

Alternative focuses

- **Finance orientation**
 - Law & regulation of financial instruments, securities, banks, derivatives & FinTech
 - Topical & comparative issues in HK law & regulation
- **Corporate law orientation**
 - Governance, practice, regulation & reform
- **Mainland law & governance orientation**
 - Law & practice of banking; corporate governance; securities, trade & investment
- **Non-CFL subjects:** the programme is not vocational!

Degree requirements (for 72 credits)

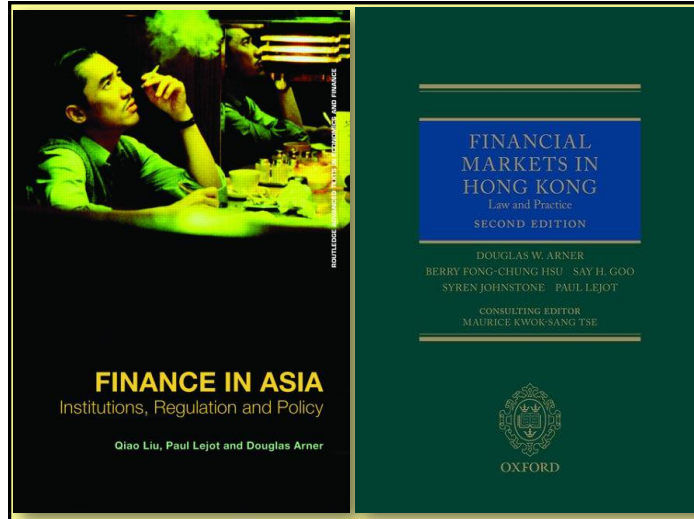
- Law of International Finance I (**Compulsory**)
- One (or more) of three **Compulsory Options**
 - Corporate Governance & Shareholder Remedies, PRC Company Law & Securities Regulation, Regulation of Financial Markets
- At least four **CFL Electives**, from a choice of 33+
 - Or up to two non-CFL masters courses
- At least one **Capstone*** or a **Research Dissertation**
 - * International Securities Law, M&A, State Immunity & Sovereign Debt, Current Issues in Financial Law

Programme composition

- Semester 1 Add/drop period 8–21 Sept
 - 12 core CFL courses
- Semester 2 Add/drop period 30 Jan – 11 Feb
 - 17+ core CFL courses, including Jan & Mar/Apr compact courses
- June Semester
 - 2+ “intensive” CFL courses end–May to end–June
- Capstones offered in each semester
- All involve 33 hours of instruction in 11 classes
 - Nearly all on campus; most on weekday evenings

Law of International Finance I

- A foundational course using financial law & standard industry practices for large-scale transactions
 - Giving all CFL students a common study platform
 - For lawyers, non-lawyers, local & other students
- PT students **strongly advised** to take LIFI in year 1
 - Sequencing is an **essential prerequisite** for many later electives or capstones
- Core texts, ‘Finance in Asia’, ‘Financial Markets in Hong Kong’, Dalhuisen’s ‘Transnational Commercial Law’
 - Detailed course outline available late August



Curriculum choices

- Follow your academic or professional interests
- ‘Pure finance’ courses usually require a scholarly background in contract & commercial law
 - Or **relevant & current** professional insight
 - Eg: LIF2, Int'l Sec's Law, Listed Company Compliance
- Or choose traditional ‘black letter’ law courses
 - Eg: Banking Law, Credit & Security Law, mainly based on English & HK common law
- Courses involving significant class participation
 - Eg: LITE Lab, State Immunity Law & Sovereign Debt

Curriculum choices

- Some regulatory or administrative courses have a wider scope than ‘pure’ finance courses
 - Regulation of Financial Markets is both a broad scoping course, & leads to specialized electives
 - Some are self-contained, eg; China Investment Law, FinTech Finance, Competition Law, M&A, Securities Regulation I
- Exams are partly or wholly ‘take-home’
- Many courses have a significant element of graded classwork, by individuals or teams

Forms of learning

- Classes & lectures
 - Attendance on campus is generally expected unless totally impossible
- A small number will be held online, typically those led by visiting scholars
- Face-to-face classes will use large studios or theatres, providing for social distancing & safety measures
- Some courses combine classes with introductory podcasts, guided reading or class exercises

Dissertations (only FT & PT2)

- 9 or 18 course credits (10,000 or 20,000 words)
- Briefing session 5 Sept 2022, 1830–2130
- Final assessment based on scholarship & originality
 - A work publishable in a reputable law journal
- Discuss an area of research with a faculty member with similar interests, <https://www.law.hku.hk/academic-staff/> and make early contact
- Then agree a brief proposal early in Semester 2
 - If approved, submit dissertation in July/August
- **Supervision styles can vary, so agree expectations!**

Sample choices & sequencing

- Spread your studies if possible
 - Take Jan or June courses, but only one in each
- Dissertation? A full year's research schedule
 - The hardest task is finding a specific & suitable **Research Question**
- Plan your final year electives & capstone with prerequisites in mind
- **Do not become course fixated!**
 - “I **must** study X or Y for my career ...”
 - Employers & law schools look at GPAs, not topics

Capped or popular courses

- If full, ask to be Waitlisted using online form (URL to be posted after 11 August)
- **Attend the opening class, meet the instructor!**
- Admission preference from Waitlists given to
 - Final year students (FT & PT2)
 - Those for whom the course is essential, hence SecReg 1 equally for CFL & CR; M&A for CFL; SecReg 2 for CR students
 - Those with good CGPAs, & who show initiative & diligence to the instructor

HKU resources & contacts

- CFL portal <https://llmstudent.law.hku.hk/llmcfll/>
- Medical Centre <http://www.uhs.hku.hk/index.php>
- Cedars — Centre of Development and Resources for Students <https://www.cedars.hku.hk/>
 - Including free Counselling & Psychological Services support for all HKU students
- Law library tours in September – book online
- Asian Institute of International Financial Law, CFL associated research hub <https://www.aiifl.com>
 - Subscribe by emailing Flora Leung fkleung@hku.hk

Our expectations

- Academic excellence
- Substantive experience
- Reasoned analysis & argument
- Intellectual curiosity
- Commitment to study
- Since these are **not** vocational programmes

TPG — Taught Postgraduate?

We prefer **Postgraduate Learning**

