

REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LAW) (BBA[Law])

These regulations apply to BBA(Law) graduates admitted to the two-year LLB curriculum in the academic year 2015-16.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Admission to the degree of Bachelor of Laws

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws under these regulations, a candidate shall
 - (a) hold the degree of BBA(Law) from the University of Hong Kong;
 - (b) apply for admission to the LLB curriculum within three academic years after obtaining the degree of BBA(Law), unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty of Law;
 - (c) comply with the General Regulations; and
 - (d) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
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Period of study

2. The curriculum shall normally require four semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than two academic years, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of three academic years, except with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law.
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Completion of the curriculum

3. To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall
 - (a) comply with the General Regulations;
 - (b) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula;
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in 18 credits of courses selected from the Faculty of Business and Economics;
 - (d) satisfy the compulsory mooted requirement, unless otherwise exempted by the Head of the Department of Law; and
 - (e) satisfy the examiners in at least 120 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 BBA(Law) degree).
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Advanced standing

4. The Board of the Faculty of Law may grant advanced standing to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula provided that no candidate shall be eligible for such exemption without having earned at least 189 credits by passing courses in the BBA(Law) degree at this University. Advanced standing credits granted will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate but shall not be included in the calculation of Semester, Year or Cumulative GPA nor be taken into consideration for the honours classification of the degree to be awarded.

Selection of courses

5. Candidates shall select their courses totalling 138 credits in the two years of study in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus before the beginning of each semester. Changes to the selection of courses may be made during an add/drop period designated for each semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests of changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not normally be considered.

6. Withdrawal from courses beyond the designated add/drop period will not be permitted, except for medical reasons and with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law. Withdrawal without permission will result in a fail grade in the relevant course(s).

Specialisation

7. Candidates who have 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.

8. Candidates shall declare their choice of specialisation, if any, at the beginning of the first academic year of the 2-year LLB degree curriculum. Declaration made beyond the first semester of the second academic year of the 2-year LLB degree curriculum will not be considered.

Progression in curriculum

9. (a) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 36 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty of Law, or except in the last semester of study when candidates may be required to take fewer than 24 credits to satisfy the outstanding curriculum requirements.

(b) Candidates may, of their own volition, take additional credits not exceeding 6 credits in each semester, and/or further credits during the summer semester, accumulating up to a maximum of 72 credits in one academic year. With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty of Law, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits in a given academic year provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 138 credits for the normative period of study specified in paragraph 2, save as provided for in paragraph 9(c).

(c) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty of Law may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 216 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2.

Grades

10. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG8 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, and shall also be counted towards the Cumulative GPA (CGPA) and the degree. A pass in the Mooting course shall be recorded on the transcript but shall not count towards the Cumulative GPA (CGPA).

Passing a course

11. Candidates shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate's performance in the assessment.

Assessment

12. (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/ or any other assessable activities. Only satisfactorily completed courses will earn credits.

(b) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner as prescribed in the curriculum regulations:

(i) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or

(ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or

(iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or

(iv) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(c) Where candidates are permitted or required to present themselves for re-assessment/re-examination/ assessment in an alternative course under (b) above, the new grade obtained together with the previous F grade shall be recorded on the transcript and be included in the calculation of the Semester GPA, the Year GPA and the Cumulative GPA.

(d) A candidate shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which he or she has received a pass grade for the purpose of upgrading.

Absence from an examination

13. Candidates who are unable through illness to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate's absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year's examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

Overall pass

14. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, a candidate who has passed courses totalling 138 credits in value shall be awarded the degree of LLB.

Discontinuation of study

15. Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they fail to satisfy the examiners in the examinations in accordance with UG4(e) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula as follows:

- (a) fail to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or
 - (b) fail to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
 - (c) exceed the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2
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Award of degree

16. (a) The degree of Bachelor of Laws (LLB) shall be awarded in five divisions in accordance with UG9 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula:

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

(b) A pass list of successful candidates shall be posted on Faculty notice boards and the student homepage.

SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LAW) (BBA[LAW])

This syllabus applies to students admitted to the two-year LLB curriculum in the academic year 2015-16 and thereafter.

(The full 5-year curriculum is set out below for easy reference. Please consult the full regulations and syllabus of the BBA(Law) curriculum for details. For the LLB degree, please also refer to the syllabus of the 4-year 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 Director of the School of Business (as the case may be), the syllabuses of the 5-year double degrees of BBA(Law) and LLB are as follows:

First year (60 credits or 66 credits for candidates with Accounting major[†])

Faculty of Business and Economics (36 credits)

STAT0302 Business statistics OR STAT1306 Introductory statistics (6 credits)
Core courses (12 credits)* – Corporate Finance, Management, and Marketing
BUSI1002 Introduction to accounting (6 credits)
ECON100 1 Introduction to economics I (6 credits)
BUSI1003 Introduction to management information systems (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Accounting Major

Faculty of Business and Economics (42 credits)

STAT0302 Business statistics OR STAT1306 Introductory statistics (6 credits)
Core courses (12 credits)* - Corporate Finance, Management, and Marketing
BUSI1002 Introduction to accounting (6 credits)
ECON1001 Introduction to economics I (6 credits)
BUSI1003 Introduction to management information systems (6 credits)
BUSI0027 Management accounting I (6 credits)**

Faculty of Law (12 credits)

LLAW1009 Law and society (6 credits)
LLAW1008 The legal system (6 credits)

Other courses (12 credits)

CAES1908 English for academic communication for BBA(Law) (3 credits)
CBBL0001 Practical Chinese language for BBA(Law) students¹ (3 credits)
CCxxxxxx Common Core Course² (6 credits)

Second year (66 credits or 72 credits for candidates with Accounting Major[†])

Faculty of Business and Economics (24 credits)

Core courses (6 credits)* - Corporate Finance, Management, and Marketing
BUSI0019 Intermediate accounting I (6 credits)
BUSI0027 Management accounting I (6 credits)
BUSIxxxx Business electives (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Accounting Major

Faculty of Business and Economics (30 credits)

Core course (6 credits)* - Corporate Finance, Management, and Marketing
BUSI0018 Hong Kong taxation (6 credits)**
BUSI0019 Intermediate accounting I (6 credits)
BUSI0020 Intermediate accounting II (6 credits)
BUSI0028 Management accounting II (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (36 credits)

LLAW1001 Law of contract I (6 credits)
LLAW1002 Law of contract II (6 credits)
LLAW1005 Law of tort I (6 credits)
LLAW1006 Law of tort II (6 credits)
LLAW1013 Legal research & writing I (6 credits)
Law elective (6 credits)

Other courses (6 credits)

CCxxxxxx Common Core Courses² (6 credits)

¹ To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should take the 3-credit CBBL0001 Practical Chinese language for BBA(Law) students except for

- (a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND0002 Practical Chinese Language & Hong Kong (In *Putonghua*) or CUND0003 Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students; or
- (b) Students who have not studied the Chinese language during their secondary education/ who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take CBBL0001 can apply
 - (i) to take credit-bearing Cantonese or Putonghua language courses offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR
 - (ii) to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement. If exempted, these students should take an elective course in lieu.

² The Common core courses should be chosen from two different Areas of Inquiry.

Third year (63 credits for candidates with[†] or without Accounting major)

Faculty of Business and Economics (24 credits)

BUSI0009 Business Policy (6 credits)
BUSI0003 Advanced financial accounting or BUSI0008 Business cycles and strategy or ECON1002 Introduction to economics II (6 credits)
BUSI0018 Hong Kong Taxation or BUSI0023 Operations and quality management or BUSI0036 Quantitative analysis for business decisions (6 credits)
BUSIxxxx Business elective (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Accounting Major

Faculty of Business and Economics (24 credits)

BUSI0003 Advanced financial accounting (6 credits)
BUSI0006 Auditing (6 credits)
BUSI0009 Business policy (6 credits)
BUSI0023 Operations and quality management or BUSI0036 Quantitative analysis for business decisions (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (36 credits)

LLAW3010 Business associations (6 credits)
LLAW2012 Commercial law (6 credits)
LLAW2013 Land law I (6 credits)
LLAW2014 Land law II (6 credits)
LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II (6 credits)
LLAWxxxx Law elective (6 credits)

Other course (3 credits)

CAES1602 Writing Solutions to legal problems (3 credits)

Fourth year (first year of the LLB) (72 credits)

Faculty of Business and Economics (18 credits)

Business electives (18 credits)
(i.e., FINA2802 Investments and portfolio analysis (6 credits), and FBE elective courses (12 credits))

Faculty of Law (54 credits)

LLAW2003 Criminal law I (6 credits)
LLAW2004 Criminal law II (6 credits)
LLAW2001 Constitutional law (6 credits)
LLAW3094 Equity and trusts I (6 credits)
LLAW3095 Equity and trusts II (6 credits)
LLAW3102 Evidence I (6 credits)
LLAW2009 Introduction to Chinese law (6 credits)

LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution³ (6 credits)
LLAWxxxx Law electives[#] (6 credits)

Fifth year (second year of the LLB) (66 credits)

LLAW3093 Administrative Law (6 credits)
LLAW3001 Introduction to legal theory (6 credits)
LLAW3105 Land law III (Conveyancing) (6 credits)
LLAW3097 Civil procedure (6 credits)
LLAW3099 Criminal procedure (6 credits)
LLAWxxxx Law electives[#] (36 credits)

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- # Students can choose to declare a specialisation by completing at least 48 credits of law electives listed under one of the following areas: Chinese law; Commercial, corporate and financial law; International trade and economic law.
- *. For the first two years, students can determine the sequence in taking these three core courses: 'Marketing' (BUSI1004), 'Principles of management' (BUSI1007) and 'Corporate finance' (FINA1003).
- ** Students who declare a major in Accounting should plan to take these courses or some other required accounting courses during the year-1 or year-2 summer semester.

³This may be substituted by participation in Jessup moot or any other international moot competition approved by the Head of the Department of Law. The Mooting course, which fulfils the requirement of paragraph 3(d) shall be graded with pass/fail and shall not be counted in the calculation of the CGPA.