HKU’s LLM Programme in IT and IP is designed for students with law degrees or for IT or IP professionals with relevant legal experience who wish to undertake an in-depth study of the law, policies and cutting edge issues in their fields. This programme aims to provide a comprehensive mix of theoretical, practical and policy-oriented courses that enable students to understand the legal challenges in IP, patents, Internet and technological innovation in general.

A distinctive feature of the programme is its coverage of international, local and PRC law taught by experts and practitioners in their fields.
There are two sub-streams in this programme:
- Information Technology (IT)
- Intellectual Property Law (IP)

**IP**
- Copyright and creativity
- Hong Kong IP Law
- International and Comparative IP Law
- IP and IT
- IP, Innovation and Development
- IP Protection in China: Law, Politics and Culture
- Management and Commercialization of IP (summer course; outsiders welcome)
- Patent Law
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition

**IT**
- Cybercrime (outsiders welcome)
- E-business law
- Introduction to IT Law
- Online Dispute Resolution
- PRC IT Law
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Regulation of Cyberspace: Theories of Internet and Normativity
- Communications Law

**Optional Modules**
- Advanced topics in Competition Law
- Advanced topics in IP Law
- Advanced topics in IT Law
- Human Rights and Cyberspace
- IP Policy and Practice
- Energy Law
- Dissertation

**In the Department of Computer Science**
- E-Discovery and Digital Forensics
- E-Crimes: Digital Crime Scene and Legal Sanctions
These courses are open to law students, legal practitioners or others with relevant work experience

**Management and Commercialization of Intellectual Property**  
**June 2014**

Course Teacher:  
Mainly taught by Prof. David Llewelyn,  
Professor of IP, King’s College, London

Application period: Early April 2014

**Cybercrime**  
**Second Semester 2014-2015**

Course Teacher:  
Mr. Kenny Wong, Practising Solicitor,  
Senior Consultant of IP/IT Practice (Asia), Mayer Brown JSM

Application period: November 2014
**Programme structure**

*(Sep 2014 intake)*

**Duration**
The programme requires approximately 300 hours of class time.

**Mode of Attendance**
- FT: Min 1 year and max 2 years
- PT: Min 2 years and max 4 years

**The Curriculum**
Candidates will be required to complete eight modules, which:

1) include a minimum of two and a maximum of six modules from each sub-streams;

2) may be chosen from the additional optional modules listed in this programme; and

3) include no more than two modules or courses from:
   - Other specialist LL.M. programmes; or
   - Within/outside the Faculty with the approval of the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee, which has to be satisfied that such course(s)/module(s) from any other Department or Departments are of equivalent standard to that or those listed in the syllabus.
Applicants must fulfil at least one of (1) to (4) below AND (5)

1) A degree of Bachelor of Laws with at least second class honours or an equivalent qualification; or

2) Having been admitted to the professional practice of law in Hong Kong or in a territory or country other than Hong Kong; or

3) Holding at least a second class honours degree from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose, AND having obtained a certificate with good results in either of the following examinations:
   - the Common Professional Examination of England and Wales; or
   - the Common Professional Examination Certificate of this University with good results,

4) Holding a degree in a discipline other than law with at least second class honours or a qualification of equivalent standard from this University or from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose and provided that the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee is satisfied that by reason of candidate’s background, experience and professional qualifications, if any, the candidate is fit to follow the programme.

5) Applicants who do not have a bachelor’s degree with English as the medium of instruction are required to satisfy the English language proficiency on the basis of one of the following recognized English tests:
   i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) A score of 593 or above (paper-based test) or 97 or above (internet-based test);
   ii) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Band 7 or above with no subtest below 6.5.
http://www.law.hku.hk/programmes/fees.html

Online Application and Application Deadline

- The admission exercise for the Sep 2014 intake is expected to begin in Jan 2014, details to application procedures and deadline will be announced in Dec 2013.
- Except for Standalone Courses, we accept ONLY online applications. Applicants are expected to provide their supporting documents and reference letters shortly after completing the online application.

For detailed information on the requirements and procedure, please visit http://www.law.hku.hk/postgrad/llm-itip/
The Programme works closely with the Law & Technology Centre, which is a joint centre of the Department of Computer Science (DCS) and the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong. It was founded to accomplish the following missions:

- to provide public service in the interdisciplinary area of information technology and law; and
- to advance research in relationships between information technology and law.

The current director of the Centre is Dr. K.P. Chow of the Department of Computer Science.
Professor Anne S.Y. Cheung’s research interests are in freedom of expression, privacy, children’s rights (cyberbullying), and law and society studies.

Since 2009, she has been the Director of the LLM (IPIT) Programme. Outside the University, she is a committee member of the Hong Kong Press Council, and an advisor to the Institute for Internet & Society, Berlin, Germany. Currently, she is working with Privacy International (UK) to study privacy protection in Hong Kong and China; and a book project on cloud computing. She is one of the principal investigators of the CLIC Project (Community Legal Information Centre, www.hkclic.org). Her works have been published in the Harvard Journal of International Law (Online) (selected as Feature Article); International Data Privacy Law, and Journal of Media Law.

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**Dr K.P. Chow** (MA, PhD UC Santa Barbara) is the Associate Professor of Department of Computer Science and the Associate Director of the Center for Information Security and Cryptography (CISC) at The University of Hong Kong. Dr. Chow’s areas of research interest are computer forensics, cryptography, computer security, Internet surveillance and privacy. In the past few years, Dr. Chow has been invited to be a computer forensic expert to assist the Court in Hong Kong.


**Dr Humphrey Ko** was initially trained as an electronic and electrical engineer at Imperial College London and received his legal training at Hong Kong University. He was involved in the research and design of electronic security systems and the establishment of a China-wide technology corporation. Subsequently, he took his doctorate at Oxford University where he studied the legal, political and mercantile interactions of early Chinese corporations. While at Oxford, he also acquired an academic interest in Energy Studies.

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Paul Sumpter is a senior academic in the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland, a consultant with Chapman Tripp, barristers and solicitors, and a member of the New Zealand Copyright Tribunal. He has practised intellectual property law for over 20 years, is admitted to the NZ and NSW bars and is a registered patent attorney. Included amongst his publications are “Trade Marks in Practice” ( LexisNexis, 2nd ed, 2011) and “Intellectual Property: Principles in Practice” (CCH, 2nd ed, 2013).

Dr Marcelo Thompson

Marcelo’s research lies at the interplay between legal theory, politics and technological change. Topics of his interest include privacy, defamation and the responsibility of Internet intermediaries. Marcelo holds a Doctorate of Philosophy from the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, where his thesis focused on the problem of neutrality in technology law and politics. Courses he teaches include “Law and Society”, “Legal Theory” and “Regulation of Cyberspace”.
Kenny Wong has practised IP/IT law for over 25 years and received over 90 awards as a leading IP and franchise practitioner in Hong Kong and China. He has published and lectured extensively in Asia and USA. He and Alice Lee are the co-authors of Intellectual Property Law & Practice in Hong Kong (Sweet & Maxwell, 2011) and the IP chapters in Tort Law & Practice in Hong Kong (Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd ed, 2011).

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**Professor Rolf H. Weber** holds a chair for Private, Economic and European Law at the University of Zurich since 1995 and has been a practising attorney admitted to the bar in Zurich and Switzerland since 1978. He is the founder and director of European Law Institute and the Center for Information and Communication Law at the University of Zurich (ZIK) and the publisher of the ZIK-book series since 1998, as well as honorary director of the European Institute in Zurich and publisher of the ElZ-book series since 1992. Furthermore, Rolf H. Weber is a member of the editorial board of several Swiss and International legal periodicals.
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