



Division of Law

MPhil in Laws / PhD in Laws

Code: LAW

Programme

MPhil in Laws

MPhil Programme in Laws is a research degree offered to those committed to advanced legal research. Admission to the MPhil potentially leads to a PhD Programme, subject to the Faculty of Law's evaluation of the candidate's academic performance during his or her MPhil study period.

PhD in Laws

The PhD Programme in Laws is the most advanced degree awarded by the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The PhD is a research degree generally open only to those committed to a career in legal research and teaching and able to write a thesis making an original contribution to knowledge and of publishable quality.

Admission requirements in addition to the general requirement of the Graduate School¹

For admission to the MPhil Programme, the applicant must possess (1) a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree with first class honours or upper second class honours awarded by a recognized university, or (2) 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 (3) an equivalent degree awarded by a tertiary educational institution.

For admission to the PhD Programme, the applicant must have a prior JD, or LLM degree or equivalent, with the same requirements as mentioned above.

In addition, the applicant must meet the English proficiency requirement of the University and the Faculty of Law.

Details of the programmes and admission requirements can be found at www.cuhk.edu.hk/law.

Additional Application Information

All applicants are required to submit as part of their application a research plan for the MPhil not exceeding 3,000 words in length, and for the PhD not exceeding 5,000 words. The research plan should address the following: title of the research, research objectives, the major problems to be explored, a literature review, research methodologies, and the expected contribution of the resulting thesis to learning in the field of law. The proposal should include relevant bibliographical references.

Applicants should also submit a personal statement not exceeding 1,500 words and a brief curriculum vitae (C.V.).

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Application Deadline : 28 February 2010 (MPhil)
Throughout the year (PhD)

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1. For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 18-19.