



School of Law

香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong



POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS (PCLL)

法學專業證書

Professional
Legal Education for
Tomorrow's Lawyers



THE PROGRAMME

The Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programme is a pre-requisite to entering the legal profession as a trainee solicitor or pupil barrister in Hong Kong. At the CityU PCLL programme, students learn practical skills and knowledge so that they can fulfil the professional and social responsibilities they will be required to undertake as future members of the legal profession. Soon into its fourth decade, the CityU PCLL programme enjoys a fine reputation of training well-rounded solicitors and barristers who readily understand clients' needs and objectives and provide practical advice and solutions.

Programme Structure

The PCLL programme is a full-time programme taught over one year starting in late August or early September.

The programme comprises compulsory courses in the following practice areas and subjects:

- ▶ Civil Litigation Practice
- ▶ Commercial Writing and Drafting
- ▶ Conveyancing Practice
- ▶ Corporate and Commercial Practice
- ▶ Criminal Litigation Practice
- ▶ Interlocutory Advocacy and Interviewing
- ▶ Litigation Writing and Drafting
- ▶ Mediation and Negotiation
- ▶ Professional Conduct and Practice
- ▶ Trial Advocacy
- ▶ Wills and Probate Practice

Students must also take electives worth 6 credit units from among the following: Bar Course; Family Law Practice; Financial Regulatory Practice; Foundations in Mainland Related Legal Transactions; International Arbitration Practice; International Mooting and Advocacy; Personal Injuries Practice; and Chinese for Legal Practice.

*Each elective carries 2 credit units.

** The courses offered may be subject to change from time to time.

All courses are taught through a variety of teaching methods including large group lectures and regular weekly small group tutorials of approximately 12 students.

Teaching

The CityU PCLL programme is led by a group of dedicated teaching staff who have extensive legal practice experience in Hong Kong and various other common law jurisdictions. As recognised experts in their respective areas of practice, our experienced teaching staff bring to the PCLL classroom practical skill sets and insights from their chambers, law firms, corporations and courtrooms.





Admission Requirements

Applicants must satisfy **ONE** of the following to be eligible for admission:

- ▶ hold an LLB or JD degree from City University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong or Chinese University of Hong Kong; or
- ▶ hold an LLB or JD degree of equivalent level from a recognised overseas institution in a common law jurisdiction; or
- ▶ hold a graduate diploma in law or equivalent from a recognised institution in a common law jurisdiction.

Applicants must **also** supply evidence that:

- ▶ they are competent in nine core subjects (or subjects recognised as their equivalent): Contract, Tort, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Land Law, Equity, Evidence, Business Associations and Commercial Law;
- ▶ they are competent in three 'Top-up' subjects: Hong Kong Constitutional Law, Hong Kong Legal System and Hong Kong Land Law; AND
- ▶ they have obtained an overall score of 7 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) from a test taken no more than three years before the closing date of application. This is a requirement of the Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training in Hong Kong. No exemption will be permitted.

Please see the School of Law's website for details including admission requirements, application period, and tuition at <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/slwl>.

How to Apply

Apply online at <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/taught-postgraduate-programmes>

Admission Enquiry:

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Applicants must apply directly to City University of Hong Kong

Note: If applicants do not have their final year results or their IELTS result at the time of application, they should submit the results, once available (before the deadline stated on the online application form), to:

Ms Pat Lee (PCLL Admissions)

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STUDENT TESTIMONY



Ms Li Chung Nam

PCLL Graduate 2001
Partner of Robertsons, Solicitor of HKSAR
China-Appointed Attesting Officer
Civil Celebrant of Marriages

“ I will always remember the time when all my groupmates supported each other when we were going through difficult assignments and examinations. The CityU PCLL programme was a milestone in initiating my profession. I also learnt one of the most important principles from it: paying close attention to details is the key to excellence. ”



Mr Viacheslav IAVORSKYI

PCLL Graduate 2015
Associate, Ropes & Gray (Hong Kong)

“ With the help of the CityU PCLL I expanded my professional network and met many amazing people with whom I still keep in contact even after graduation. The tutors and lecturers were very helpful and friendly. I could feel their support and guidance throughout the whole programme. Indeed, the CityU PCLL made my last year of legal education both exciting and unforgettable. ”



Ms Christy WONG

PCLL Graduate 2015
Barrister-at-law
Erik Shum's Chambers

“ I will always look back on my PCLL year with fondness and deep gratitude. The CityU PCLL equipped me with the knowledge and confidence for a practice in the Bar. I forged many lifelong friendships - friends who mutually supported each other in learning and later, in life. Both the knowledge and confidence instilled in me by the CityU PCLL remains immensely relevant to this day. ”

“ One especially memorable aspect of the PCLL was the experience of serving as a focus group member. In addition to canvassing student opinions on how to improve the programme, my focus-group mates and I were responsible for organising the year-end Ball. There were many details to take care of. Fortunately, I had the support of great class-mates and faculty members, all of whom contributed in many ways. The graduation Ball turned out to be a party, a feast, and a great bonding experience. I think we will still be laughing at the memories for years to come. ”



Mr Henry LIE

PCLL Graduate 2016
Associate, Kirkland & Ellis

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