STUDENT TESTIMONY



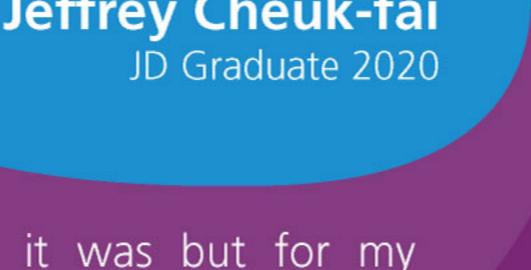
OR Hoi Yan Denise JD Graduate 2019

The CityUHK JD was an academically challenging but rewarding experience, and I would recommend it wholeheartedly. As a highly regarded JD programme, it is taught by outstanding teachers and experienced practitioners. It unveiled the mysterious common law world to me and provided me with chances to delve into areas of law in great detail. The tutorial system gave students the opportunity to present their own ideas individually or in a group, to discuss and debate contentious points with fellow students, and to receive constructive feedback from tutors. My advocacy and problem- solving skills have been improved as a result. The CityUHK JD, as an internationally respected law programme, has served as an excellent foundation for my further legal studies and future career.



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experience at CityUHK would not have been as remarkable as it was but for my unforgettable peers and the kind professors who went above and beyond for our sake. I have no doubt that the bonds that I have forged here will last a lifetime.



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important catalyst for my development as an

aspirant lawyer. From the law school's reputable

mooting programme to the renowned CityUHK

Law Review Committee, there are a myriad of

programmes to push students to hone their craft

in preparation for their future practice. There is no

shortage of opportunities available to students;

one only needs to grasp them. With that said, my









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- ► 2 or 3 years full-time
- Hong Kong and international law taught by multicultural faculty
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- ► Ideal professional degree for leadership in commerce, industry, government, media and community service



What is the Juris Doctor (JD)?

The JD is an internationally recognised degree issued by numerous universities. It is well established in several common law jurisdictions (Australia, Canada and the United States). Although the award has the word 'Doctor' in its title, this is a traditional usage and it is not generally regarded as equivalent to the PhD degree or other doctoral awards. It is a first law degree for students who are already graduates in a non-law discipline. It leads to the award of a Hong Kong law degree at the postgraduate level.

What will I study?

The School offers a taught programme of study tailor-made for students aiming for admission as a solicitor or barrister in Hong Kong after completing the PCLL programme. The programme is also perfectly suitable for students who wish to acquire a professional legal qualification that equips them for leadership roles in commerce, industry, government, the media and community service.

In order to graduate, a student must complete at least 72 credit units which include the required courses Hong Kong Legal System (3 credit units); Legal Methods, Research and Writing (3 credit units).*

The remainder of the credit units may be completed from among any of the elective courses offered in the JD, LLM and LLMArbDR programmes. Students who aspire to become a barrister or solicitor in Hong Kong must complete courses that are needed for admission to the PCLL programme.



Are there any special features?

- Completion of the JD and an LLM at renowned overseas institutions including Georgetown University (USA), Melbourne University (Australia), University Paris 1 (France) and Université de Fribourg (Switzerland) via an accelerated path
- CityUHK JD and MBA option in three years
- Intensive summer courses in University College Oxford (UK)**
- Legal placement in Hong Kong law firms, banking and international companies, courts in Mainland China and overseas NGOs
- Extensive professional training to sharpen advocacy skills and to participate in international mooting competitions
- Exchange study at an overseas university in Canada, China, France, Germany, Ireland, Korea, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, the Netherlands, UK and USA
- Editorial Board membership of the City University of Hong Kong Law Review to sharpen writing and editing skills
- **to be confirmed

How long will it take?

Students will be eligible to graduate with their JD degree after they have completed 72 credit units of study. The semester-length courses are 3 credit units. We would encourage JD students to complete the programme in 3 years but they may study the programme at a quicker pace. The maximum period of study is 5 years.

Is it professionally recognised?

Students who wish to practise law in Hong Kong will need to complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programme at City University of Hong Kong or other Universities that are offering this programme. The JD degree is recognised for the purposes of applying for entry into the PCLL programme.

Am I eligible to apply?

The minimum entry requirements for admission to the JD programme are:

(i) a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in a non-law discipline; or

a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in law from a non-common law jurisdiction obtained after at least eight semesters of full-time study (holders with a law degree from a common law jurisdiction are not eligible to apply); and

(ii) proficiency in English.

English language proficiency requirement

Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution where the medium of instruction is not English, should meet the minimum English language proficiency requirement:

- a TOEFL score of 100 (internet-based test); or
- an overall band score of 7.5 in IELTS, with no individual score below 6.5, and a minimum score of 7.0 in the Academic Writing; or
- a total of 520 in Chinese mainland's College English Test (CET) Band 6

(TOEFL and IELTS scores are considered valid for two years. Applicants are required to provide their TOEFL / IELTS test results obtained within the two years preceding the commencement of the University's application period. For CET-6 scores, the validity period is three years.)