Applications are invited for admission in September 2022 to read for the Master of Common Law (MCL) degree. The curriculum shall usually extend over one academic year of full-time study. The application deadline is 12:00 noon (GMT +8) of February 28, 2022 (Monday).

Admission offers may be made on a rolling basis, and late applications will only be considered if places are still available. Detailed information is also available at https://llm.law.hku.hk/mcl/.

Admissions Requirements
To be eligible for admission to the programme, applicants shall:

(a) comply with the General Regulations and the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and

(b) hold the degree of Bachelor of Laws with at least second class honours or equivalent qualification in a non-common law jurisdiction; and

(c) for a candidate seeking admission based on qualification from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong of which the language of teaching and/or examination is not English, shall satisfy the University English language requirement applicable to higher degrees as prescribed under General Regulation G2(b).

The Faculty has its specific requirements concerning TOEFL and IELTS:

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Scholarship Opportunities
Full or partial scholarships will be awarded to a limited number of qualified students enrolled in the MCL Programme. An invitation will be sent to all admitted students after announcing the first semester results, i.e., around February 2023 for the 2022 entry. Applicants who would like to apply for the scholarship shall submit a separate application by a specific deadline.

In any year when candidates are judged to be of insufficient merit, no awards shall be made.

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1 The Faculty accepts TOEFL/IELTS score report as valid where it is obtained within two years of the application deadline.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (2022 ENTRY)

1. APPLICATION DEADLINE
You are required to submit your online application no later than 12:00 PM HKT on February 28, 2022 (Monday). Meanwhile, all supporting documents must be received by the Faculty of Law Office no later than 5:00 PM HKT on March 18, 2022 (Friday) at the latest, and, if possible, preferably by February 28, 2022.

The application deadline of February 28 will be strictly observed. It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure that all supporting documents, including but not limited to academic transcript(s), diploma(s), certificate(s), IELTS/TOEFL report(s), letters of recommendations, etc., reach the Faculty of Law Office by March 18, 2022, at the latest, if not earlier.

In this regard, you are strongly encouraged to submit your application and documents early to avoid any competitive disadvantage over other applicants whose files are complete. Otherwise, your application may not be considered if we do not receive the complete set of supporting documents by March 18, 2022.

Late applications will only be considered if places are still available.

2. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS
A high level of English language proficiency is also a requirement for admission. Candidates from a university or comparable institution outside Hong Kong where the language of teaching and/or examination is not English shall be required to satisfy the University English language requirement with one of the following recognized English tests with the Faculty’s minimum requirement shown below:

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Note: The Faculty accepts the IELTS/TOEFL score report as valid and obtained within two years of the application deadline, February 28, 2022. Applicants do not need to take the English proficiency test if they received a master’s/bachelor’s degree from an institution where the medium of instruction was English but must submit an original copy of the academic transcript for our review.

Please note that we do not accept scores from the following tests:
- IELTS Indicator
- TOEFL iBT® Home Edition
- TOEFL ITP® Plus for China Solution
- TOEFL Essentials™ Test
- MyBest™ TOEFL score reports
- College English Test (CET-4/CET-6)
- Test for English Majors (TEM-4/TEM-8)
You may use the information below when applying for an official TOEFL report via the Educational Testing Service (ETS):

- **University Code:** 9671
- **School Type:** 01 (Graduate School)
- **Department Code:** 99 (Undecided)

### 3. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The required documents include the following items:

- Academic transcript(s)
- Graduation diploma(s) for ALL degrees that have been granted
- 學士/碩士學位證書1 (in both Chinese and English versions)
- 教育部學歷證書電子註冊備案表 1 (in both Chinese and English versions)
- Official IELTS / TOEFL report (if applicable)
- Personal statement
- CV / Résumé (optional)
- Two letters of recommendation

To submit the online application form, you will need to pay an application fee of HK$ 300 per programme. Please also follow the instructions below regarding the submission of your supporting materials, including but not limited to transcripts and diplomas, official IELTS/TOEFL reports, and letters of recommendation, etc.

You are responsible for assembling and submitting all the credentials necessary for evaluating your application and ensuring that all materials are received by the specific deadline. Therefore, please mail your supporting documents in one envelope (regardless of the number of programmes applied) directly to us with the address shown below, preferably within three weeks from the date of your application:

**LLM/MCL Admissions Team**
10/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus,
The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, HONG KONG
(Attn.: Ms Doris CHENG, Faculty of Law Office)

Please apply under different usernames on the application system and pay the application fee (HK$ 300) for each programme if you wish to apply for more than one TPG programme at HKU. However, you can only accept and enrol in one programme even if you have received more than one offer from the Faculty.

**a) Online Application Form**
Applications should be submitted via the online application system at [https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/faculty/faculty-law](https://admissions.hku.hk/tpg/faculty/faculty-law).

Please complete the form carefully. You will not be able to access or change any part of the form after submission. Please do not use BLOCK LETTERS to complete the form (other than for acronyms such as LLB, BBA, UNICEF, etc.).

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1 Only for applicants from Mainland China
Please ensure that your full name in the application form should be the same as the name that appears on your Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID Card) and/or passport and all documents submitted. Otherwise, it may cause unnecessary delays in processing your application and/or issuing an offer letter and/or visa documents should you be admitted.

b) Academic Transcript and Diplomas
You must submit an original copy or a certified true copy of the academic transcript and a certified true copy of the graduation diploma (i.e., graduation certificate) for all earned degrees. Applicants who have obtained a degree from HKU are not required to provide a separate transcript. Still, it is necessary to state your university student number when completing the online application form.

If you have obtained/will obtain more than one degree from the same University or institution, you may submit one academic transcript provided that full academic standing, including the number of credits and individual class grades for each degree, are recorded in order.

You will also need to submit a current academic transcript for consideration if you are in the last year of study from your current programme.

The University will only ACCEPT originals or copies of the documents that have been certified as true copies before a notary public, a Consulate-General or an appropriate official of your home institution, whichever is applicable. However, documents certified by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) is not accepted by the University. If you reside in Hong Kong, copies of the documents are also accepted if they are duly declared as a true copy of the original document before a Commissioner for Oaths at a Home Affairs Enquiry Centre. A declaration sample can be found here. No photocopies will be accepted.

c) Letter of Recommendations
You must provide two letters of recommendation (the template can be downloaded from the application system), with at least one academic referee who can comment knowledgeably on your academic performance and your ability for pursuing postgraduate study in law.

The most helpful recommendations are those written by academics who know you well or by a person you have worked with within a professional capacity. The content of the recommendations is more critical than the number of recommendations you submit. The letters of recommendation can be addressed to the Admissions Panel of the respective programme and must be submitted via one of the following ways:-

- Email the completed form directly to lawpgref@hku.hk by the referee(s), with your full name, application number, and programme applied on the email subject line [e.g., CHAN Siu-ming, 110xxxxxx, LLM(MEL)]; or
- Mail the completed form in a sealed envelope with your supporting materials by the applicant to the Faculty of Law Office [Attn.: Ms Doris Cheng, Faculty of Law Office] at 10/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong, preferably within three weeks from the date of submitting your application. By all means, not later than March 18, 2022.
Remarks:

- The email address lawpgref@hku.hk is for receiving recommendations and/or other application materials only. Please write to lawpgs@hku.hk if you have any enquiries.
- Please provide your referees' and institutional affiliations when you complete your online application form and inform the Faculty Office of any subsequent amendments to your applications and change to your referees via email at lawpgs@hku.hk.

d) Personal statement (for not more than 750 words)
The personal statement is an essential component of your application. It provides an opportunity to let us know more about you -- particularly why a taught postgraduate degree at HKU Law and why you are suitable for the programme. You should also be made to your academic, professional, and personal background in explaining your suitability. Please indicate if you are applying for another LLM/MCL programme as well.

The Personal Statement must be solely the product of your efforts. We reserve the right to disqualify the application of a candidate who has submitted a Personal Statement written by, or with the help of, someone other than the candidate.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY
We will treat all information submitted by the application as confidential.

Unless your application is successful, all application forms and supporting documents, once submitted, will not be returned and will be destroyed after the admission exercise.

5. ADMISSIONS DECISIONS
Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications via email by May 31, 2021. A scanned copy of the offer letter will be sent to your email address(es) provided on your application form. In this regard, you are advised to check your email account regularly. Applicants on the waiting list likely will not know their application outcome until late July. We will not release any information on an application decision to anyone other than the applicant to protect the confidentiality of applications.

Applicants who do not hear from us by the end of July 2022 may assume their applications are unsuccessful.

6. PROGRAMME FEE AND PAYMENT
a) Application Fee
The application fee is HK$300 and must be paid online by credit card when you submit your application. Please do not send cash/cheques. The fee is non-refundable and will not be credited to your composition fee if you are admitted.

b) Composition Fee
The tuition fee for the respective programmes for the academic year 2022-2023 is under review. Please refer to the 2021-2022 fee for each taught postgraduate programme shown below for reference. Should you be admitted to the programme, you will be asked to pay the first instalment of the tuition fee (i.e., 50% for full-time candidates and 25% for part-time candidates) in addition to the caution money of HK$350.
According to the HKSAR Government, you will be considered as non-local students if you are holding:
- Student visa/entry permit to study in Hong Kong; or
- Dependent visa/entry permit and were aged 18 years old or above when they were first issued with such documents by the Immigration Department of the HKSAR; and
- Visa/entry permit under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG)

7. STUDENT VISA
Students who do not have the right of abode or land in Hong Kong must apply for a student visa under educational purposes from the Hong Kong Immigration Department (ImmD). HKU’s Admissions Office will act as the local sponsor and assist with student visa applications.

The whole student visa application will take 8-10 weeks upon receipt of a complete set of application documents. You are advised to apply for the student visa as soon as you have accepted our admissions offer.

8. CONCURRENT REGISTRATION
University’s General Regulation G6 prohibits concurrent registration by a student of this University for another post-secondary qualification either at this University or at any other institution. A breach of this regulation may result in discontinuation of studies at this University.

9. ENQUIRIES
If you experience any difficulties during your application, please email lawpgs@hku.hk for assistance.

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