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Executive Master in Business Laws (EMBL)

Admissions Talk

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Why Hong Kong?



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A vibrant and dynamic global city

Asia-Pacific centre for international law firms

Mature common law system and judiciary

An international financial & arbitration centre

Efficient government free from corruption

Why HKU LAW?



Diverse and outstanding
teaching staff

Vibrant academic
environment

Internship and work
opportunities

World-class quality of education

Strong alumni network
and career prospect

HKU's global reputation and recognition:
Top 2 in Asia, 11th in the world (QS)

Research Centres



Programmes Offered

▶ LLM	Aims
▶ LLM(Arb&DR)	<p>The EMBL Programme targets mid-career professionals in Hong Kong, Mainland China and other parts of Asia seeking to gain a systematic and advanced understanding of business laws. The programme emphasizes the integration of foundational business law principles with comparative perspectives, enhancing students' analytical, evaluative, and problem-solving skills in cross-jurisdictional legal contexts. Key focus areas include corporate and financial law, dispute resolution, data protection, and emerging legal issues stemming from technological developments.</p>
▶ LLM(CFL)	
▶ LLM(ChineseLaw)	
▶ LLM(CR)	
▶ LLM(HR)	
▶ LLM(T&IPL)	
▶ MCL	
▶ EMBL	
▶ Joint Programmes (PKU / UZH)	



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EXECUTIVE MASTER *in* BUSINESS LAWS

Flexible block
teaching format on
Fridays, Saturdays
and Sundays

Networking
opportunities

Strong
cross-border &
GBA orientation



Application opens for January 2027 Commencement

Application deadline: **July 31, 2026, 12:00 noon**

Visit our website to learn more & apply today!

llm.law.hku.hk/embl

EMBL Programme Overview



- The EMBL Programme is a part-time taught postgraduate programme with a normative study period of **two academic years**, subject to a **maximum registration of three academic years**, in accordance with University regulations.
- Delivery Mode:
 - Offered in part-time mode with teaching through concentrated blocks, primarily on **Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays**
 - Aimed at facilitating **intensive learning** for mid-career professionals
 - Assessment methods: Continuous assessment, written examinations, or both, as specified at course commencement

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- Language of Instruction:
 - Primarily in English
 - Selected courses include Chinese-language business cases, court judgments, and relevant legal materials to reflect Hong Kong's legal landscape and support engagement with legal practice in the Greater Bay Area and beyond

EMBL Courses Overview



Credit and Course Requirements (72 credits)	Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 compulsory courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Law Principles• Introduction to the Common Law System
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 capstone course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-border Legal Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 3 designated electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Law• Dispute Resolution• Family Wealth• Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Law• IP Law, Data Privacy, and Data Protection• Regulation of Financial Markets• Securities Regulation I• Trade and Investment Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to 2 additional electives (intensive courses offered in January Semester and June Semester) with approval	

- *Course offerings are subject to approval by the University*
- *Some courses may not be available every year*

EMBL Admission Criteria



Academic Requirements

- A law degree (or equivalent) with at least 2nd Class of Honours or equivalent

OR

- A non-law degree with at least 2nd Class of Honours or equivalent



English Requirement(s)*

- IELTS (Academic): overall of 6.5 or above

OR

- TOEFL (Internet-based Test): ≥ 97 (tests taken before January 21, 2026)

OR

- TOEFL (Internet-based Test): ≥ 5.0 (tests taken on or after January 21, 2026)

- IELTS and TOEFL tests must be taken within two years prior to September 1 of each admissions year; and
- Scores from "IELTS One Skill Retake", "IELTS Indicator" and "TOEFL iBT Home Edition" will not be accepted.



Work Experience

- At least three years of full-time work experience (by the time the programme starts in January 2027)
- preferably in a professional position broadly related to finance, business or law

** Additional requirement for applicants seeking admission on the basis of a qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English*

EMBL Tuition Fees



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- HK\$366,000 for January 2027 commencement
 - Subject to the University's Approval



How to Apply



- Interested applicants should submit their information [here](#).



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POINTS TO NOTE

1. This platform is used to identify interested candidates for the Executive Master in Business Laws (EMBL). It is not an official HKU online application system. Official online applications will be accepted only when the programme is approved by the University.
2. The expected start date for the EMBL programme is January 2027, subject to the University's approval.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email in July–August 2026 to submit an official application via the HKU Admissions System. Candidates who do not receive an email notification will continue to be considered until the end of the admission exercise. Please regularly check your email for updates. For confidentiality reasons, the Faculty of Law Office will not disclose any information regarding selection decisions to anyone other than the candidate.



Application Materials



Application Deadline	Application Supporting Documents
July 31, 2026 (Friday), 12:00 PM (GMT+8)	Academic Transcript (including CGPA/Average Mark), Ranking Certificate
	IELTS/TOEFL Report (if applicable)
	Personal Statement
	CV/Resume
	Identity Document(s)
	Two Recommendation Letters – Submitted Online

Application Tips



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- HKU has NOT entered into any agreement or collaboration with any intermediary agencies for overseas studies regarding a mechanism of “quota for direct admission”
- Write your own personal statement, do NOT use templates or paid services from intermediary agencies

Application Tips: Remarks on Required Documents



- Applicants must submit the following documents if their academic qualification(s) were obtained from an institution in Mainland China:
 - Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate (教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表)
 - Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate (中國高等教育學位在線驗證報告)

**The above can be applied from the [China Higher Education Student Information \(學信網\)](#)*
- Non-local applicants from Mainland China must submit the degree verification issued by the [Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange \(CSCSE, 教育部留學服務中心\)](#) if their academic qualification(s) were obtained from an overseas institution.
- Applicants are strongly advised to reserve ample time to apply for these documents (if needed).

FAQs



- **Programme Recognition & Timeline**

- Graduates from the EMBL will receive a graduation certificate issued by The University of Hong Kong upon successful completion of the programme.
- The first cohort is targeted to commence in **January 2027**.
- Programme materials are currently under review by various University departments.
- Subject to approval, the entire approval process is expected to be finalised in late 2026.

FAQs





- **Visa Arrangements**

- HKU will act as the local sponsor for non-local students' part-time student visas if they lack a valid visa to stay in Hong Kong.
- Part-time students will be granted a student visa each semester or academic year based on course enrollment, subject to HK ImmD approval.
- The maximum number of entry days permitted is specified in the approval letter from HK ImmD, which may require frequent travel.
- Students must apply for a new student visa each year.
- Part-time students are not eligible for the IANG visa after graduation.
- Duration of study cannot be accumulated toward the 7-year requirement for permanent residency.

Programme Information and Enquiries



	Website / Contact Information	
Programme Information	https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions/programme-details?programme=executive-master-in-business-laws-law&mode=0	
Faculty's Website	https://llm.law.hku.hk/embl/	
Admissions-related Enquiries	lawpgs@hku.hk	