



**HKUSPACE**

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

**Law Made Easy, Drive Your Career Forward!**

# Certificate in Legal Studies

Programme No. LW014A



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Your pathway  
towards PCLL

**Enroll online**



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HKU SPACE was awarded the ASIIN Institutional Accreditation seal for its quality management in teaching and learning.



## Introduction

The Certificate in Legal Studies is a highly respected part-time programme that provides a strong foundation for legal studies. Graduates have successful careers in law firms, public service, and major corporations. With a history of over 30 years and a large alumni network, it is recognized as one of Hong Kong's premier legal education programmes. The programme offers open enrollment, making it accessible to a wide range of students. It serves as a stepping stone towards qualification as a legal executive and a pathway towards the PCLL.

## Programme Structure

This programme covers 5 essential law subjects.



## Progress with the Diploma in Legal Studies

The Diploma in Legal Studies is a natural progression for those who have completed the Certificate in Legal Studies. It offers numerous opportunities, including the option to pursue further legal education such as the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL), and a pathway to qualify as a Legal Executives.

## Diploma in Legal Studies

The Diploma in Legal Studies expands on the foundation of the Certificate in Legal Studies with five additional subjects.



## 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](http://www.wfsfaa.gov.hk)

## Expert-Led Law Programme

Our teaching team comprises accomplished lawyers and recognized experts in law, bringing real-world perspectives and extensive practical experience to enrich the learning environment and equip students with essential skills for success in their legal studies and future careers.

## Flexible Schedules

The Certificate in Legal Studies offers a convenient class schedule designed for working students. Classes are usually held in the evenings on weekdays from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm and/or on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The programme also provides flexible examination schedules, with exams usually scheduled in May/June and August. This flexibility allows students to plan their study time and seamlessly integrate exams with their professional and personal commitments.

## 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).

## Benefit by Enrolling Early

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

## Admission Requirements

Enrollment for the Certificate in Legal Studies is on a first-come, first-served basis, with an open entry policy for individuals interested in legal studies.

*Programme eligibility requires individuals to have the right to live and study in Hong Kong.*

## Become A Legal Executive

Students can qualify as Legal Executives, by completing the Certificate and Diploma in Legal Studies (Professional Stream) 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 Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies 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.

## Fast Track Towards PCLL



\* To work as a Legal Executive, students must also satisfy eligibility requirements set by the 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 Certificate in Legal Studies and students can enroll on the Certificate in Legal Studies without meeting these qualifications.

## Fast Track Towards PCLL

Students who embark on the Certificate in Legal Studies (Professional Stream) are offered a distinctive and cost-effective pathway towards becoming qualified lawyers in Hong Kong. By completing the Advanced Diploma for Legal Executives (Graduate Level), students fulfill all the necessary law subjects required for admission into the PCLL (Postgraduate Certificate in Laws) program. Our students have achieved remarkable success in securing spots in both full-time and part-time PCLL programs at the University of Hong Kong and other PCLL providers.

## 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<sup>#</sup> 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)<sup>\*\*</sup> 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)<sup>#</sup> is normally only open to University graduates, however, this restriction can be waived for students who complete the Advanced Diploma in Legal Studies.*

*<sup>#</sup>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.*

## Applications

Applicants can enroll online. 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 locations of HKU SPACE Learning Centres offering enrolment facilities, please visit

<https://hkuspace.hku.hk/learning-centre>

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