



HKUSPACE

香港大學專業進修學院
HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education

Certificate in Legal Studies

Programme No. LW 014A

*Affordable
Open Entry
Flexible Study
Your Pathway towards PCLL*



Your pathway towards PCLL
Enroll online
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Introduction

The Certificate in Legal Studies is a proven and effective way to start your legal studies. Former students are now employed as legal professionals, working for law firms, public service, and large companies. This program is one of Hong Kong's best-known law programs, with over 30 years' history and over 13,000 former students.

The Certificate in Legal Studies opens up many pathways to advance your career. This is a very affordable, open enrollment, part time law program. Students who start on the Certificate in Legal Studies, have many pathways articulating towards eventual PCLL admission, the completion of PCLL allows graduates to proceed to legal training before qualifying to practice as either a barrister or a solicitor in Hong Kong.

Programme Structure

Earn while you learn; the Certificate in Legal Studies as a part-time law programme, enables you to work while you study.

You will master five essential law subjects.

1. Hong Kong Legal System and Legal Method
2. Civil Procedure 1 and 2
3. Law of Obligations 1 and 2 (Contract and Tort)
4. Business Associations
5. Hong Kong Basic Law

Our experienced teachers are experienced lawyers, professors, and law experts.

Benefit by Enrolling Early

SOUL^{2.0}
Your Learning SPACE

As one of the most in demand law part-time open enrollment Hong Kong law programs, early enrollment is advantageous. Enrollment entitles you to speedy access to our leading online e-learning platform SOUL, including comprehensive legal course textbooks/workbooks, course materials, and a HKUSPACE email account.

Two Options

There are two options available for students, the Professional Stream and the General Stream.

The Professional Stream offers students the opportunity to study in medium-sized class groups. These are usually smaller than class sizes on the General Stream, offering greater scope for interaction with teachers. Classes on the Professional Stream are normally held at in-town learning centres.

Students on the Professional Stream enjoy all the Progression Opportunities. In addition, they also have the opportunity to qualify as a Legal Executive and benefit from an exclusive fast track towards PCLL through the Advanced Diploma for Legal Executives (Graduate Level) - an opportunity only available to students on the Professional Stream.

Although mainly intended for those working in law firms, enrollment on the Professional Stream is open to all on a first come first served basis.

Enrollment on the Professional Stream is limited to a maximum of 50-60 students per intake and applications will close as soon as the course is full. Since intakes are usually heavily oversubscribed, students are strongly recommended to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

For students who wants to study the same subjects, with the same materials, the same assessment and the same examinations, yet would prefer a more affordable option - General Stream. Classes on the General Stream are normally held in Hong Kong Island Learning Centre.

Awards

Certificate in Legal Studies

All students receive a Certificate in Legal Studies awarded by HKU SPACE after passing the assessments in five subjects.



After the Certificate in Legal Studies

The majority of our students continue to the next stage of their studies on the Diploma in Legal Studies, opening doors to a wide variety of professional and academic opportunities. All students receive a Diploma in Legal Studies awarded by HKU SPACE after passing the examinations in the following five subjects, and then become eligible to continue on to a wide variety of other courses (for more information please see the section on “Guaranteed Pathway to Popular programmes.”)

Diploma in Legal Studies

6. Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
7. Land Law and Conveyancing
8. Family Law and Matrimonial Practice
9. Law of Succession and Probate Practice
10. Introduction to the Mainland Legal System

Students who are enrolled in the Certificate in Legal Studies (General or Professional Stream) can articulate toward the Diploma in Legal Studies (Professional Stream). If you wish to qualify as a Legal Executive and benefit from the exclusive and affordable pathway towards the PCLL through the Advanced Diploma for Legal Executives (Graduate Level), please enroll in the Certificate in Legal Studies (Professional Stream).

Continuing Education Fund



The Certificate in Legal Studies is included in the list of Reimbursable Courses under the Hong Kong SAR Government’s Continuing Education Fund, and many students claim reimbursement of course fees from the Fund after successfully completing the Certificate in Legal Studies. For more details, please call 3142 2277 or see www.wfsfaa.gov.hk/cef

Course Materials

All students are supplied with comprehensive course materials, including numerous textbooks/workbooks specifically developed for this programme. All students also receive a free reader’s card allowing access to the University of Hong Kong libraries.

Assessments

To be eligible for the award of Certificate in Legal Studies, a student must ordinarily attend not less than 70% of scheduled classes and satisfactorily complete all assessments. Assessment includes coursework assignments (which are 25% of the final grade) and final examinations (which are 75% of the final grade).

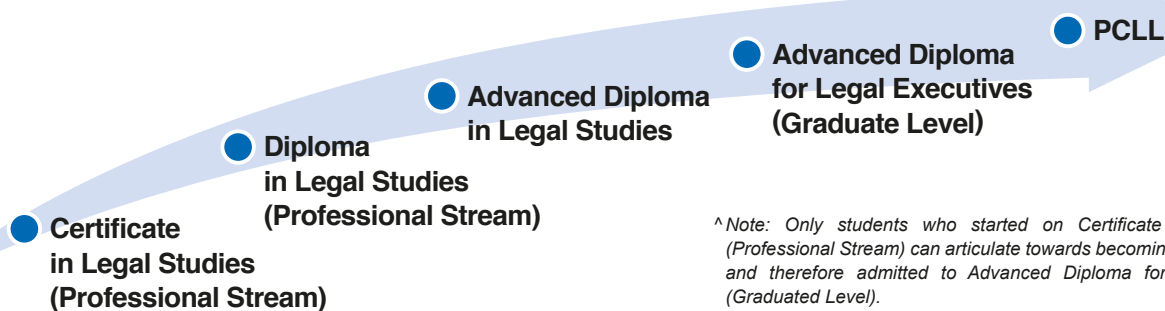
Timetable

This course offers great flexibility to meet the needs of part-time students who work and/or have family commitments. Classes are usually held on weekdays from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, or Saturday afternoons from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.



Exclusive Fast Track towards PCLL

Students who complete the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies[^] are also expected to benefit from an exclusive and affordable pathway towards the PCLL through the Advanced Diploma for Legal Executives (Graduate Level). This is a unique fast track towards a graduate-level legal qualification only open to those who have successfully completed an Approved Legal Executive Course such as the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies. Students can quickly complete all the law subjects necessary for entry to the PCLL in as little as two years, paying on a per module basis that is cheaper than other pathways towards the PCLL.



[^]Note: Only students who started on Certificate in Legal Studies (Professional Stream) can articulate towards becoming a Legal Executive and therefore admitted to Advanced Diploma for Legal Executives (Graduated Level).

Flexible Examination Schedules

Certificate in Legal Studies examinations are usually held in May/June and August. You may choose to sit all your examinations at whichever of these sittings you prefer. An examination fee is payable for each sitting, but covers examinations in all five modules during that sitting.

Become a Legal Executive

Students on the Professional Stream can also qualify as Legal Executives, by completing the Diploma in Legal Studies followed by 3 subjects on the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies (which normally takes approximately 6-9 months).

This professional title can only be used by students who complete an Approved Legal Executive Course recognized by the Law Society of Hong Kong, and the Professional Stream was one of the first courses recognized by the Law Society for this purpose.

Legal Executive are also assistants to lawyers who help in carrying out many types of legal work, and this professional title is widely recognized by law firms in Hong Kong.

Note: To work as a Legal Executive, students must also satisfy eligibility requirements set by the Law Society of Hong Kong (Law Society). For more information, please contact the Law Society directly.

The Law Society's eligibility requirements only apply to students when they start using the title of Legal Executive. They are not requirements for entry to the Professional Stream and students can enroll on the Professional Stream without meeting these qualifications.

Due to the Law Society rules, students on the General Stream cannot currently qualify as Legal Executives.

Applications

Applicants can quickly and conveniently enroll online for most intakes. Please visit:

<http://hkuspace.hku.hk/prog/cls> for further information.

Or enroll in person at various HKU SPACE Learning Centres in Hong Kong. For the location of HKU SPACE Learning Centres offering enrolment facilities, please visit <http://hkuspace.hku.hk/learning-centre>.

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HKU SPACE was awarded the ASIIN institutional accreditation seal to confirm that we fulfil the institutional, procedural and cultural requirements for good teaching and successful learning. Trust in us as your lifelong learning partner!



Admission Requirements

Enrollment on these courses is on a **first come first served basis**, and will close when the course is full. **Students are strongly recommended to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment and enjoy the benefits of speedy access to course materials.**

There are no formal admission requirements for entry onto the programme.

Please note that the programme is intended for those having the right to live and study in Hong Kong and it is the responsibility of applicants to determine their eligibility to study.

Guaranteed Pathway to Popular Programmes

All students who complete the Diploma in Legal Studies are guaranteed places on the very popular University of London International Programmes LL.B. degree first year preparation courses[#] run by HKU SPACE.

Students who have completed the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies and who receive a Distinction on the Diploma in Legal Studies are also guaranteed places on the highly competitive Graduate Diploma in English and Hong Kong Law (Common Professional Examination)^{#*} offered by Manchester Metropolitan University with HKU SPACE, which is another popular pathway towards the PCLL.

^{*} Admission to the Graduate Diploma in English and Hong Kong Law (Common Professional Examination)[#], is normally only open to University graduates, however, this restriction can be waived for students who complete the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies.

[#] Non-Local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance
This is an exempted course under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which this course may lead.

