



PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Course Selection Guidance for University of Hong Kong Students Participating in the University of British Columbia / University of Hong Kong Joint Legal Education Program

Advising Information

Students from the University of Hong Kong (HKU) who accept an offer of admission from the Peter A. Allard School of Law (Allard Law) at the University of British Columbia for **2025 entry** into the Joint Legal Education Program should review this information sheet and contact Assistant Dean, Students, Kaila Mikkelsen (mikkelsen@allard.ubc.ca; 604.822.6350) with any questions about course requirements and advising.

Course Requirements

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada (the “Federation”) requires that accredited JD programs provide students with knowledge of Canadian law and the Canadian legal system in a number of areas. Accordingly, HKU students must take the following classes at Allard Law:

First-year Courses

1. LAW 200 Indigenous Settler Legal Relations (Term 1; 3 credits) – *this course is not a Federation requirement but is an Allard Law requirement*
2. LAW 202 Advocacy (Term 2; 2 credits) – *HKU students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar course at HKU*
3. LAW 221 Criminal Law & Procedure (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits)
4. LAW 271 Introduction to Public Law & the Charter (Term 2; 3 credits)
5. LAW 281 Legal Research & Writing (Term 1 only; 2 credits) – *HKU students may be able to waive this requirement if they can show they have taken a legal research and writing course at HKU where they have engaged with the types of legal research resources that reflect the Canadian context (i.e. precedent-based research). Note that it is strongly recommended that all HKU students take the course to learn Canadian research methods*
6. LAW 291 Aboriginal & Treaty Rights (Term 2; 2 credits)

The Federation also requires that students complete courses which demonstrate an understanding of the legal principles that apply to private relationships including contracts, torts and property law – a Canadian context is not required. HKU students are expected to have completed courses in these subjects at HKU, however, if they have not done so, they must take these first year courses at Allard Law.

Upper-year Courses

HKU students must also take the following upper year classes at Allard Law (note that an *asterisk denotes that Canadian content is required for courses as per the Federation's guidelines):

1. LAW 304 Transnational Law (2 credits) – *HKU students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar course at HKU that covers international law principles.*
2. *LAW 347 Federalism (2 credits);
3. *LAW 372 Administrative Law (4 credits);
4. *LAW 468 Ethics and Professionalism (3 credits);
5. LAW 300 Jurisprudence and Critical Perspectives (3 credits) – *HKU students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar course at HKU.*
6. Experiential Requirement – students must complete one experiential course or program before graduation – *HKU students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar requirement at HKU.*
7. HKU students will also be required to complete a Seminar (which incorporates a substantial academic writing requirement) (3 credits).

Course Registration Information

HKU students will be automatically enrolled in required first-year classes in August by Student Affairs Staff. When registering for upper-year courses, UH students should ensure not to register in any course which has a timetable conflict with any of their first year courses. The Registration Guide and a listing of upper year courses for 2025-2026 will be available online at the Academic Affairs website in spring 2025: <https://allard.ubc.ca/student-portal/registration-courses-exams/upper-year-courses-exams>

Allard Law requires a student to acquire a **minimum of 92 credits** of which 32 credits will be accepted from HKU.

A full-time course load at Allard Law is 15 credits per term or 30 credits per winter session. Courses are also offered in the summer session and participation is optional. HKU students are required to complete 60 credits over their two years at Allard Law of which 13 or 15 credits will be from first year courses (depending on whether a student must complete Law 281) and the remainder of the credits from upper year courses.