

Master of Laws (LLM) Programme

Maritime and Transportation Law Stream

Aims

The School of Law at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) strives to provide new opportunities for students to achieve excellence at global and regional levels. Since Semester A 2010–2011, students at CityU have been able to undertake an innovative LLM programme in Maritime and Transportation Law. The programme aims to provide an intensive study of issues and practices relating to Maritime and Transportation Law. Participants with a pre-entry background in law will be provided with an opportunity to enhance their professional competence, specialist knowledge and career focus.

Programme Content

Our Master of Laws programme offers a unique blend of comprehensive legal information, innovative skill-based training, and the opportunity for independent research.

Maritime and Transportation Law Stream:

The Maritime and Transportation Law stream deals with legal issues concerning maritime and transportation law with particular emphasis on shipping, insurance and aviation law. Under the stream, students are required to complete 24 credit units for the award of the LLM degree.

The programme provides one of the few opportunities internationally to study both *aviation law* and *maritime law* together within the one LLM programme.

Core Subjects:

1. *Maritime Insurance Law (3 credit units)*
2. *Carriage of Goods by Sea Law (3 credit units)*
3. *Oceans, Law and Policy (3 credit units)*
4. *Maritime Claims and Practices in Admiralty (3 credit units)*

In addition, students are required to select 12 credit units from the offered LLM courses with at least 6 credit units from the following courses (which will be offered depending upon demand and available expertise):

Programme Electives:

- Dispute Resolution in Theory and Practice (3 credit units)*
- Seminar on Advanced Issues in International Law (3 credit units)*
- International Investment Law (3 credit units)*
- International Trade Law (3 credit units)*
- Private International Law (3 credit units)*
- International Air Law (3 credit units)*
- Maritime Arbitration Law (3 credit units)*
- Chinese Maritime Law (3 credit units)*
- International Mooting and Advocacy (3 or 6 credit units)**

* Either one semester (3 credit units) or two semesters (6 credit units) depending upon the mooting competition(s) entered.

Video-link Lectures by Renowned Professors

At our Law School, you can receive the same education as in the leading law schools in the world. Leading scholars from international universities contribute to our teaching programs both in person and using the latest communications technology. Professor Charles Norchi of Maine University, a world renowned expert on territorial delimitation, teaches the subject *Oceans, Law and Policy*. Professor David Branson of Georgetown University also teaches the subject *Maritime Arbitration Law* to our LLM students.

Medium of Instruction and Assessment

For the Maritime and Transportation Law stream, only English Module will be offered. The medium of instruction and assessment is English.

Entrance Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Laws programme, applicants must satisfy the general entrance requirements and the following programme specific entrance requirements:

- hold an honours degree in law or equivalent qualification; or
- be admitted for professional practice of law in Hong Kong or other jurisdiction; or
- have obtained either a Common Professional Examination (CPE) of the United Kingdom or Hong Kong with satisfactory results, provided that a second class honours degree has also been obtained; or
- have obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Hong Kong Law or Master of Arts/ Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution; or
- hold any other equivalent qualifications in law or provide evidence of relevant academic and professional attainments acceptable to the CityU;

AND

- be proficient in English.

With effect from Semester A 2012–2013, for applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English, the minimum English language proficiency requirement will usually be:

- a TOEFL score of 595 (paper-based test) or 97 (internet-based); or
- an overall band score of 7 in IELTS; or
- a score of 500 in the Chinese mainland's College English Test (CET) Band 6; or
- other equivalent qualifications.

(The School has stipulated a validity period of three years for results of the above tests. Applicants are required to provide their English test results obtained within the three years preceding the commencement of the University's application period.)

The Hong Kong Maritime Law Scholarship Scheme (Funded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region)

Each year a number of full scholarships are offered to selected students since 2011–12. These scholarships are available to students undertaking study in the Maritime and Transportation Law Stream of the LLM programme. They can be used to cover the **full tuition fee** at CityU or (as partial scholarships for undertaking Dual LLM Degrees at Swansea University and City University of Hong Kong). Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and are granted on the condition that the recipient agrees to engage in a full-time employment in the maritime-related field in Hong Kong for a period of not less than 12 consecutive calendar months on completion of their degree. Failure to complete the Maritime and Transportation Law Stream of the LLM programme for whatever reasons and/or to demonstrate due diligence in seeking work in the maritime industry may render the recipient concerned liable to repay in full or part of the scholarship received.

How to Apply

Applicants can apply online through the following website:
<http://www.sgs.cityu.edu.hk/prospective/apply/procedures>

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