

**UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
FACULTY OF LAW**

**The Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) curriculum**

**Credit Unit Statement**

1. The PCLL is a one-year full time / two-year part time programme designed to prepare students for practical legal training in Hong Kong as trainee solicitors or pupil barristers. Its curriculum is featured by a common Core (5 courses) for all students with 3 out of a list of Electives at students' choice. All PCLL courses are 9-credit in value. For each course, we use 180 hours of students learning activities (including 44-48 contact hours: 4 hours x 11 weeks or 12 weeks) as a norm.
2. All PCLL courses are taught in large group (LG) / small group (SG) format. LGs are when all students are brought together for such learning activities as transmission of transactional knowledge, skills demonstrations, focused practice exercises in problem solving and legal writing, large-group briefing and review. SGs are used primarily for the practice of oral and written skills. Students are expected to prepare for, and sometimes required to submit their homework before or after, classes.
3. Students are required to pass all the Core courses (5 courses) and the 3 Electives for the PCLL. The total study load in the number of students learning hours is, therefore, 1,440 hours (180 hours x 8). Assessments include both skill-based and knowledge-based, oral and written, details of which are set out in the attached syllabus.