

**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])**

*(See also General Regulations)*

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**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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**Advanced standing**

4. The Board of Faculty of Law may exempt any candidate from any of the courses, and award equivalent credits to such candidate (by way of advanced standing under UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula), on the ground that appropriate courses have been completed successfully in other programmes: provided that no candidate shall be eligible for such exemption without having earned at least 180 credits by passing courses in the BSocSc(Govt&Laws) degree at this University, unless otherwise approved by the Head of the Department of Law and the Head of Department of Politics and Public Administration, and at least 60 credits, or any other number of credits as the Board may from time to time otherwise specify, in the two years of study of the curriculum as set out in paragraph 3 by passing courses at this University.

### **Selection of courses**

5. 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.

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### **Specialisation**

6. A candidate who has obtained at least 48 credits of law electives 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.

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### **Passing a course**

7. 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.

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### **Grades**

8. 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.

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### **Examinations**

9. (1) Any candidate who has failed 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**

10. 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.

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**Absence from an examination**

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

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**Pass lists**

12. 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  
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**SYLLABUS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVERNMENT & 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 (Govt&Laws) 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)

[\* Candidates may, in exceptional situations, seek a waiver of LLAW2015 Legal research and writing IV from the Head of the Department of Law.]

**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.'