

BSc&LLB Graduation Requirements and Honours Classification

To be eligible for the award of the BSc and LLB degrees, students must fulfil the following requirements:

- (a) complied with the General Regulations;
- (b) satisfied the requirements prescribed in UG5 of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula¹, including:
 - (i) 6 credits in Core University English² in the First Year;
 - (ii) 6 credits in Chinese language enhancement³ in the Third Year;
 - (iii) 24 credits of courses in the Common Core Curriculum, comprising one course from each Area of Inquiry (AoI);
 - (iv) successful completion of a capstone experience for a Science major by the end of the Fourth or Fifth Year;
 - (v) successful completion of a capstone experience for the LLB professional core in the Fourth or Fifth Year; and
 - (vi) successful completion of any other non-credit bearing courses as required;
- (c) passed no fewer than 300 credits from the First Year to the Fifth Year in the manner specified in the syllabuses, including:
 - (i) 96 credits of a Science major including a capstone experience;
 - (ii) 156 credits of Professional Core comprising 126 credits of law compulsory courses including a capstone, 18 credits of disciplinary electives⁴, and 12 credits of interdisciplinary core courses (LSCI1001 Law, Science and Innovation and LSCI3001 Patent Law);
 - (iii) 12 credits of law and science interdisciplinary electives as prescribed in the syllabus; and
 - (iv) the abovementioned UG5 requirements specified in ScL 6(b)(i), (ii), (iii) and (vi); and
- (d) achieved an overall Graduation GPA of 1.00 or above.

Honours Classification

Classification of honours are calculated using the graduation grade point average GGPA as below:

	<u>GGPA range</u>
First Class Honours	3.60 – 4.30
Second Class Honours Division I	3.00 – 3.59
Second Class Honours Division II	2.40 – 2.99
Third Class Honours	1.70 – 2.39
Pass*	1.00 – 1.69

* Students with fewer than half total credits letter-graded will be awarded a pass degree with no honours classification.

Credits granted for advanced standing in recognition of studies completed successfully before admission to the University and credits transfer in recognition of studies completed on exchange during candidature at HKU are not included in the calculation of GPA.

¹ Successful completion of the Law core courses LLAW1013 “Legal Research and Writing I” and LLAW2017 “Legal Research and Writing II” in the First and Second years will fulfil the English in the Discipline (ED) requirement of the double degree.

² Candidates who have been admitted to Year 1 in 2018-19 (and thereafter) and have achieved any one of the following qualifications are exempted from this requirement, and Core University English is optional. Those who do not take this course should take a 6-credit elective course in lieu, see *Regulation UG6*:

- Level 5 or above in English Language in the HKDSE
- holder of a Bachelor’s degree from an English-medium university
- achieved Grade A or above in English Language **GCE Advanced Level (AL) / Advanced Subsidiary Level (ASL)**
- achieved an overall **IELTS** score of no less than 7 **AND** with all sub-scores no less than 6.5 on the Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing Tests
- achieved an overall **TOEFL Internet-based test** score of no less than 94 **AND** no less than a 24 on the writing, a 20 on the speaking, a 20 on the listening, AND a 19 on the reading sections
- achieved in **International Baccalaureate (IB)** Grade 4 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English B/ English Language B (HL); or Grade 5 or above in English A1/ English Language A/ English A: Literature/ English A: Language and Literature (SL)
- achieved Grade 4 or above on the **Advanced Placement (AP) English Language/ English Language and Composition/ English Literature and Composition Test**
- achieved a **NEW Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** score of 35 or above on both the Writing & Language Test and Reading Test (from 2016)
- achieved Grade B or above in H1 General Paper at the **Singapore GCE A-level**
- achieved Grade A or better in English language at **Malaysia SPM examination**
- achieved Grade A2 or better in **Malaysia UEC-Senior English Language**
- attained merit (3 points) or above in each set of credits in **New Zealand NCEA Literacy** (10 credits made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing)
- achieved a score of 95% or better in English at **All India Senior School Certificate Examination / Higher School Certificate**
- achieved a final score of 90% or better in English at **Grade 12 Canadian high school curriculum**
- achieved Grade B or better in English Language at **Sri Lanka Ordinary examination**
- achieved a score of 90 or better in English in the **Russian Unified State Exam** (Единый государственный экзамен, ЕГЭ, Yedinyi gosudarstvennyy ekzamen, EGE)
- **Academic Speaking and Writing test conducted by CAES** for students who have not taken any of the above tests
 - *When applying to take the Academic Speaking and Writing Test, students should provide evidence to their Faculties and the CAES1000 Course Coordinator that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications **other than** those included in the above list.*
 - *Applicants are required to show **the evidence of those other qualifications** to the assessor on the day of the Academic Speaking and Writing Test.*
 - *If any applicants fail to provide any evidence that they were admitted to HKU using qualifications other than those included in the above list provided by CAES, the CAES assessor has the rights not to allow the applicant to take the test.*

Please note that:

- **JUPAS students with HKDSE English Language Level 3 or Level 4 are NOT allowed to use any of the above equivalent standards to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Non-JUPAS students* are NOT allowed to use HKDSE results to get exempted from CAES1000.**
- **Test results (i.e., the above list* and HKDSE) should be in the same year in which students are admitted to the University. Test results obtained after the admission to the University will NOT be considered.**

*** Non-JUPAS students are allowed to use IELTS/TOEFL which is achieved within 2 years before admission to fulfil the English language requirement for admission.**

³ Candidates who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education may be exempted from this requirement and should take a 6-credit elective course in lieu, see *Regulation UG6*.

To satisfy the Chinese language enhancement requirement, students should take the 6-credit course CSC19001 (Practical Chinese for science students), except for

- (a) Putonghua-speaking students who should take CUND9002 (Practical Chinese and Hong Kong Society) or CUND9003 (Cantonese for Non-Cantonese Speaking Students). They may take the course in Year 1 or 2 if they so wish; and
- (b) students who have not studied Chinese language during their secondary education or who have not attained the requisite level of competence in the Chinese language to take the Chinese language enhancement course should write to the Board of the Faculty to apply to be exempted from the Chinese language requirement, and
 - (i) take a 6-credit Cantonese or Putonghua language course offered by the School of Chinese especially for international and exchange students; OR
 - (ii) take an elective course in lieu.

⁴ Law electives listed in the syllabus for the degree of LL.B.