

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (GOVT&LAWS) AND THE BACHELOR OF LAWS

### Determination of Honours Classifications of BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB Double Degree

As approved by the Senate in June 2013, separate honours for the integrated double degree are determined and awarded in accordance with the Regulation UG9 on the basis that among 300 credits of the BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB curriculum requirement, 240 credits are counted towards each degree, including double-counting\* relevant credits from either degree. Calculation details of the respective BSoc(Govt&Law) and LLB honours are as follows:

<u>Honours Classification of BSocSc(Govt&amp;Laws)Degree</u>		<u>Honours Classification of LLB Degree</u>	
<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
University requirements <sup>1</sup>	30 – 36	University requirements <sup>1</sup>	30 – 36
Major in Politics and Public Administration	96	LLB Professional Core <sup>1b,3</sup>	156
Major in Legal Studies <sup>2</sup>	72		
Electives <sup>4,5</sup>	36 – 42	Electives <sup>4a,5</sup>	48 – 54
<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>240</b>	<b>Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>240</b>

#### Notes:

- University requirements comprise CAES1000 Core University English (6 credits), a Chinese language enhancement course (6 credits) and Common Core courses (24 credits). If CAES1000 or the Chinese language enhancement course (if any) is exempted, it will be replaced by a free elective of the same credit value.
  - A pass in both LLAW1013 Legal research and writing I and LLAW2017 Legal research and writing II shall be deemed to satisfy the “English in the Discipline” requirement under UG5(a) of the Regulations for First Degree Curricula.
- The courses of /constituting the Major in Legal Studies will be taken into account for the purpose of determining the honours classification of the degree of BSocSc(Govt&Laws).
- Professional Core in Laws comprises the following courses:
  - compulsory law courses (126 credits);
  - disciplinary electives (30 credits)
- Electives are remaining courses (as free electives) with the best grades.
- Include 12 credits of PPA courses with the best grades.
  - Any failed courses taken are included in the calculation of the GPA and are taken into account for the purpose of determining the honours classifications of the respective degrees.
    - Any additional credits taken over the minimum curriculum requirement of the BSocSc(Govt&Laws)&LLB curriculum (i.e. over 300 credits), regardless of pass or fail, are counted towards the respective BSocSc(Govt&Laws)and LLB honours classifications. For example, if a student has taken additional 12 credits on top of the

300 credits, regardless of pass or fail, the elective credits and total credits counted towards the respective honours classifications will become:

- BSocSc(Govt&Laws) honours: 48 (36+12) or 54 (42+12) credits of electives; 252 (240+12) credits of total; and
- LLB honours: 60 (48+12) or 66 (54+12) credits of electives; 252 (240+12) credits of total.

\* Including 30 - 36 of University requirements, 72 credits of Major in Legal Studies, best 12 credits of PPA courses and best 36-42 of free electives. Please refer to the following table for details.

<b>U Requirement</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Common Core courses	24
Practical Chinese	6
Core University English <sup>1</sup>	0/6
	30/36 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Legal Study major</b>	
Legal Research and Writing I & II <sup>2</sup>	12
Law of contract I & II	12
Law of tort I & II	12
Legal system	6
Law and society	6
Constitution law	6
Administrative law	6
Mooting and Dispute Resolution	6
Introduction to legal theory	6
	72
<b>PPA Major</b>	
Best courses	12
<b>Electives</b>	
Best courses	36/42 <sup>1</sup>
Total number of double-counted credits	156

<sup>1</sup> If exempted to be replaced by an elective.

<sup>2</sup> Deemed to fulfil the requirement of 6-credit English in the Discipline.

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