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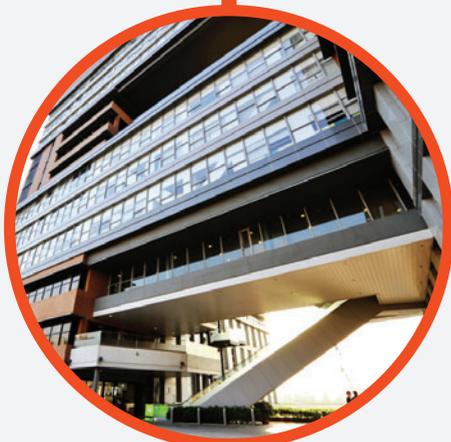
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- **Elements of the Law of Contract**
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Entry Requirements

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Examinations

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The standard of the examination for the Diploma in Law is the same as that of the intermediate First Year examination of the LLB degree. Upon completion of the Diploma in Law, students may progress to the second year of the LLB Programme (Scheme A or B).

Further Information

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Duration

Part-time - 2 to 4 years

Tuition Fee

Tuition fee includes the cost of lectures, intensive revision workshops, special guest lectures, seminar pack and revision planner.

Enrolment for 5 courses: **HK\$37,600**
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Programme Structure

Non-degree holders

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Scheme B: This is intended for students who wish to study at a slower pace. It consists of 12 courses to be taken over 4 years.

Degree holders

Degree holders may apply for either **Graduate Entry Route A** (minimum 2 years) or **Graduate Entry Route B** (minimum 3 years). Students studying under Graduate Routes have to take 9 courses, out of which 7 are compulsory courses.

Compulsory courses

- Common Law Reasoning and Institutions
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Optional courses *

- Commercial Law
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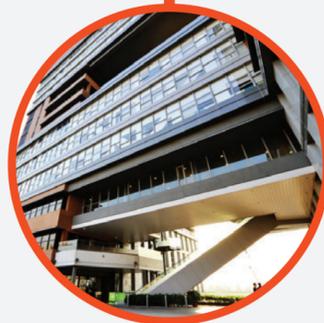




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