apply their classroom knowledge so as to prepare them for future career development, through exposure to real working situations in the legal, public, non-profit making, as well as private sectors. Applicants will be selected on a competitive basis. The Internship option is not meant to be a 'soft' option for students to amass sufficient number of credits. Students are required to do considerable preparation for their internship in filing their applications, and are subject to rigorous monitoring and supervision during their placement period. In addition, students are required to write a report of considerable length on their placement, the quality of which would also count towards formal assessment.'

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These regulations apply to students admitted to the first year of study in the academic year 1998-99 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations)

Admission requirements

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Laws under these regulations, a candidate shall
 - (b) comply with the General Regulations; and
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Award of Degree of Bachelor of Laws

2. To be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Laws, a candidate shall
 - (c) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (d) complete the curriculum and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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Curriculum

3. The curriculum shall extend over one academic year of full-time study starting in June and ending in August of the following year. To complete the curriculum a candidate shall
 - (a) follow instruction;
 - (b) satisfactorily complete all prescribed written and other work; and
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in each of a total number of courses amounting to at least 72 credits in value and selected (from courses that the candidate has not already taken and passed in his or her studies for the BSocSc(Govt & Laws) degree) from the courses listed in the Syllabuses below which must include the courses marked "*" in the Syllabuses below, unless the relevant course or its equivalent has already been taken and passed by the candidate in his or her studies for the BSocSc(Govt & Laws) degree.
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Selection of courses

4. Unless the Head of the Department of Law determine otherwise, candidates shall take courses totalling 72 credits in value in the year of study. Candidates shall select their courses in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus by a prescribed date. Such selection shall be subject to approval by the Head of Department of Law. Changes to the selection of courses may be made subject to the approval of the Head of the Department of Law during the first two weeks of each semester, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the first two weeks of a semester shall not normally be considered, and candidates withdrawing from any course without permission after the first two weeks of a semester shall be given a F grade.

Assessment

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

Grades

6. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Any course for which a candidate is given an F grade shall not be counted towards the degree for the purpose of credits or cumulative GPA, but shall be recorded on the transcript of the candidate.

Examinations

7. 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 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 which enable completion of the curriculum.
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Discontinuation of Study

8. 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.

Absence from an examination

9. 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.

Pass lists

10. The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) shall be awarded under these regulations in five divisions:

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SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB)*12 CREDIT COURSES*

- *Criminal law I
- *Criminal law II
- *Equity and introduction to trusts I and II
 - Guided attachment and research (to begin in June, the research paper to be completed for assessment before the end of August of the following year)
 - Human rights law
 - Law and society I and II
- *Law of contract I and II
- *Property law I and II
 - Use of Chinese in law II

6 CREDIT COURSES

- Admiralty
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Bank security
- Banking law
- Business associations
- Chinese laws governing foreign investments
- Civil litigation
- Commercial law I
- Commercial law II
- Company law
- Comparative law
- Construction law
- Copyright law
- Criminology
- Cross-border legal relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong
- Current legal controversies
- Economic analysis of law
- Emerging markets : finance and investment
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Fundamentals of evidence and trial procedure
- Governance and law
- Human rights in Hong Kong
- Human rights in China
- Information Technology Law
- Insolvency law
- Insurance law
- International commercial litigation
- International commercial transactions
- International criminal law
- International human rights
- International mooting competition⁺
- International organizations
- International trade law I
- International trade law II
- International trade regulation I : Introduction to the Law of the WTO
- International trade regulation II : Selected Issues on WTO and China
- International trade regulation – WTO and China
- Introduction to International Economic law

Introduction to private international law
 Issues in evidence and trial procedure
 Issues in family law
 Issues in intellectual property law
 Jessup international law moot court competition⁺
 Labour law
 Law in East Asia
 Law, justice and ideology
 Law of agency
 Law of International Finance I – Debt
 Law, the individual and the community : a cross-cultural dialogue
 Legal fictions : representations of the law in literature, philosophy and cinema
 Legal history
 Media law
 Medico-legal issues
 People's Republic of China civil and commercial law
 Planning and environmental law
 Principles of family law
 Principles of Hong Kong taxation on income
 Public international law
 Regulation of financial markets
 Remedies
 Research project (oral presentation)
 Securities regulation
 Selected problems of international law
 Shipping Law
 Social justice summer internship
 Sociology of law
 Succession
 The child and the law
 The Hong Kong Basic Law
 The law of the sea
 The law of restitution
 The rights of the child in international & domestic law
 Use of Chinese in Law I

[Note : Those courses listed in the LL.B. curricula may, subject to the approval of the Head of Department of Law, be made available to 4th year LL.B. students.]

* Enrolment in the courses marked with ⁽⁺⁾ is limited to those candidates who have been selected as members of the moot competition team to represent the University.