

Division of Law

MPhil in Laws / PhD in Laws

Admission Code: LAW

Programme

MPhil in Laws

The MPhil in Laws is a research degree offered to those students committed to advanced legal research.

PhD in Laws

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

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements 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 (including non-law related) awarded by a recognized tertiary educational institution.

For admission to the PhD Programme, the applicant must have a prior JD, or LLM or equivalent degree (including non-law related), with the same requirements as mentioned above.

In addition, for the MPhil and the PhD Programmes, the applicant must satisfy the English Language Proficiency Requirement by (1) 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 (2) achieving a result of Band 7.0 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). IELTS test results must be obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the MPhil/PhD Programme; or (3) achieving at least a score of 587 (Paper Based Test) or 95 (Internet Based Test) in the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL test results must be obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying to join the MPhil/PhD Programme; or (4) providing alternative evidence of English Proficiency equivalent to one of the preceding measures.

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

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 and for the PhD not exceeding 5,000 words. The research plan should address the following: title of the research, research objectives, major problems to be explored, literature review, research methodologies, and expected contribution of the resulting thesis to knowledge 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.

When to Apply

Admission Advisor

Prof. Gregory S. GORDON

The Faculty of Law considers applications on a rolling basis. Even if you do not plan to apply for a Hong Kong PhD Fellowship, we encourage you to apply early. However, please note the following application deadlines:

1 December 2016

For applicants who apply for PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)²

31 January 2017

For applicants who apply for MPhil/PhD programme directly with CUHK (i.e. non-HKPFS applicants)



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¹ For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 16-17.

² For information on HKPFS, please refer to page 17.