

Master of Laws (LLM) Programme

Maritime and Transportation Law Stream

The Master of Laws (LLM) programme at the School of Law at City University of Hong Kong (CityU) offers a unique blend of comprehensive legal information, innovative skill-based training, and the opportunity for independent research. We strive to provide new opportunities for students to achieve excellence at global and regional levels. Since Semester A 2010-2011, students at CityU Law have been able to undertake an innovative LLM programme in Maritime and Transportation Law. The programme aims to provide a one-of-a-kind opportunity to study the issues and practices relating to maritime and transportation law under the LLM programme. Participants will be able to enhance their professional competence, specialist knowledge, and career focus.

Programme Structure

- 24 Credits/30 Credits*
- Core Subjects
 1. Bills of Lading Law (3 credit units)
 2. Admiralty Law (3 credit units)
- Stream-related Electives** (select at least 2 out of 7 courses)
 1. Admiralty Procedure Law (3 credit units)
 2. Aviation Law (3 credit units)
 3. Charterparties Law (3 credit units)
 4. Chinese Maritime Law (3 credit units)
 5. Insurance Law (3 credit units)
 6. Maritime Arbitration Law (3 credit units)
 7. Maritime Insurance Law (3 credit units)
- Other LLM courses of which the course codes end with “E” and/or JD courses which are open to LLM students (up to 12 credit units)

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:

- holding an honours degree in law or equivalent qualification; or
- having been admitted for professional practice of law in Hong Kong or other jurisdiction; or
- having 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
- having obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in Hong Kong Law or Master of Arts/Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution; or
- holding an honours degree in maritime or logistics studies, or related disciplines, or holding an honours degree in any discipline with 3-year-or-above working experience relating to Maritime or Logistics industry;

AND

- being proficient in English.

* Students of the Maritime and Transportation Law Stream who do not have a law degree are required to take two foundation courses in addition to the stipulated curriculum for students with a law degree. Extra tuition fee for the two foundation courses will be charged. In other words, those without a law degree will need to take 6 more credits next to the 24 credits for normal curriculum, i.e. 30 credits in total, in order to graduate from the programme.

** Reference is taken from courses on offer in 2018/19. The courses to be offered in 2019/20 are subject to changes depending on demand and available expertise.

For applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English, the minimum English language proficiency requirement is as follows:

- a minimum total score of 595 (paper-based test) or 97 (internet-based); or 70 (revised paper-delivered test; sum of Reading, Listening and Writing section scores) in TOEFL; or
- an overall band score of 7 in IELTS; or
- a score of 500 in the Mainland China'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 scholarships are offered to selected students since the Hong Kong Maritime Law Scholarship Scheme was initiated in 2010-11. 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 24 credits' tuition fees at CityU. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit and are granted on the condition that the recipient agrees to engage in full-time employment in the maritime-related field in Hong Kong for a period of not less than 12 consecutive calendar months, within three calendar months after confirmation of eligibility of graduation. 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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