REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS (LLB) AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (LAW) [BBA(LAW)]

These regulations apply to graduates of the 4-year BBA(Law) who are admitted to the 1-year LLB curriculum in the academic year 2016-2017 and thereafter.

(See also General Regulations and Regulations for First Degree Curricula)

Admission to the degree of Bachelor of Laws

1. To be eligible for admission to the courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Laws under these regulations, a candidate shall

(a) hold the degree of BBA(Law) from the University of Hong Kong,
(b) apply for admission to the LLB programme within three academic years after obtaining the degree of BBA(Law), unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty of Law;
(c) comply with the General Regulations; and
(d) comply with the Regulations for First Degree Curricula

Period of study

2. The curriculum shall normally require two semesters of full-time study, extending over not fewer than one academic year, and shall include any assessment to be held during and/or at the end of each semester. Candidates shall not in any case be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of two academic years, except with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law.

Completion of the curriculum

3. To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

(a) comply with the General Regulations;
(b) satisfy the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula; and
(c) satisfy the examiners in 72 credits of courses selected from the law courses offered in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum or the syllabus below (excluding those which the candidate has already taken and passed in his or her studies for the BBA(Law) degree).

Advanced standing

4. The Board of the Faculty of Law may grant advanced standing to candidates in recognition of studies completed successfully, in accordance with UG2 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula, provided that no candidate shall be eligible for such exemption without having earned at least 240 credits by passing courses in the BBA(Law) degree at this University. Advanced standing credits granted will be recorded on the transcript of the candidate and may be taken into consideration for the honours classification of the degree to be awarded.
Selection of courses

5. Candidates shall select their courses totalling 72 credits in accordance with these regulations and the guidelines specified in the syllabus before the beginning of each semester. Changes to the selection of courses may be made during an add/drop period designated for each semester in which the course begins, and such changes shall not be reflected in the transcript of the candidate. Requests for changes after the designated add/drop period of the semester shall not normally be considered.

6. Withdrawal from courses beyond the designated add/drop period will not be permitted, except for medical reasons and with the approval of the Board of the Faculty of Law. Withdrawal without permission will result in a fail grade in the relevant course(s).

Specialisation

7. Candidates who have obtained at least 36 credits of law electives listed under one of the specialisations in the syllabus of the 4-year LLB curriculum will be duly recognised by having that specialisation stated in the official academic transcript.

8. Candidates shall declare their choice of specialisation, if any, at the beginning of the first academic year of the fifth year of the LLB degree curriculum. Declaration made beyond the first semester of the final academic year of the LLB degree curriculum will not be considered.

Progression in curriculum

9. (a) Candidates shall normally be required to take not fewer than 24 credits nor more than 36 credits in any one semester (except the summer semester) unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty of Law, or except in the last semester of study when candidates may be required to take fewer than 24 credits to satisfy the outstanding curriculum requirements.

(b) With the special permission of the Board of the Faculty of Law, candidates may exceed the annual study load of 72 credits.

(c) Where candidates are required to make up for failed credits, the Board of the Faculty of Law may give permission for candidates to exceed the annual study load of 72 credits provided that the total number of credits taken does not exceed the maximum curriculum study load of 144 credits for the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2.

Grades

10. Grades shall be awarded in accordance with UG8 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula. Any course for which a candidate is given an F grade shall be taken into account in the calculation of the Semester GPA (SGPA) and shall be recorded on the official academic transcript, and shall also be counted towards the Cumulative GPA (CGPA) and the degree. A pass in LLAW3187 Mooting and dispute resolution shall be recorded on the transcript but shall not count towards the Cumulative GPA (CGPA).

Passing a course

11. Candidates shall pass a course if the Board of Examiners is satisfied by the candidate’s performance in the assessment.
Assessment

12. (a) Candidates shall be assessed for each of the courses for which they have registered, and assessment may be conducted in any combination of continuous assessment of coursework, written examinations and/or any other assessable activities. Only passed courses will earn credits.

(b) Candidates are required to make up for failed courses in the following manner as prescribed in the curriculum regulations:

(i) undergoing re-assessment/re-examination in the failed course to be held no later than the end of the following semester (not including the summer semester); or

(ii) re-submitting failed coursework, without having to repeat the same course of instruction; or

(iii) repeating the failed course by undergoing instruction and satisfying the assessments; or

(iv) for elective courses, taking another course in lieu and satisfying the assessment requirements.

(c) Where candidates are permitted or required to present themselves for re-assessment/re-examination/assessment in an alternative course under (b) above, the new grade obtained together with the previous F grade shall be recorded on the transcript and be included in the calculation of the Semester GPA, the Year GPA and the Cumulative GPA.

(d) A candidate shall not be permitted to repeat a course for which he or she has received a pass grade for the purpose of upgrading.

(e) There shall be no appeal against the results of examinations and all other forms of assessment.

Absence from an examination

13. Candidates who are unable through illness to be present at the written examination of any course may apply for permission to present themselves at a supplementary examination of the same course to be held before the beginning of the First Semester of the following academic year. Any such application shall be made on the form prescribed within two weeks of the first day of the candidate’s absence from any examination. Any supplementary examination shall be part of that academic year’s examinations, and the provisions made in the regulations for failure at the first attempt shall apply accordingly.

Overall pass

14. Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, a candidate who has passed courses totalling 72 credits in value shall be awarded the degree of LLB.

Discontinuation of study

15. Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they fail to satisfy the examiners in the examinations in accordance with UG4(e) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula as follows:
(a) fail to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or

(b) fail to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or

(c) exceed the maximum period of registration specified in paragraph 2.

**Award of degree**

16.(a) The degree of Bachelor of Laws shall be awarded in five divisions in accordance with UG9 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula:

- First Class Honours
- Second Class Honours Division One
- Second Class Honours Division Two
- Third Class Honours
- Pass

(b) The classification of honours shall be determined by the Board of Examiners for the degree in accordance with the following Cumulative GPA scores, with all courses taken (including failed courses) carrying equal weighting:

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(c) Honours classification may not be determined solely on the basis of a candidate’s Cumulative GPA and the Board of Examiners for the degree may, at its absolute discretion and with justification, award a higher class of honours to a candidate deemed to have demonstrated meritorious academic achievement but whose Cumulative GPA falls below the range stipulated in (b) above of the higher classification by not more than 0.1 Grade Point.

(d) A list of successful candidates shall be posted on Faculty notice boards and the student homepage.