Bachelor of Law (UCL) and Bachelor of Law (HKU) LLB

With growing demand worldwide for lawyers qualified in more than one jurisdiction, this four-year double degree programme involves two years of study at UCL and two years at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). This will lead to the award of two Bachelor of Laws degrees – an LLB from UCL and an LLB from HKU.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

This programme leads to the award of two LLB degrees: the Bachelor of Laws degree from UCL and the Bachelor of Laws from HKU.

The programme gives students the opportunity to acquire detailed knowledge of Hong Kong law, to experience study abroad and engage with different cultures and regional legal perspectives, and to engage in vocational placements both at UCL and in Hong Kong.

In both institutions you will be taught by distinguished academics who are cutting-edge researchers in their diverse fields. Their knowledge of law and their significant experience and influence will enrich your learning.

Accreditation

All UCL Laws undergraduate programmes are recognised as qualifying law degrees (QLDs) by the two main legal professional bodies—the Bar Standards Board and the Solicitors Regulation Authority—for the purpose of exemption from the academic stage of their professional examinations.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The first two years of study are the same as for the three-year LLB degree: four compulsory modules are studied in each year. A compulsory extra-curricular placement at the UCL Centre for Access to Justice will also be undertaken during the first year.

The third and fourth years of study are spent at HKU. In the third year you will study compulsory subjects and in the fourth year you will study a combination of compulsory and elective subjects as well as undertake a vocational internship.

Please note: students enrolled on this programme will only be permitted to transfer to the three-year LLB degree at UCL or the four-year LLB degree at HKU in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the respective institutions.

YEAR ONE (UCL)

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Property Law I
- Public Law
- Compulsory extra-curricular placement at the UCL Centre for Access to Justice (accounting for 12 HKU credits)

Optional modules

- All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO (UCL)

Core or compulsory module(s)

- European Union Law
- Jurisprudence and Legal Theory
- Property Law II
- Tort Law

Optional modules

- All second-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR THREE (HKU)

Core or compulsory module(s)

- Business Associations (6 credits)
- Common Core 1 (6 credits)
- Common Core 2 (6 credits)
- Commercial Law (6 credits)
- Constitutional Law (6 credits)
- Introduction to Chinese Law (6 credits)
- Law and Society (6 credits)
- Legal Research & Writing I (6 credits)
- Legal Research & Writing II (6 credits)
- The Legal System of Hong Kong SAR (6 credits)
- Practical Chinese for Law Students (6 credits)
- U English (or disciplinary elective) (6 credits)
- Summer dissertation (12 credits)

Total: 84 credits at the University of Hong Kong

Please refer to the Faculty of Law website at HKU for further details and a programme outline.
Your learning

During your time at UCL you will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars, and tutorials with eight students. We encourage substantial student participation and class discussion in seminars and tutorials on the basis of prepared work. Considerable emphasis is placed on small group teaching where you will benefit from individual attention and advice.

Assessment

You are required to pass written examinations each year for most modules. In some cases an essay also counts towards the final module mark.

Your career

Law and lawyers operate across borders and London and Hong Kong are recognised as globally leading centres for law. This programme allows students to gain an understanding of the legal knowledge and professional skills required to practise in both jurisdictions.

Parallel to its internationalised curriculum, this programme incorporates placements at both UCL and in Hong Kong to enhance students’ career skills. The wide range of technical capacities and subjects learned throughout your degree will open up many opportunities for you when you graduate.

The first cohort of students on this programme is due to graduate in 2020; therefore no information about career destinations is currently available. Please see the first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) of the undergraduate Laws programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We are seeking dedicated candidates who have an aptitude for exploring arguments and ideas. Your ability to formulate and express thoughts and opinions is critical, as is a demonstration of the reasoning skills that are at the heart of a legal education. You should possess an informed interest in current affairs and in the world around you. Your motivation and interest in studying abroad and particularly at HKU will also be taken into consideration.

Candidates are assessed through their UCAS applications, the National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT) and, in some cases, by interview. You are required to take the LNAT as soon as possible after submitting your UCAS application and no later than 20 January in the year in which you are applying. Applicants must link LNAT registration details to UCL.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Contextual Offer: AAB. No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 39. A score of 19 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 36. A combined score of 17 achieved in three higher level subjects with no score lower than 5. No specific subjects required.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19) Fees for years 3 & 4 are paid directly to HKU; please see www.law.hku.hk/programmes/fees.php.
// Overseas: £20,040 (2018/19) Fees for years 3 & 4 are paid directly to HKU; please see www.law.hku.hk/programmes/fees.php.

Overseas fees for the 2019/20 academic year are expected to be available in July 2018. Undergraduate UK/EU fees are capped by the UK Government and are expected to be available in October 2018. Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional costs
You will be required to cover the cost of airfares between London and Hong Kong.

FUNDING
For a full list of departmental scholarships available in Law, please visit our website for full information

Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-and-europe

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