The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law (“Hong Kong”) for up to two students each academic year in either the fall or winter term. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 212 Hutchins Hall and on the Law School web site at: http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx. Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**Course Offerings and Requirements**

Michigan students will take courses at Hong Kong which are LL.M. level. Students may not take an LL.B. class unless it is demonstrated that the subject is of key importance to the student’s study purposes and that the subject is not offered at the LLM level.

Except for some courses offered in the LL.M. (Chinese Law), the teaching medium for most courses at Hong Kong is in English.

Students are invited to visit the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law homepage for details of the courses on offer in 2014-15: http://www.law.hku.hk/dm/course/courses-description/. Courses on offer in 2015-16 will be available in August 2015.

Professor biographies are available at: http://www.law.hku.hk/faculty/acadstaff.php

In addition to the course requirements at Hong Kong, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

A student’s course selection at Hong Kong must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student’s departure for Hong Kong. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Roopal Shah (roopal@umich.edu; TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken at Hong Kong is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

Michigan students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0
Tuition and Fees

The tuition and fees charges, except hall fees and miscellaneous charges (e.g. printing fees), at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law are waived for students who participate in this exchange program.

Students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

Please note that the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

Dates of Term

Courses in the first semester (Michigan’s fall term) begin September 1, 2015, and end on November 30, 2015. The exam period is December 8 – 23, 2015. Courses in the second semester (Michigan’s winter term) begin January 18, 2016, and end on April 30, 2016. The exam period is May 9 – 28, 2016.

The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law 2015-16 academic calendar may be found here: http://www.adqa.hku.hk/dates-of-semesters-a.php

Housing

Students will be eligible for on-campus housing at Hong Kong.

Once a student’s Hong Kong application is successful, he/she will receive an offer of admission and an information kit from Hong Kong. This information kit contains information about campus housing and the relevant application procedures. For more information about the residential halls and application details, please visit the website of the Center of Development and Resources for students (CEDARS), http://cedars.hku.hk/sections/Accommodation/News/HallsofRes.php. Apart from applying direct to the CEDARS, there are off-campus housing, other self-financed halls and residences for students’ information through the above link.

Given the increasing number of international students, the University will make every reasonable effort to assist students to find living accommodations upon receipt of their applications, but is not obliged to secure on-campus accommodation for exchange students.

For more information, some incoming exchange students wishing to stay in a hall but cannot be allocated a hall place will be housed in non-hall housing managed by CEDARS, and around 100 non-local students have to find off-campus privately rented housing on their own. So please act quickly in order to secure an accommodation on / off campus.

General Administrative Matters

Visa application

All students who do not have right of abode in Hong Kong (i.e. those who do not hold a Hong Kong Identity Card holder) are required to apply for a valid student visa. To apply, you need to:

Submit your original visa application document to the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS), who on behalf of HKU will sponsor your visa application, once you are admitted by Law Faculty. CEDARS will forward your visa application document to the Hong
Kong Immigration Department for processing, which normally takes four to six weeks processing time. They will inform CEDARS of your results in due course.

If the Hong Kong Immigration Department approves your visa application, CEDARS will send visa label to you by courier. Please stick the label onto your passport and present it to the Immigration Officer upon arrival at the Hong Kong International Airport.

If you do not have a permanent Hong Kong identity card, or if your HKID card has expired, you will need to apply for a student visa for your exchange studies. If you want to renew your HKID card during your stay in Hong Kong, you can apply for the Hong Kong Permanent Residency in person from the Hong Kong Immigration Department. For more details on visa application, please see [http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html](http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html) for details.

**Buddy programme**

The Office of International Student Exchange (OISE) operates a 'buddy programme' whereby each incoming exchange student is assigned a 'Buddy Mentor' i.e. a local student to help them to settle down in the new environment and to integrate with the local community. For enquiry, please write to: buddy@hku.hk.

For details of the programme, please visit: [http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/buddy-program](http://www.als.hku.hk/admission/exchange/buddy-program)

**Orientation**

The Orientation is usually organized in end of August. There will be a day-long orientation for exchange students. It will usually be held on the last Friday before school starts including cultural adjustment sessions, library tours, city tours and outings. No registration is needed.


**Medical Care & Insurance**

The University provides comprehensive primary health care to entitled students through a clinic on the main campus. Medical consultations are generally free of charge. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. A notional charge is also levied for dental treatment and physiotherapy treatment at the University clinic.

Specialist care and hospitalization can be provided at public clinics and general wards of government hospitals. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity Card (HKID) are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalization in government hospitals. You are, therefore, strongly recommended to have covered by insurance the whole period of stay in Hong Kong.


**Application to Hong Kong**

Students who receive approval from the Law School’s Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at Hong Kong pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to complete a Hong Kong on-line Exchange Application. Nominees will be informed of the online application procedures by email (via Hong Kong’s Office of International Student Exchange) in due course. Upon completion of the Hong Kong online
Exchange Application, nominees are required to send Hong Kong their original supporting documents [including official transcript, passport copy, personal statement, CV (optional), English proficiency test report (if applicable)] via the Center for International & Comparative Law within two weeks.

Applicants are strongly advised to submit their applications by March 31 even if they are applying for the January semester to increase their chances of securing a place.

*Hong Kong reserves the final admissions decision for each exchange student.*

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*For further information about the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law*

Students are strongly encouraged to read the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law Student-Initiated Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 212 Hutchins Hall). The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students’ study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Hong Kong.
Please consult the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law web site at:
http://www.law.hku.hk/prospectivestudents/incoming.php

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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.