

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES (BComm DEGREE PROGRAMME)

(Applicable to 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 Cohorts)

LAW 100 Legal Research and Writing

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to equip students with the ability to conduct legal research, and to write different types of legal documents professionally. Students will learn different sources of materials in law, and the use of online research tools to access these materials. Through practical workshops, students will learn the way to synthesize the materials searched in the preparation of writing legal documents, and the manner in which legal arguments are presented in courts in Hong Kong.

LAW 101 Legal Process

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of the legal system, sources of law and the legal processes of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. By providing a broad understanding of other legal systems throughout the world, the course also aims to equip students with a capacity to critically evaluate their own legal system. The course further aims to provide students with an understanding of the potential impact of law and legal processes on the business environment.

LAW 191 Legal Literacy Workshop I

1 Term; Non-Credit Bearing

The workshop series serve as remedial sessions that aim to support students in building a foundation level of competence in the use of academic legal English. Students will acquire and improve vocabulary, grammar, rhetoric structure, and develop the ability to read and understand legal materials. Students will develop a sense of their own strengths and weaknesses in English writing and discover how they can make their writing correct, structured and persuasive.

LAW 200 Constitutional Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide an understanding of the historical and conceptual principles of constitutional law and of the Hong Kong constitutional system. This course aims to provide an understanding of constitutional concepts such as the rule of law, separation of powers, judicial review, and human rights protection. It also aims to provide an understanding of the Hong Kong Basic Law – faced with discordant arguments and divergent opinions on its application, the aim is to provide an understanding of its legislative intent and corresponding jurisprudence.

LAW 201 Contracts

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to introduce students to fundamental issues concerning interpretation of contracts and contractual remedies. It also aims to develop students' capacity to critically evaluate problems underlying the development of free agreement and to apply principles to the resolution of practical problems. Students will also be prepared for further study of obligations arising from other areas of laws in the programme.

LAW 203 Employment Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to introduce students to the law governing the employment relationship in Hong Kong. It is also intended to help students better understand the application of employment law in business and develop their abilities to seek solutions to employment relations problems, including cross-border issues relating to employment law.

LAW 290 Legal Literacy Workshop II

1 Term; Non-Credit Bearing

This course aims to consolidate students' competence in English legal writing through workshops to develop their skills in evaluating a range of legal texts, to formulate better argumentation and enhance academic-legal writing skills in problem-based questions. Further, students will be taught the basics and techniques of oral presentation of legal arguments.

LAW 300 Chinese Legal System

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an overview of the Chinese legal system and of the social, political and economic forces that shape the law in the PRC. The course also aims to develop students' capacity to critically examine the laws and legal system in PRC.

LAW 301 Torts

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of certain principles relating to tortious liability and remedies, and to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the relevant principles and to apply those principles to the resolution of practical problems.

LAW 302 Equity and Trusts

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide an understanding of the fundamental principles of equity and the law of trusts. Students will critically consider the appropriate application of a range of equitable doctrines to particular scenarios and the availability of different remedies. Students will also study the legal requirements in creating a trust and the rights, duties and powers associated with trusts. Students will develop their capacity to critically evaluate the relevant principles and to apply those principles to hypothetical scenarios that may arise in a commercial environment in Hong Kong.

LAW 303 Criminal Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide an understanding of criminal responsibility, the classification of crimes, the basic elements of criminal offences and a number of significant criminal offences. The course also aims to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the relevant principles and to apply those principles to the resolution of practical problems.

LAW 310 Finance Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of the law underlying financial transactions and the laws regulating instruments of finance and to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the various types of financial transactions and to apply those principles to hypothetical scenarios particularly within Hong Kong.

LAW 314 Commercial Dispute Resolution

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide an understanding of the various forms of commercial dispute resolution, in particular mediation and arbitration, from both a theoretical and practical perspective, and to critically examine the operation and effectiveness of those mechanisms for the resolution of commercial disputes. The course also aims to provide students with practical experience in mediating disputes.

LAW 315 Commercial Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to build an understanding of a range of principles of commercial law (including those pertaining to personal property, the sale of goods, agency, consumer protection, insurance, and international trade), to then allow the students to develop practical skills in relation to commercial law. Students will develop their capacity to analyse an existing contract, to turn commercial negotiation points into contract clauses, and to analyse commercial law documents (such as contracts and cases) in the context of the evolution of commercial law in Hong Kong and internationally.

LAW 316 Law of Commercial Crimes

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide an understanding of the substantive and procedural aspects of corporate criminal liability and to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the relevant principles and to apply those principles to hypothetical scenarios. The course also aims to provide an in-depth understanding of the common substantive offences with certain complexity.

LAW 320 Corporate Secretaryship

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to develop an understanding of the skills involved in taking overall responsibility for the corporate secretarial function in small, medium and large organizations, and listed companies. The practice of corporate secretaryship in this course extends to both the strategic and functional contexts in advising the Board and leading teams in secretarial best practice (whilst ensuring compliance with laws and regulations of Hong Kong, particularly: the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622), the Hong Kong Listing Rules, the Securities and Futures Ordinance and the Hong Kong Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs) and in establishing efficient internal communication of Board's decisions and external reporting. A further aim of this course is to develop analytical skills which will enable students to apply the law to solve basic legal problems that may arise in Hong Kong.

LAW 322 Risk and Compliance

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide a solid introduction related to several aspects of risk and compliance. After completing *LAW 322 Risk and Compliance*, students will be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of general risk and compliance issues that arise in banks, insurance companies, other financial institutions and listed companies. This course will deepen students' ability to understand the Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing regime in Hong Kong. Students will develop an understanding of more specialized areas related to internal controls and performance management as well as anti-bribery, corruption, and fraud prevention. This course will expose students to different professional certification schemes, with a view to increasing their employability.

LAW 323 Internship

1 Term; 3 Credits

Internship is an experiential learning course offered by the Department of Law and Business under the auspices of the Industrial Attachment Office. The course emphasizes on learning through working in the real-world environment with hands-on experience guided by an Academic Supervisor from the Department and an Intern Master who is an experienced practitioner in the relevant field. It combines engagement in the daily operations in a legal or commercial workplace where students will experience the application of legal and business knowledge in a real work environment.

LAW 324 Mooting and Advocacy

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course offers an opportunity for students to learn legal writing and advocacy skills. The course is designed to provide guidance on legal research, training in writing legal submissions, and coaching in advocacy so as to develop students' research, analytical and organizational skills, and enhance their oral, written advocacy and problem-solving skills as well as confidence in court like settings (or arbitration hearing) in a clear and structured way.

LAW 325 Protecting Business Innovation – Intellectual Property Rights

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims at introducing to students the various types of intellectual property rights available to protect business creations and innovations in Hong Kong. Discussions will be made on the types of rights protected, including trademarks, patents, designs, general copyright, trade secrets etc. Students will also learn to analyze scenarios where issues will arise in the digital age.

LAW 400 Property Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the basic principles of the real property and land law in Hong Kong. The course covers a wide range of topics, including land system in Hong Kong, fixtures, formalities in land transactions, equitable doctrines affecting land, mortgage, co-ownership, multi-story building management, etc. The aim is to equip students with the ability to critically examine and to apply the principles to hypothetical scenarios in the context of the built environment in Hong Kong.

LAW 401 Company Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the legal framework governing business organizations in Hong Kong with a particular focus on the registered company. This course aims to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the relevant concepts and to apply those principles to hypothetical scenarios. The Company Law course also aims to promote independent learning through guided discovery and teacher-supported research tasks.

LAW 402 Banking Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of banking law, including the law relating to banking transactions and the legal framework within which the banking system operates in the global financial centre of Hong Kong. The course also aims to develop analytical skills to enable students to apply the law to solve basic legal problems, which may arise in Hong Kong. Additionally, this course will focus on current legal issues facing the banking industry and other financial service providers in Hong Kong.

LAW 410 Research Project

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an opportunity for sustained, independent research into an area at the interface of law and business and to further develop research, analytical and writing skills.

LAW 412 Civil Procedure

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the nature and effect of the steps taken in civil proceedings, from the time of initiation of legal processes to the end of all court and related proceedings and to develop a capacity for the drafting of relevant documents. The course also aims to develop a capacity to critically analyse the processes for the resolution of civil disputes and the impact of those processes on the business environment.

LAW 414 Evidence

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of the law of evidence and to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the evidential rules and their suitability for the resolution of disputes in the business environment. The course also aims to develop a capacity to apply the rules of evidence to hypothetical scenarios.

LAW 416 Private International Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of the principles of private international law applicable in China, including in relation to contracts, torts, and family law.

LAW 420 Criminal Procedure

1 Term; 3 Credits

This course aims to provide an understanding of Hong Kong criminal procedures, including police powers, the commencement of proceedings, bail, charges, processes before and at trial and sentencing, and to develop a capacity to critically evaluate the various laws and to apply the relevant principles to hypothetical scenarios.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES (SERVICE COURSES)

LAW 110 Introduction to Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course is designed to help students acquire a foundation knowledge and understanding of the legal system of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Many countries have a common law heritage and this course enables students to gain an insight into the key features, core values and institutions of the common law system.

LAW 250 Business Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide students with a broad understanding of the fundamental principles of business law in Hong Kong, with particular emphasis on contract law, and the legal environment within which it operates.

LAW 331 Company Law

1 Term; 3 Credits

The course aims to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of Company Law, as well as acquainting them with the growing body of case law intended primarily for shareholder protection. While the course will place emphasis on principles of common law and equity, on which a large part of Company Law is still based, the course also provides detailed analyses of the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, so that students can apply the law to practical situations.

Note: For the descriptions of courses not listed under the Department of Law and Business, please refer to their respective Departments for details.