

Postgraduate law at HKU

*Corporate &
Financial Law*

*Compliance
& Regulation*



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Agenda

- Programme highlights & composition
 - CFL & CR
 - Understanding the course selection process
- Applying to study law at HKU
 - Preparing your application
- Our expectations of postgraduate students
- Studying law at HKU
- Questions?

Today's briefing

- Number of registrations — 350
- Mainly local part-time applicants
 - Many backgrounds from the commercial & official sectors
 - Law firms, in-house practitioners, compliance professionals, bankers, investors, HKSAR government, current students ...
- **Only a minority have studied academic law**
 - CFL & CR offer optional introductory courses on core law principles, legal practices & study



Masters in Corporate & Financial Law

CFL programme composition

- Finance orientation
 - International & comparative law & regulation of securities, banking, & financial derivatives
 - Current issues in Hong Kong law & regulation
- Corporate law orientation
 - Governance, practice & regulation
- Mainland China orientation
 - Finance, corporate governance, trade & investment law & practice

CFL curriculum choices

- Select CFL courses according to academic or professional interests
- “Pure finance” courses usually require prior knowledge of contract & commercial law
 - Or **relevant & current** professional insight
- Some local & many non-HK students prefer “traditional” common law courses
- Advanced standing given only rarely, for success in similar programmes

CFL programme requirements

- **72 course credits, equivalent to eight courses**
- Law of International Finance 1 (compulsory)
- One (or more) of three courses
 - Comparative Corporate Law & Theories
 - PRC Company Law & Securities Regulation
 - Regulation of Financial Markets
- At least four CFL electives
 - Choice of 35 include sovereign debt, aviation law, contract theory & drafting, project finance ...
- At least one ‘capstone’ (of four) or a dissertation



why the CR programme

established 2016

changes in the landscape
law depts, CEOs and compliance
responding to needs in the industry
growing body of case law and literature

different foci to CFL

laws and regs
rationale for regulatory development
international cf. local
responses to drivers
future directions

why the CR programme

academic staff

industry/adjunct lecturers and speakers

events, public lectures, AIIFL.com

contacts & networking

your commitment

72 credits required

= 8 courses x 9 credits per course

typical:

PT (2 years) = 2 courses x 3hr = 6 teaching hours/week
= 2 courses per semester, 2 semester/year

FT (1 year) = 4 x 3 hr = 12 teaching hours per week
= 4 courses per semester, 2 semester/year

selecting courses

content

interest
utility
expanding the horizon
look at programme as a whole - **LLM(CR) structure**

class sizes and teaching method

quotas
interaction, lecture format
what gets graded

do your course research

structured programme

compulsory → 2 courses
core CR → ≥ 2 courses
specialized topics → ≥ 1 course
capstone → ≥ 1 course
other LLM courses → 0 to 2 courses

course selection guideline

for 2018-2019 see (check for updates):
https://www.law.hku.hk/course/wp-content/uploads/2018/2018-19_LLMCR_Guidelines.pdf



selecting courses

regular semesters

semester 1 - Jan - May
semester 2 - Sep - Dec
January and June semesters

offered courses

first check what's available
new courses being added
dissertations

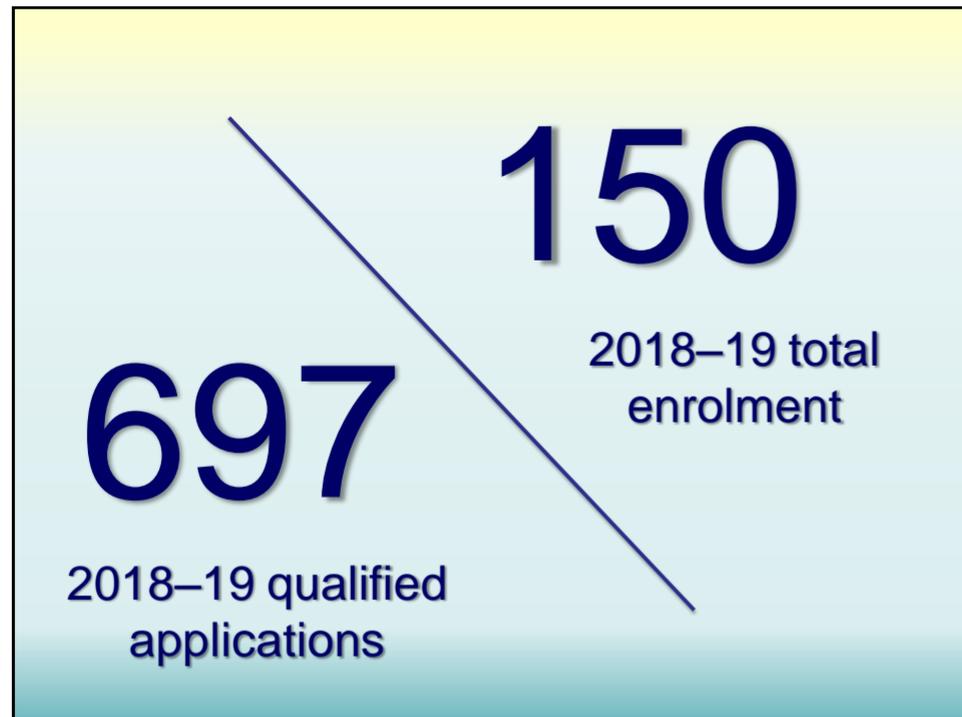
planning your progression

prerequisites
sample problems

add/drop period



APPLYING TO
STUDY LAW
AT HKU



application process

details are on the law faculty website

check your application carefully
attachments
don't plagiarize
references
personal statement

competitive process

make the deadline
12:00nn (HKT), 28 February 2018

Applications

- What to consider in preparation
- Key elements
 - Academic qualifications & transcripts
 - Professional history & other relevant interests
 - Personal statement, up to 500 words
 - Referees, at least one university lecturer who knows your academic work
 - Course preferences
 - English competence

Our expectations

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

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

Q&A

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