

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 LLB curriculum in the academic year 2016-2017 and thereafter.

(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 programme 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 two semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than one academic year, 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 two 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; and
 - (c) satisfy the examiners in the 72 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 240 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 72 credits 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 for 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 36 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 fifth year of the LLB degree curriculum. Declaration made beyond the first semester of the final academic year of the 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) With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty of Law, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits.

(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 144 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 LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution 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 passed 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.

(e) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

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 72 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.

Award of degree

16.(a) The degree of Bachelor of Laws 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) The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Cumulative GPA scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying equal weighting:

Class of honours	CGPA range
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours	(2.40 – 3.59)
<i>Division One</i>	3.00 – 3.59
<i>Division Two</i>	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass	1.00 – 1.69

(c) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate's Cumulative GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Cumulative GPA falls below the range stipulated in 16(b) above of the higher classification by not more than 0.05 of a grade point.

(d) A 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 BBA(Law) graduates admitted to the LLB curriculum in the academic year 2016-2017 and thereafter.

(The full 5-year curriculum is set out below for easy reference. Please consult the full regulations and syllabuses 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 for candidates with[†] or without Professional Core in Accounting)

Faculty of Business and Economics (18 credits)

ACCT1101 Introduction to financial accounting (6 credits)
ECON1210 Introduction to economics I (6 credits)
STAT1602 Business statistics OR STAT1603 Introductory statistics (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Professional Core in Accounting

Faculty of Business and Economics (18 credits)

ACCT1101 Introduction to financial accounting (6 credits)
ECON1210 Introduction to economics I (6 credits)
STAT1602 Business statistics OR STAT1603 Introductory statistics (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (30 credits)

LLAW1001 Law of contract I (6 credits)
LLAW1002 Law of contract II (6 credits)
LLAW1008 The legal system (6 credits)
LLAW1009 Law and society (6 credits)
LLAW1013 Legal research and writing I¹ (6 credits)

Other courses (12 credits)

CAES1000 Core University English² (6 credits)
CCxxxxxx Common Core Courses³ (6 credits)

¹ A pass in both “LLAW1013 Legal research and writing I” and “LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II” shall be deemed to satisfy the “English in the Discipline” requirement under UG 5(a) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.

² Candidates who have achieved Level 5** in English Language in the HKDSE or equivalent are exempted but must take an elective in lieu.

³ Candidates shall select not more than one course (6 credits) from the same Area of Inquiry within one academic year and at least one course (6 credits) and not more than two courses (12 credits) from each Area of Inquiry during the first three years of study.

Second year (60 credits for candidates with[†] or without Professional Core in Accounting)

Faculty of Business and Economics (24 credits)

Business Core courses (12 credits)* – Principles of management, Management information systems or Introduction to marketing

FINA1310 Corporate finance (6 credits)

xxxxxxx Business Major – core or elective courses (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Professional Core in Accounting

Faculty of Business and Economics (30 credits)

Business Core courses (6 credits)* – Principles of management, Management information systems or Introduction to marketing

ACCT2102 Intermediate financial accounting I (6 credits)

ACCT2105 Introduction to management accounting (6 credits)

FINA1310 Corporate finance (6 credits)

IIMT3636 Decision and risk analysis I (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (18 credits)

LLAW1005 Law of tort I (6 credits)

LLAW1006 Law of tort II (6 credits)

LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II¹ (6 credits)

Other courses (12 or 18 credits)

CCxxxxxx Common Core Courses³ (12 credits)

xxxxxxx Free elective (6 credits) – for candidates without Professional Core in Accounting

Third year (60-66 credits for candidates with[†] or without Professional Core in Accounting)

Faculty of Business and Economics (12 credits)

Business Core courses (6 credits)* – Principles of management, Management information systems or Introduction to marketing

xxxxxxx Business Major – core or elective courses (6 credits)

[†]For candidates with Professional Core in Accounting

Faculty of Business and Economics (30 credits)

Business Core courses (12 credits)* – Principles of management, Management information systems or Introduction to marketing

ACCT3103 Intermediate financial accounting II (6 credits)

ACCT3106 Management control (6 credits)

ACCT3107 Hong Kong taxation (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (12 credits)

LLAW2012 Commercial law** (6 credits)
LLAW3010 Business associations** (6 credits)

Other courses (24 or 36 credits)

CBBL9001 Practical Chinese for BBA(Law) students (6 credits)
CCxxxxxx Common Core Courses³ (18 credits)
xxxxxxx Free electives (12 credits) – for candidates without Professional Core in Accounting

* For Year 2 and 3, candidates can determine the sequence in taking these three Business Core courses: IIMT2601 Management information systems, MGMT2401 Principles of management, and MKTG2501 Introduction to marketing.

** For candidates who will pursue exchange studies, these courses may be taken in Year 3 or Year 4.

Fourth year (54-60 credits for candidates with[†] or without Professional Core in Accounting)

Faculty of Business and Economics (18 credits)

STRA4701 Strategic management (Capstone course of BBA(Law)) (6 credits)
xxxxxxx Business Major – core or elective courses (12 credits)

[†]For candidates with Professional Core in Accounting

Faculty of Business and Economics (30 credits)

ACCT3109 Auditing (6 credits)
ACCT4104 Advanced financial accounting (6 credits)
FINA2320 Investment and portfolio analysis (6 credits)
STRA4701 Strategic management (Capstone course of BBA(Law)) (6 credits)
xxxxxxx FBE elective (6 credits)

Faculty of Law (24 credits)

LLAW3203 Guided research^{‡§} (6 credits) or LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution (6 credits)^{§§} (Capstone for legal studies major)
LLAWxxxx Law electives (18 credits)

[‡] or a Law Designated Research course as approved by the Department of Law

[§] For candidates who will not pursue the 1-Year LLB curriculum.

^{§§} For candidates who will continue to pursue the 1-Year LLB curriculum after having successfully completed the BBA(Law) curriculum.

Other courses (18 credits)

xxxxxxx Free electives (18 credits) – for candidates without Professional Core in Accounting

Fifth year (final year of the LLB) (72 credits)

LLAW3094 Equity and trusts I (6 credits)
LLAW3095 Equity and trusts II (6 credits)
LLAW3203 Guided research^{†*} (6 credits)
LLAWxxxx Law electives[#] (54 credits)

[†] or a Law Designated Research course as approved by the Department of Law.

* required for candidates who have taken and completed the Mooting course in their fourth year of study.

[In order to meet the requirements for the LLB, candidates shall complete the following courses in Year 4 and 5, as Law electives:

LLAW2001 Constitutional law (6 credits)
LLAW2003 Criminal law I (6 credits)
LLAW2004 Criminal law II (6 credits)
LLAW2009 Introduction to Chinese law (6 credits)
LLAW2013 Land law I (6 credits)
LLAW2014 Land law II (6 credits)
LLAW3001 Introduction to legal theory (6 credits)
LLAW3093 Administrative law (6 credits)

In addition, the following courses are recommended Law electives (as PCLL pre-requisites):

LLAW3097 Civil procedure (6 credits)
LLAW3099 Criminal procedure (6 credits)
LLAW3102 Evidence I (6 credits)
LLAW3105 Land law III (conveyancing) (6 credits)]

Candidates can choose to declare a specialisation by completing at least 36 credits of law electives listed under one of the following areas: Chinese law; Commercial, corporate and financial law; International trade and economic law.