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LLM in Common Law

LLM in International Economic Law

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Message from the Dean

Hong Kong is one of the world's foremost global trading centres. It is the perfect environment in which to study International Economic Law. It is a vibrant territory where entrepreneurs link China with the rest of the world. It is the ideal location to study Chinese Business Law. It is committed whole-heartedly to the rule of law and the dynamic development of its common law heritage. It is a fascinating place to study Common Law. These three specialist LLM programmes are all taught by an outstanding faculty drawn from all over the world, who offer detailed and first-class instruction in core subjects, and a wide range of electives for all interests. We hope you will join us.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Gane
Simon F.S. Li Professor of Law and
Dean, Faculty of Law

Message from the Programme Director

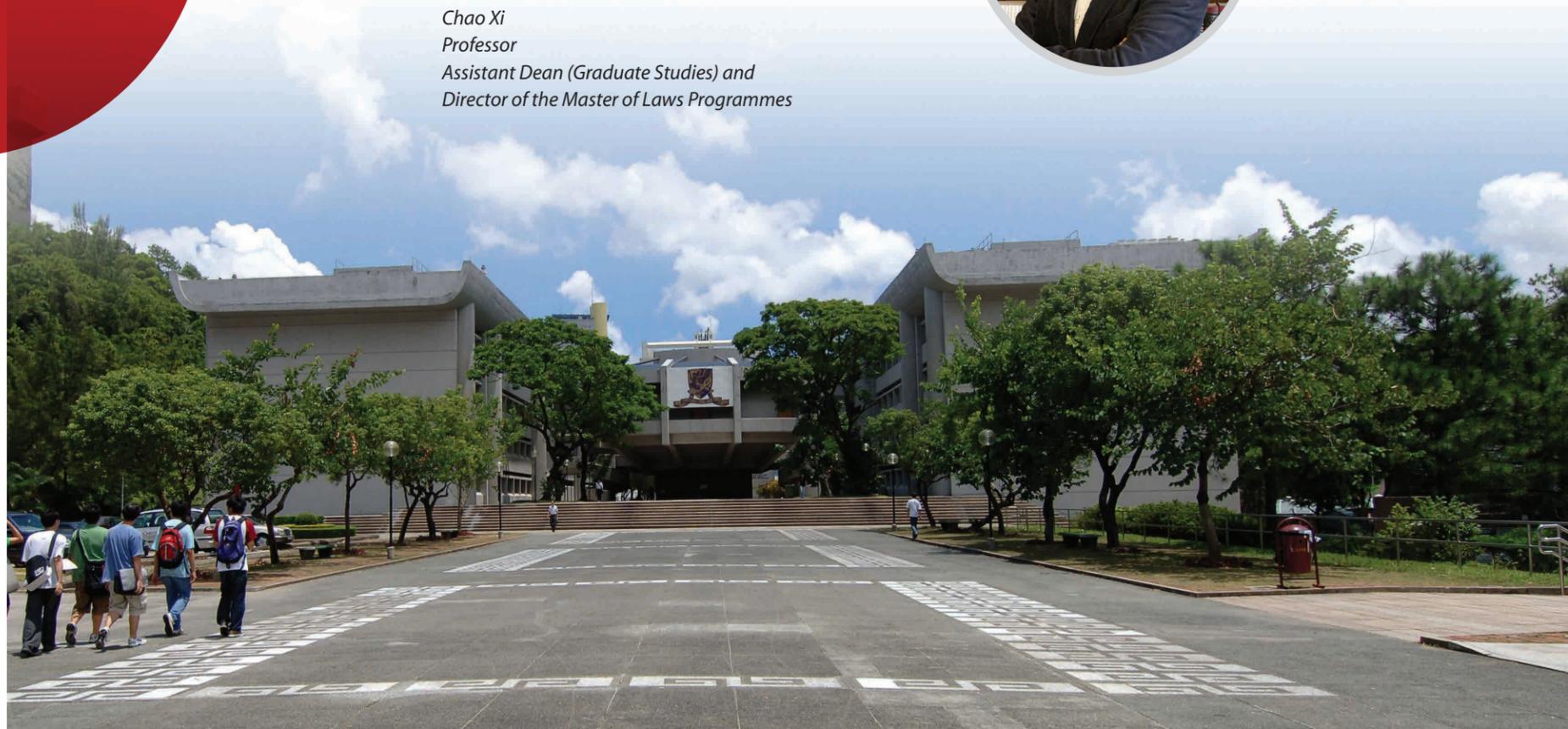
The CUHK Master of Laws Programmes provide students with an ideal platform to acquire expertise in one of the three specialized subject areas: Chinese business law, common law, and international economic law. We are proud to offer our students an enriching and stimulating learning environment in which to study and to discover, and to benefit from teaching informed by the state-of-the-art research and practice experience of our first-rate faculty.

Our LLM Programmes attract highly qualified and intellectually outstanding students from all over the world. Students will be joining a vibrant and dynamic community, with the opportunities to build long-lasting professional and personal relationships with fellow students of high calibre.

We look forward to welcoming you to our LLM Programmes.

Yours sincerely,

Chao Xi
Professor
Assistant Dean (Graduate Studies) and
Director of the Master of Laws Programmes



Programme Introduction to the Master of Laws (LLM) Programmes

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) offers three LLM Programmes. Each one is taught in English by first-rate academics with specialist knowledge and global experience. All teaching takes place in our Graduate Law Centre, dedicated and state-of-the-art premises in the heart of Hong Kong's legal and business district in Central. Our LLM Programmes offer an excellent opportunity for academic and professional growth, delivered by one of the world's top universities, in one of Asia's most exciting cities.

LLM in Chinese Business Law

The LLM in Chinese Business Law provides students with a structured course to study the principles, processes, institutions and methods of civil and commercial law in China in the context of an evolving political, economic and social environment. It is designed to enable students to develop a broad intellectual outlook on the legal aspects of doing business in China.

LLM in Common Law

The common law is an organic and exciting legal system which unites millions of people across the world. This Programme will furnish students with substantive knowledge of Hong Kong law in some core common law subjects, and further develop the skills necessary to engage with the common law tradition more widely. Through the electives, students are given an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the common law, or complement it with the study of new subjects.

LLM in International Economic Law

The LLM in International Economic Law is designed to offer students an intensive course of study of the law and practice of cross-border business transactions. Students are trained for practice in key areas such as international sales and finance, M&A (mergers and acquisitions), WTO law and international banking law. Skills training modules ensure that graduates of the LLM in International Economic Law are able to conduct both practical work and independent research in relevant subject areas.



Sammi Lee (Hong Kong)

LLB (LSE) and LLM (CUHK)

Studying the LLM in International Economic Law at CUHK has been a wonderful and enriching experience to me! In the face of an increasingly complicated cross-border economic environment, I find the LLM course highly practical --- not only equipping me with solid knowledge in the political, socio-economic and cultural aspects of multinational business problems, but also inspiring me to think outside the box with respect to the changing legal regimes and rapid globalization. An unexpected bonus to me is the interesting learning experience alongside students from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds and the sense of camaraderie with them. All of this has made the LLM year a pleasing and fruitful one for me.



Jack Nelson (Australia)

BA and JD (Melbourne), LLM and PCLL (CUHK)

I find that studying Chinese law has deepened my understanding of Australian law. Studying another legal system provides a point of comparison that can help you to better understand your home legal system. This is particularly true when coming from a common law jurisdiction like Australia to study a civil law jurisdiction such as China. The many differences between Chinese and Australian law did not surprise me. The number of similarities, however, was unexpected. The fact that we were learning in Hong Kong, a common law jurisdiction within China, served to emphasise the value of comparative legal study.



Joey Wong (Hong Kong)

LLB, PCLL and LLM (CUHK)

The unparalleled legal framework of Hong Kong marks a strategic importance for multi-international enterprises to conduct businesses in China. It is therefore vital, after 17 years of resumption of sovereignty, to appreciate the difference between the two legal systems in order to assist foreign enterprises and business clients to find their way out of the mist from the two unparalleled legal systems. As taught by leading academics and experienced practitioners in Chinese Business Law, the LLM in Chinese Business Law programme laid a solid foundation for both my academic and professional growth, in particular, to develop a broad legal intellectual outlook as to the Chinese legal system as well as its regulatory framework in the context of an evolving political, economic and social environment in China.



Edward Cowan (United Kingdom)

LLB (Warwick), LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in International Economic Law at CUHK offers incredible opportunities, both personal and professional. The ability to engage deeply with the law through the LLM programmes, coupled with the unique experience of living and studying in a truly global economic hub provides unparalleled and exciting possibilities. The programme provides experience in some of the vital skills necessary to succeed in legal or business roles following graduation. Coming to Hong Kong to study as an international student was one of the best decisions I have made.



Celine Verdez (France)

LLB, LLM (Rennes), MA (I.E.P. Lille), LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in Common Law programme at CUHK is a fantastic opportunity for civil law practitioners to compare the Common Law system and their home jurisdiction. It was also the professional break I needed to deepen my knowledge of my preferred legal fields and explore other areas of law thanks to the wide range of elective courses I was able to choose from. These courses were all taught by passionate, skilled and experienced professionals from business and legal backgrounds. It provided me with a better understanding of the Hong Kong legal system and how it is deeply rooted in the common law tradition and yet was and will be influenced greatly by Mainland China and the rest of the world.

For a Civil Law (in-house) lawyer with an interest in Asia, it was a unique experience and I'm sure my career will benefit from it. I cannot recommend highly enough CUHK's LLM programmes.



Pannile Tarasuk (Thailand)

LLM (Chulalongkorn), LLM (CUHK)

In 2014, I was awarded a scholarship from the Royal Thai government in the Master of Laws programme. I decided to study in Hong Kong because Hong Kong is one of the world's leading commercial hubs. I made the right decision.

I am very impressed with the facilities at CUHK. The professors are brilliant and the staff is very helpful. Moreover, the Graduate Law Centre is conveniently located and the main campus in Shatin is very peaceful and beautiful.

Presently, I am a legal official in the Office of the Council of State of Thailand, the main law-drafting and legal advisory agency of the state. Studying an LLM in International Economic Law provided me with a great deal of practical knowledge and skill in legal research, which I can now apply in my professional career.



Timothy Lam (Hong Kong)

LLB (Exeter) and LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in Common Law (LCL) programme at CUHK offers a multitude of elective courses where students can fully develop their interests. The professors are experts in their respective fields, many of whom have both extensive practical experiences as well as academic publications; their amiable nature allows for a personal connection as they act as both faculty and mentor. I found the lectures to be comparatively interactive and engaging. It has been fun meeting and collaborating with students from other international jurisdictions to further my legal knowledge. The law faculty also hosts an array of seminars, inviting leading legal professionals around the world for insightful discussions on fascinating and relevant topics. The LCL programme has been highly rewarding.

To graduate, all students are required to complete a total of 24 units of courses, comprising 12 units of Required Courses and 12 units of Elective Courses, with a minimum cumulative GPA as required by the University. Most courses comprise 3 units with three teaching hours per week.

Classes are held during daytime and evenings of weekdays and daytime on Saturdays.

Students can enroll on a full-time or on a part-time basis. The normative study period for full-time studies is one year, and for part-time studies it is two years.

The first term starts in September and the second term starts in January.

Programme Requirements

Elective Courses

Students may choose, subject to place availability and enrollment priority, from the wide range of Elective Courses offered under the LLM Programmes as well as the JD Programme. Elective Course offerings vary from year to year according to student demand and staff availability. The elective courses offered in 2016/17 are:

- Business and the Law in Hong Kong
- Chinese Employment Law
- Chinese Environmental Law
- Chinese Financial Law
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Chinese Tax Law
- Copyright, Digital Subject Matter and Information Technology
- Elder Law
- European Union Law
- Independent Research
- Independent Research Dissertation
- International and Comparative Energy Law
- International and Comparative Environmental Law
- International Commercial Dispute Resolution
- International Financial and Banking Law
- International Investment Law Principles & Practice
- International Legal Advocacy
- International Taxation
- Issues in Contract
- Issues in Human Rights
- Issues in International Law
- Jessup International Law Moot
- Mooting
- Preferential Trade Agreements: Theory & Practice
- Principles of Administrative Law
- Principles of Art, Antiquities and Cultural Heritage Law
- Principles of Civil Procedure
- Principles of Commercial Law
- Principles of Company Law
- Principles of Competition Law
- Principles of Constitutional Law
- Principles of Criminal Procedure
- Principles of Employment Law
- Principles of Environmental Law
- Principles of Equity & Trusts
- Principles of Evidence
- Principles of Information and Privacy Law
- Principles of Intellectual Property
- Principles of International Law
- Principles of Land Law
- Principles of Revenue Law
- Principles of Securities Regulation
- Shipping Law
- The Clinic for Public Interest Advocacy

Course List

All courses are 3-unit courses except Independent Research Dissertation and International Legal Advocacy which are 6-unit courses.

Required Courses

LLM in Chinese Business Law

- Chinese Civil Law
- Chinese Company Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Legal System and Methods in China

LLM in Common Law

- Common Law: Origins and Development
- Principles of Contract*
- Principles of Criminal Law*
- Principles of Tort*

LLM in International Economic Law

- Law of International Business Transactions I
- Law of International Business Transactions II
- Trans-National Legal Problems
- World Trade Law

* Applicants who have already covered any of these subjects as part of a common law undergraduate degree can apply to the Programme Director to replace them with alternative common law subjects or research papers.

CUHK Graduate Law Centre

All LLM Programmes are taught at the CUHK Graduate Law Centre. The LLM students have this in common with other graduate students in the Faculty of Law studying on the JD and PCLL courses, creating a mature and professionally oriented environment. The Graduate Law Centre is located at 2/F, Bank of America Tower, Central. Within only a few minutes' walk can be found the High Court and the appellate courts, the major business centres and many of the other attractions and amenities for which Hong Kong is famous. Facilities at the Graduate Law Centre include lecture theatres, seminar rooms, breakout rooms, the Warren Chan Moot Court, a computer laboratory, a student common area with additional computer work stations, and a Legal Resources Centre.

Studying Abroad

LLM Students can choose to study abroad as part of our International Exchange Programmes. These give students the opportunity to travel to new places, to meet new people, to experience new cultures, to learn new subjects and gain a greater international experience to impress future employers. Credits earned abroad may be transferred back to count towards degree requirements. In addition to university-level exchanges, which cover more than two hundred destinations worldwide, there are also faculty-level exchanges whereby graduate students can go to Faculty of Law, The University of Auckland (New Zealand), Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne (Australia), Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University (USA), Faculty of Law, Maastricht University (The Netherlands) or The School of Law of Bocconi University (Italy). For further information please visit the Faculty's website.

Mooting

Mooting gives students a taste of life as a lawyer presenting written and oral arguments in complex hypothetical court cases. In recent years, students have participated in faculty, local, regional and international moot competition. They have successfully represented Hong Kong at international competitions in Vienna, Washington D.C., The Hague, and Beijing in 2015-16. The Faculty of Law encourages students to participate in moot competition. Participation may attract course credits towards degree completion. For each moot an academic staff member advises the team and supervises its work. Practice moots also take place in the state-of-the-art Warren Chan Moot Court at the Graduate Law Centre. The Faculty of Law has enjoyed great success in both local, regional and international moot competition over the ten years since mooting was first offered in the Faculty. In 2016, its mooting teams won the International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot (Chinese) at The Hague; the David Hunter Award for winning the oral rounds of the competition at the Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Law Moot; the Hong Kong regional rounds (White & Case Cup) of the Jessup moot, together with awards for the Best Applicant Memorial, the Best Respondent Memorial and the Best Oralist.



Mr. Paul Mitchard QC
Director of Career Planning
and Professionalism

Careers

The Faculty runs a careers advice programme that supports its students in many ways.

Law Student Careers Office

The Faculty's Law Student Careers Office provides students with guidance on career choices, career preparation and professional development. The Faculty's Director of Career Planning and Professionalism, Mr. Paul Mitchard QC, has designed and runs a programme which includes seminars on career and professionalism topics and presentations by representatives of law firms and barristers' chambers and other prospective employers.

Virtual Careers Resource Centre

The Law Student Careers Office also maintains a Virtual Careers Resource Centre (VCRC). This is a powerful online resource that serves as a contact point for employers, teaching faculty and students. The VCRC has a Legal Careers Directory that contains up-to-date information on law firms, internships and other employment opportunities and provides information on careers seminars and other events. The VCRC website provides students with information on matters such as job applications, CV preparation and other resources.

The Faculty's academic staff also frequently advise individual students on career development and write references for students to potential employers.

Cultural & Professional Diversity

Our students come from diverse backgrounds. For the academic year beginning in 2016, we had applicants from 18 countries and we admitted students from 12 countries/regions.

COUNTRIES OF APPLICANTS AND STUDENTS

Australia
Bulgaria
Canada
Chile
Czech Republic
Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Indonesia
Macau
Mainland China
Netherlands
Serbia
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tanzania
United States
Zimbabwe



○ Applicants
● Students

Most of our part-time students come from professional backgrounds: accountants, bankers, social workers, civil servants, and legal practitioners. This mix creates an interesting and stimulating learning environment. Our part-time students study alongside our full-time students.

Professional backgrounds & Affiliations

- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries (HKICS)
- Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA)
- The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers (HKIB)
- The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Registered Social Worker (RSW)
- Qualified lawyers from various jurisdictions

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have:

- 1 a qualification to practise law in the jurisdiction of the student's residence; or
- 2 a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree or a degree of equivalent standing (for the LLM in Common Law, the LLB should normally be from a non-Common Law jurisdiction); or
- 3 a Bachelor's degree in a non-law subject with substantial law-related working experience.

As many areas of professional activity are related to law, we welcome applications from those who work in the areas of commerce, accountancy, social work, public administration, and any other similar fields with relevant legal experience.

Applications can be made before completion of an undergraduate degree, provided that the applicant is in the final year of study. In this situation, any offer will be conditional upon successful completion of the undergraduate degree, and satisfaction of the other admission requirements, prior to enrolment in the LLM Programmes.

Applicants whose undergraduate studies were not conducted and assessed in English are required to take an appropriate English language proficiency test and to achieve a sufficient score, such as a score of 570 or above in TOEFL (Paper Based Test), 88 or above in TOEFL (Internet Based Test); Band 6.5 or better in IELTS; which result was obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the LLM Programmes, or equivalent.

For more information about the General Admission Requirements and the English Language Proficiency Requirement prescribed by the University's Graduate School, please visit their website at <http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.

Tuition Fee*

The tuition fee for 2016/17 is HK\$4,630 per unit for a total of 24 units within the normative study period. The tuition fee for 2017/18 is to be announced.

A different tuition fee may apply for students studying beyond the normative study period.

* Subject to annual review



Scholarships

A number of Master of Laws scholarships will be available for award on the basis of academic merit. For further details, please visit the Faculty's website.

Continuing Education Fund

The LLM in Chinese Business Law and the LLM in International Economic Law, as well as thirteen postgraduate courses offered by the Faculty of Law, have been included in the list of reimbursable courses for Continuing Education Fund (CEF) purposes. For details regarding CEF, please visit www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef.



Sebastien Clisson (France)

LLB (Paris 10 – Nanterre), LLM (Pantheon-Sorbonne) and LLM (CUHK)

The LLM in International Economic Law equipped me with all the knowledge necessary to work as a lawyer on the international scene. The diverse range of courses taught by truly passionate and highly skilled professors also allowed me to develop both a practical and business oriented view of the law. As a result I gained a comprehensive knowledge of the law surrounding cross-border business transactions with a notable focus on Mainland China and Hong Kong. The LLM also gave me the opportunity to connect with students from different backgrounds and engage in extra-curricular activities with the Graduate Law Students Association. It has been a truly enriching experience on both a personal and professional level.



Abbie Lee (Hong Kong)

BBA and LLM (CUHK)

Understanding the law has been one of my life goals, and joining the master of laws programme in common law has definitely enabled me to achieve this goal. The knowledge that I gained in the programme not only benefits my work, but also my everyday life.

The Graduate Law Centre is very convenient, just walking distance from my office. I enjoyed making friends with classmates from different industry and academic backgrounds, and I enjoyed the discussions with my professors during and after classes.



Lauren Yuen (Hong Kong)

LLB (Bristol) and LLM (CUHK)

Having previously studied in a common law jurisdiction, the LLM in Chinese Business Law Programme has offered me an interesting comparison of how different legal systems would affect business decision-making in different countries. Importantly, the LLM exposes me not only to PRC law, but also to the principles of European continental laws.

Classes are always interactive and the professors are very approachable and supportive. On top of that, I really appreciate the diversified and refreshing assessment methods adopted in class such as mock client presentations, in which I was able to gain hands-on experience of the law in action rather than just the law on the books. In terms of personal development, I was also impressed by the variety of outside-the-classroom opportunities provided by CUHK such as mootings and career workshops. Overall, I believe the well-structured CBL programme has equipped me with the necessary skills to pursue a first-rate career.



Frederic Rocafort (United States)

BA (Michigan), JD (Notre Dame), LLM (CUHK)

At CUHK I have studied with some of the leading experts in Chinese law, and their insight has proved invaluable in enhancing my understanding of China's legal system, and the country in general. Even for a lawyer with ample China experience, the LLM in Chinese Business Law has proved to be a worthwhile investment, which will undoubtedly enhance the perspective that I can provide to my clients doing business in China.



Li Wenting (Mainland China)

LLB (Sun Yat-sen) and LLM (CUHK)

I was a recipient of the Master of Laws Global Scholarship by the Faculty of Law of CUHK and I will go to NYU Law to pursue another LLM degree after graduation from CUHK.

The one year LLM in International Economic Law programme proves that this is one of the best decisions I have ever made. It provided me with fantastic opportunities to learn from world-class professionals and engage in high-quality lectures and tutorials that demanded a critical degree of analysis. The LLM programme also offers students opportunities to conduct multiple in-depth academic research projects with the leading academics in the faculty. It is a rewarding and enjoyable program to prepare law students for their future endeavours.



Victor Val Perez (Spain)

BA and LLB (Pompeu Fabra), LLM (CUHK)

I find the course syllabus is very interesting as this programme deals with international economic relationship. Professors come from all around the world and it is very international. It is obviously helpful as I worked in a leading European law firms and most of my clients were from other jurisdictions, the programme helps me learn how to deal with international clients from other countries.

Application Deadlines

24 February 2017
(first round)

13 April 2017
(second round)

Applications will be processed on a rolling basis until all places have been filled, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications received after 13 April 2017 may still be considered subject to the availability of places.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted online. For details, please visit the webpage of the University's Graduate School at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/page/ApplicationforAdmission>. Applicants should read the "Notes for online application" on the webpage of the Graduate School before submitting an application.

Applicants are required to provide copies of certificates as evidence that they have met the Admission Requirements. Applications will not be considered until all the required documents have been received.

While it is not a formal requirement, applicants may provide a personal statement not exceeding 500 words. The personal statement should address the applicant's reasons for wishing to join the relevant LLM Programme.

There is a non-refundable application fee of HK\$300.

Contact Us

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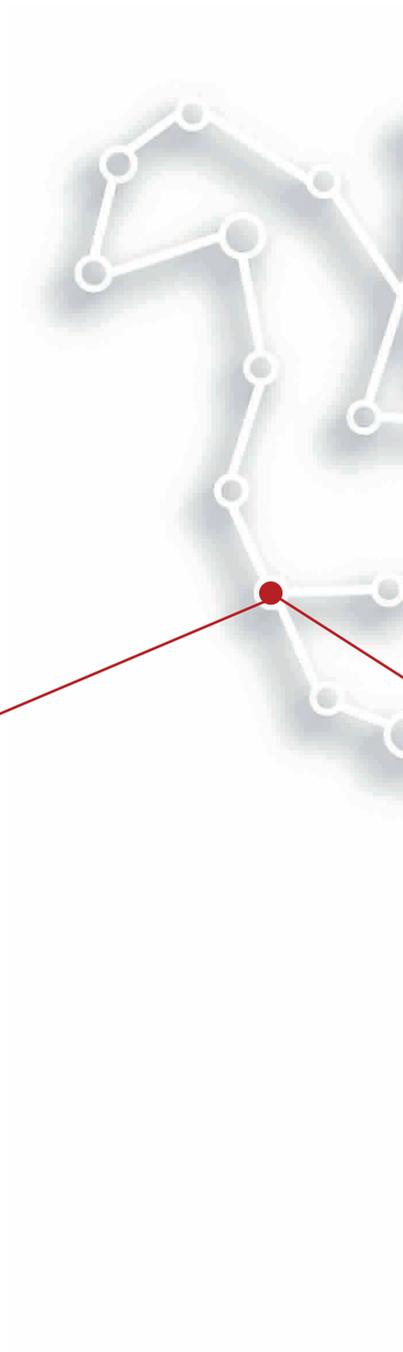
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