



Faculty of Law

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Master of Philosophy in Laws
Doctor of Philosophy in Laws
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Why Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong are Your Choice

Hong Kong is not only a leading international financial and trade centre, but also hosts some of Asia's leading universities, including CUHK. Beyond Asia, international university ranking exercises have appraised universities in Hong Kong as among the best in the world. Hong Kong stands as a gateway between the best traditions of Western learning and a region which presents many of the most interesting and exciting objects of contemporary legal, economic, and cultural research.

You can write your Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Laws with the CUHK Faculty of Law in English, while enjoying unparalleled access to resources in Chinese and about Asia. You will receive one-on-one guidance from the CUHK Law Faculty, whose members represent all of the world's major jurisdictions and are actively engaged in a broad array of research. Your own research will be financed either by the University in the form of a studentship or by the Hong Kong Government in the form of a fellowship.

Financial Support

The Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

The HKPFS was created by Hong Kong Research Grants Council in 2009 to give Hong Kong universities world class financing for our most promising PhD students. It awards a monthly stipend of HK\$20,000 and an annual conference and research-related travel allowance of HK\$10,000 for up to three years. If a Fellowship winner has a normative study period of four years, CUHK will provide financing at the same level during the fourth year. Competition for the HKPFS is intense, but we have had good success with the law candidates we have nominated to the selection committee.

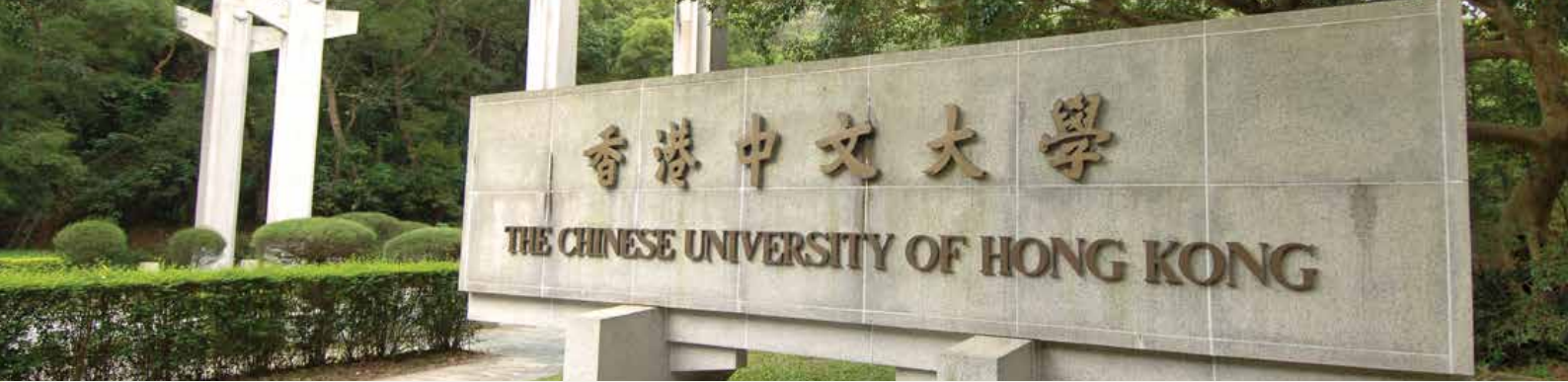
If you would like to know more about the HKPFS, please visit the following URL for further details:

<http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/hkphd/>

CUHK Studentships

Even if not awarded a Hong Kong PhD Fellowship, all candidates admitted to the Law Faculty's full-time MPhil or PhD Programme receive a stipend during the normative research and writing period that, for the current academic year, amounts to HK\$13,600 monthly.





Conduct Your Research with Our Leading Scholars

The CUHK Law Faculty, which exceeds 40 professors and professional consultants, actively pursues research on a broad range of topics. Our faculty members have studied in leading universities around the world, including in the UK, China, the US, Australia and Continental Europe. They bring their global visions to focus on legal problems affecting Hong Kong, China, and the international community of nations. You can learn more about the interests and activities of individual faculty members from the faculty website. In following we list the areas in which our Faculty can offer you experienced guidance in your research:

Conduct Your Research with Ample Library Resources

The CUHK Law Library supports the Faculty's objective to remain a prominent centre for legal scholarship and training in the 21st century. Its collection of electronic resources, which can be accessed remotely, is particularly strong. A collection of over 100,000 volumes on law and law-related subjects is accompanied by 142 current print journal titles, over 300 multimedia items, 76 leading databases, a constantly expanding number of electronically available texts, monographs and reference works, as well as nearly 3,000 e-journal titles, accompanied of course by the interdisciplinary collections housed in the rest of the University Library System. The Law Library also includes our Faculty's Mediation Institute Collection that was assembled in 2009.

- Administrative Law
- Company Law
- Comparative Law
- Competition Law
- Conflicts of Law
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment Law
- Environmental Regulation
- Equity Law
- European Union Law
- Family Law
- Financial Regulation
- Human Rights Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Investment Law
- International Trade Law
- Land Law
- Legal History
- Legal Philosophy
- Public International Law
- Tax Law
- Tort Law





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The MPhil and PhD in Laws Programmes

The MPhil in Laws is a degree for students who want to pursue advanced research, so as to become expert in an area of law or on a complex topic. Study in the MPhil Programme can also lead to admission to the PhD Programme, subject to the Faculty's evaluation of the candidate's academic performance during his or her MPhil study period.

The PhD in Laws is the most advanced research degree in law, comparable to a US SJD degree or a German Doktor juris degree. The PhD is a research degree primarily for students who are committed to a career in legal scholarship and teaching. Students are required to conduct thorough research on a novel topic and write a thesis of publishable quality that makes an original contribution to legal scholarship.

Dissertations for both MPhil and PhD in Laws are written under the guidance of a member of the Faculty as supervisor, and in most cases another faculty member as co-supervisor, and assessed by an independent examination committee.

The CUHK Law Faculty has a limited number of places available for each of these Programmes each year. Placement is very competitive.





The following schematically presents our MPhil and PhD Programmes:

Study Mode and Period

MPhil Programme

Full-time mode: Normative of 2 years; maximum of 4 years
Part-time mode: Normative of 3 years; maximum of 5 years

PhD Programme

Student with a research Master's degree:

- Full-time mode:
Normative of 36 months; maximum of 84 months
- Part-time mode:
Normative of 48 months; maximum of 96 months

Student without a research Master's degree:

- Full-time mode:
Normative of 48 months; maximum of 84 months
- Part-time mode:
Normative of 64 months; maximum of 96 months

Admission Requirements

All applicants must fulfill the CUHK Entry and English Language Proficiency Requirements. Details can be found at <http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/entry.php>. In addition,

MPhil applicants must possess:

- (a) a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree with first class honours or upper second class honours awarded by a recognized university; or
- (b) a Juris Doctor (JD) degree or a Master of Laws (LLM) degree awarded by a recognized university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; or
- (c) an equivalent degree (including non-law related) awarded by a recognized tertiary educational institution.

PhD applicants must possess either (b) or (c) as mentioned above. Of course, these are only minimum requirements, and actual admission on a competitive basis could demand much more.

Applicants must satisfy the English Language Proficiency Requirement by:

- possessing a Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognized university in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country, or taught primarily in the English Language; or
- achieving a result of Band 7.0 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
- achieving at least a score of 587 (Paper Based Test) or 240 (Computer Based Test) or 95 (Internet Based Test) in the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL); or
- providing alternative evidence of English Proficiency equivalent to one of the preceding measures.

The College English Test (CET) and Public English Test System (PETS) scores will not be accepted for language proficiency purposes.

For applicants of the PhD Fellowship Scheme, please visit the website of the Scheme for additional admission requirements.

Tuition Fee (subject to annual review)

Full-time mode: HK\$42,100 per year for MPhil and PhD students

Part-time mode: HK\$48,240 per year for MPhil students (self-financed)
HK\$54,000 per year for PhD students

Please note that awardees of the PhD Fellowships and CUHK Studentships do not receive a waiver of tuition fee.

Application Period and Procedures

- (a) For applicants to the PhD Fellowship Scheme
Application deadline: 1 December 2012
URL for on-line application:
<http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd>
- (b) For non-Fellowship applicants submitting their applications to CUHK direct
Application deadline: 31 January 2013
URL for on-line application:
<http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/apply.php>

The Faculty considers applications on a rolling basis. We encourage you to send us your application and supporting materials as early as possible. A decision on your application will be made by the Faculty and CUHK and, if admitted an appropriate supervisor on mutual agreement. Please do not contact faculty members directly with requests for admission and supervision.

Our Students on their PhD / MPhil Studies



Esther Erlings

PhD thesis on human rights and family law

This year CUHK ranked nr. 1 in the QS "Top 50 Under 50", the 50 best young universities in the world. The idea of the ranking is exactly what would accurately describe the law faculty: young and good, populated with enthusiastic professors and offering high quality education. Studying at CUHK Law is a great way to start a career. You should try it too!



Yin Bei Rebecca

PhD thesis on China's merger control regime

Studying in the Chinese University of Hong Kong provides a perfect combination of Western and Chinese research and thought. The faculty environment is supportive,

at each level: the administrative staff, professors and the strong library system. There are weekly seminars on different topics, given by professionals in different areas in and out of the faculty. CUHK also provides quite a lot of funding programs to conduct research at a number of the world's most prestigious universities. The faculty pushes our research by having annual review panel monitor research progress, while leaving enough space for independent thinking. It also provides opportunity to present our research to professors and other students in weekly seminars organized by the faculty.

The Faculty of Law assembles experienced professors with international backgrounds, strong research skills and numerous of academic achievements. They are enthusiastic to share their broad knowledge and give professional advice to doctoral students. The Law Library has rich collections in both common and civil law literature and materials, and this has greatly facilitated my comparative research. The two research centers in the Faculty stand as premier platforms for the exchange of in-depth views in both established and emerging fields of law. During my study, I benefit a lot from seminars, colloquiums and conferences organized by the centers. I think you will agree that the CUHK Law Faculty is a wonderful place to start your career in academia.



Lu Kai Luke

PhD thesis on legal framework of China's securitization

The Chinese University of Hong Kong provides a superb environment for academic research. The Faculty's scholars are wise and helpful, and are more than willing to share their knowledge, skills and experience in both legal research and career development. The breadth of expertise in the Faculty guarantees an opportunity to receive all-round yet in-depth supervision. In addition, the University offers state-of-the-art support facilities for academic research, especially its library system, with a strong collection and efficient service. Another attractive point is that this university has a strong tradition in China studies, as its name would suggest. CUHK's Faculty of Law is an excellent place to study issues in China from a global perspective, as Hong Kong is truly Asia's world city.



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MPhil thesis on Chinese legal system

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