

Master of Laws 2022–23



Corporate & Financial Law

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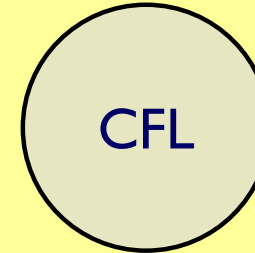


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Today's registrants

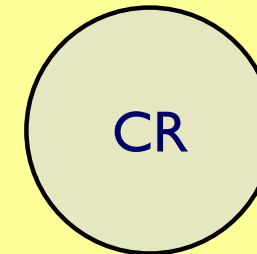
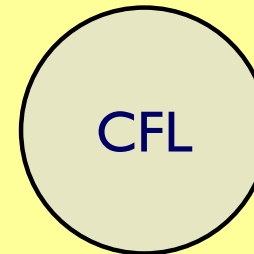
- HK residents — many backgrounds
 - Law firm & in-house practitioners, finance & governance professionals, bankers, fund managers, HKG officers, regulatory agency professionals ...
- Current law students ... studying in HK, mainland China, Europe & the US
- Part-time / full-time registrants — 2:1 ratio
 - Around one third of PT applicants have law degrees
 - We offer introductions to common law principles, legal practice & studying law



- Graduation requires 72 credits, or 8 courses
- Mix of core & elective courses
- Entry & academic standards, regulations & administration shared by all HKU LLM degrees
- Full or part-time study — 1 or 2 years



- Compliance & Regulation LLM shares some curricular objectives with CFL
- Separate core courses; different focus
- Varying student backgrounds, goals & expectations



71	Sept 2021 entry	67
43	Part-time	61
28	Full-time	6
<hr/> 120	Total enrolment	<hr/> 130

World class academic coverage

- Law & finance in context
 - Traditional “Black Letter” law ...
 - Law & innovation in finance, corporate governance & business conduct
 - Sustainable ethics & commercial conduct; “to do no harm”, systemically & between parties
- Regulation of markets & intermediaries
 - Stability of banks & exchanges, their users & the overall financial system
- Transnational & comparative law & finance

Basic alternatives (full or part–time)

- **Finance orientation**
 - International & comparative law & regulation of securities, banking, derivatives, FinTech
 - Topical issues in Hong Kong law & regulation
- **Corporate law orientation**
 - Governance, practice, ESG, regulation & reform
- **PRC law & corporate governance orientation**
 - Law & practice of banking; corporate governance; securities regulation, trade & investment
- **Non–CFL subjects:** Because LLMs are not vocational

Curriculum choices

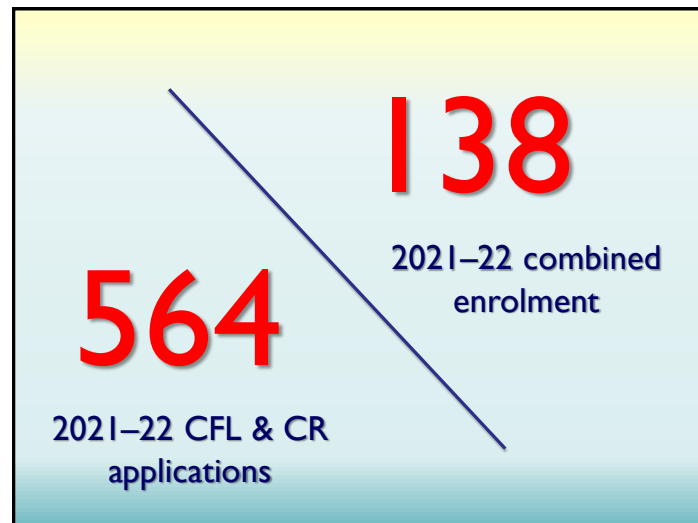
- Choose courses reflecting your academic or professional interests
- “Pure finance” courses may require prior knowledge of contract & commercial law
 - Or **relevant & current** professional insight
- Some local & many non–HK students prefer “traditional” common law courses
 - Eg; Banking or Contract law, Securities regulation, Credit & security law
- Other topical electives – green finance, state immunity

Programme structure

1. Law of International Finance I
2. Choose one (or more) of three ‘compulsory electives’
 - Corporate Governance & Shareholder Remedies
 - China Company Law & Securities Regulation
 - Regulation of Financial Markets
3. At least four CFL electives, from a choice of ~35
4. At least one ‘capstone’ (*) or a dissertation
 - * International Securities Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, State Immunity & Sovereign Debt, Current Issues in Financial Law

Course assessment & formats

- Most exams are largely “take-home”
 - Completion times vary from several days to 3 or 4 weeks
 - Many courses include a graded class participation element, such as formal presentations or teamwork
- Classes range from large-scale lectures of 120+ to seminar groups of 15–20, all face-to-face expected
 - Mainly weekday evenings, several daytime classes
 - 11 or 12 mandatory three hour sessions; no tutorials; all at HKU’s Pokfulam Road campus



Application components

- Essential elements
 - Academic qualifications & certified transcripts
 - Professional qualifications
 - Employment history, plus relevant internships
 - 500 word **original** statement of purpose
 - English language competence
- References, from those who know your academic work & capacity
 - Ideally your past or present university tutors

Our expectations

- Academic excellence
- Substantive experience, where appropriate
- Capacity for reasoned analysis & argument
- Intellectual curiosity
- A commitment to study outside lectures
- Since these are academic programmes with practical aspects, not vocational qualifications

Studying at HKU

- What to expect of HKU's law faculty
- Orientation
- Lectures & study time
- Library & online resources
- Your fellow students
- Faculty events
 - Many conferences & seminars through the year
 - Distinguished academics, jurists & practitioners
- Networking opportunities, student panels

Next steps

- Application deadline 28 February 2022
 - 1200 hours HKT (UTC+8)
- Ensure your application with attachments is complete, accurate, & original in written content
 - Explain your plan if you're making several LLM or MCL applications
- More details
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