

## **University of London Law Programmes @HKU SPACE**

### **FAQs**

#### **Why University of London law programmes?**

The LLB has a very long history and has been regarded worldwide as an “international gold standard”. The high standard LLB can be studied flexibly anywhere in the world and is widely accepted in the Common Law world for professional progression. Many people study the LLB or the Graduate Diploma in Commercial Law for their own professional enhancement or just as a liberal education.

#### **Why HKU SPACE?**

We have nearly six decades of close partnership with the University of London. We are a Recognised Teaching Centre of the University of London and have been providing high quality and effective preparation courses taught by outstanding law academics from the UK. The London LLB at HKU SPACE was the first formal legal training in Hong Kong.

#### **Is the LLB acceptable for Hong Kong PCLL?**

The LLB is acceptable for the purpose of PCLL admission. Students graduated with a good honours degree have never had an problem with admission. Holders of the London LLB is an indication of solid academic foundation fit for the professional stage of training. We have a track record for over 59 years!

#### **Do I still need an LLB to take the England and Wales SQE?**

The Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) now opens to degree holders in any subject intending to be qualified as solicitors. But a prestigious formal law degree still puts you in a better position and is likely to be favoured by law firms. A rigorous LLB will give you solid foundation to pass the SQE assessments. SQE includes two assessments: SQE1 and SQE2. SQE1 assesses functioning legal knowledge (FLK). Most of the FLK areas are covered in the London LLB curriculum. For full details, please refer to the Solicitors Regulation Authority: <https://www.sra.org.uk/become-solicitor/sqe/>

#### **Is a law degree still required for England and Wales Bar training?**

You still need a qualifying law degree (minimum 2:2 classification) or a non-law degree plus a Graduate Diploma in Law to fulfill the academic stage if you want to become a barrister. Your law degree must include seven foundations of legal knowledge which are all covered in the LLB curriculum. For full details, please refer to the Bar Standards Board: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/training-qualification/becoming-a-barrister.html>

### **Can I rely on the LLB to get professional admissions in other jurisdictions?**

With the London LLB, many HKU SPACE alumni have succeeded in getting admitted to practise in Canada, California, and New York, etc. HKU SPACE has been providing numerous testimonies to qualifying authorities in different jurisdictions for alumni on their study and attendance of courses.

### **Will the credits I earned from the LLB exams be recognised by the internal colleges/ law schools within the University of London and transferable?**

Students who have passed modules and earned credits with good results may apply independently to some internal colleges of the University of London for full-time LLB. Entry to senior years is possible, subject to the admission policy of individual college.

### **Can I rely on the credits earned from the University of London Worldwide LLB to apply for advanced entry (Year 2 or Year 3) to the full-time LLB programmes offered by the internal colleges/ schools?**

You should consult the admission tutor of each college of the University of London and it is their policy and discretion to consider individual application.

However, we have received formal replies from the followings:

**Royal Holloway** would accept applicants transferring to LLB Year 2 if they fulfil three requirements: (a) obtain a result equivalent to 2:1 in their first year in other institution; (b) meet Royal Holloway entry requirements; and (c) have their modules in their LLB Year 1 in that other institution matched the modules in Royal Holloway LLB Year 1. For students relying on credits earned through the University of London Worldwide LLB, it is important to attain 2:1 standard in all Year 1/ Level 4 compulsory modules: Public Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, and Legal System and Methods.

**Birkbeck** would consider entry to their LLB Year 2 if the following Level 4 credits (120) are obtained, with the content matches the compulsory modules at Birkbeck: Legal Systems and Legal Methods (Legal System and Methods); Constitutional and Administrative Law (Public Law); Law of Obligations I – Contract (Contract Law); Criminal Law.

In order to be considered for Year 3 entry to the LLB programme, applicants should have completed credits (240) at the appropriate levels and that the content matches Birkbeck's compulsory modules. Apart from the Level 4 modules (120 credits) above, these must also include: Law of Obligations II – Tort (Tort Law, Level 5); Law of the European Union (EU Law, Level 5); and Property Law I (Land Law) (Property Law, Level 5)

We are happy to assist interested students in getting contact with the admission tutors.

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