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HKU Government and Laws is a five-year world-class undergraduate programme that cultivates transformative and virtuous leaders equipped to address humanity's most critical challenges. Through rigorous interdisciplinary training, we empower visionaries in law and public affairs with profound wisdom, cutting edge expertise, ethical clarity, and innovation to shape governance in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), planetary stewardship, geopolitical security, and international dispute resolution.

One Century of Government and Laws at HKU



25th Anniversary Dinner of HKU Government and Laws

The study of Government and Laws at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) harks back to 1924, when the Cambridge-educated jurist George Keeton LLD FBA (1902–1989) became the inaugural Lecturer of Political Science and Jurisprudence and later Reader in Law and Politics at HKU.

During Professor Keeton's stint at HKU, the future Dean of Laws and Vice-Provost of University College London (UCL) and heroic anti-Nazi intellectual proposed the creation of a 5-year double degree programme in political science and law. He co-established with his HKU students an academic society and a student-edited academic journal on law and public affairs of the highest standard, copies of which were circulated in university libraries across the world,

illuminating topics ranging from ancient customary law to traditional Chinese law to the latest legal reforms in Europe.

Keeton's departure from Hong Kong in 1927 and all the chaos in the lead-up to the Second World War resulted in a premature end to all of the eminent jurist's visionary initiatives. In 1972, Keeton returned to HKU to be honoured with a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree.

In 1999, one decade after his death, his vision was fulfilled when the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government and Laws) and Bachelor of Laws Double Degree Programme (GLaws) opened its doors to some of the brightest students from Hong Kong and beyond.



"The interdisciplinary and philosophical training offered by HKU GLaws has provided me with a strong foundation for rigorous intellectual analysis of complicated legal issues in litigation and arbitration."

**GISELLE YUEN, '11 | VICE PRESIDENT
AND ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL,
J.P. MORGAN
LLM, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**



Ethical Governance for a Global Tomorrow

At GLaws, your education transcends traditional legal studies and theories of public administration. Here, you will master the art of crafting ethical, innovative governance strategies while harnessing law as a dynamic force to address the world's most critical challenges.

From the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) to bringing harmony to geopolitical discord to becoming stewards of the planet, the policy issues you will learn to tackle at GLaws are as diverse as they are urgent. Through rigorous academic training, interdisciplinary exposure, and a commitment to moral leadership, GLaws empowers you with profound insight, cutting-edge expertise, and the creative spark to redefine governance at the local and international levels. Emerge as a visionary leader, equipped to forge a humane, just, and sustainable future.

Drawing from HKU's enduring motto, 明德格物 (illuminate virtue, rectify things), GLaws nurtures students' enlightened conscience, empowering them to become a transformative force for the common good.

Since 1999, GLaws has brought forth cohort after cohort of outstanding lawyers in public and private practice, administrative officers (AOs), business professionals, professors, artists, journalists, and leaders of the non-profit sector, all of whom are deeply committed to the above vision.



"GLaws built the foundation for my passion in international development. Its interdisciplinary design gave me the flexibility to explore the politics of the Global South and Southeast Asia, and to pursue my thesis on climate justice—an experience that helped me bridge theory and practice. Instead of merely equipping students with legal knowledge, GLaws cultivates the mindset to navigate complexity, bridge disciplines, and think across boundaries—qualities that are indispensable in today's interconnected world and that continue to guide my work in international development."

CHAMMIE LO, '24 | PROGRAMME OFFICER, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME LAO PDR

"GLaws' blend of international relations, political philosophy, and law sharpened my view of AI's cross-cutting challenges and the pathways—institutional, technical, and otherwise—that enable sound AI governance and human-centred flourishing."

ADRIAN MAK, '19 | FELLOW, AI INITIATIVE, STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Highly Sought-After Graduates

Our graduates are among the most sought-after professionals across diverse sectors for their unparalleled expertise in law and public affairs. We are also a nurturing ground for high-calibre academics committed to advancing knowledge for the common good of humanity.

GLaws unlocks a world of prestigious opportunities, from Hong Kong to the global stage. Our students are primed for transformative roles as lawyers, prosecutors, judicial clerks, administrative officers (AOs), monetary officials, and representatives in international organisations such as the United Nations (UN). GLaws graduates also thrive as entrepreneurs, journalists, artists, and professors in academia. As a GLaws student, you will tap into our vibrant, far-reaching alumni network.

Through initiatives like the prestigious Annual Alumni Mentorship Scheme, our accomplished alumni return to campus, offer professional guidance, and open doors to extraordinary opportunities. Indeed, the legacy of GLaws runs deep: our current Co-Directors from the Faculty of Law, along with two of their predecessors, are themselves proud GLaws graduates.

GLaws is renowned as a cradle for academic talent. Many graduates have pursued advanced degrees, including doctorates, at world-leading institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago, Oxford, and Cambridge, across diverse fields like the modern arts, Chinese history, international relations, socio-legal studies, diplomacy, and finance. Several have launched academic careers, with four GLaws alumni serving as full-time professors in HKU Faculty of Law currently.

“The study of politics and law provided me with critical and analytical trainings. It equipped me with confidence in showing to the public who I am and what I believe, as an intellectually-nurtured GLawyer and singer. Although my career may appear to be irrelevant to this Programme, knowledge that I have acquired here helped me a lot in my daily life to tackle all kinds of problems—after all, we live in a world in which politics, public administration and law abound.”

**SINNIE NG, '21 @LOLLYTALK |
SINGER-ARTIST AND SONGWRITER**



Forge Your Career with GLaws



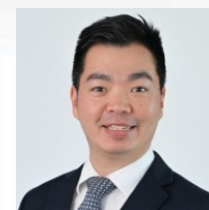
GLaws offers robust support for students in their career development, facilitated through collaboration with our extensive alumni network, faculty members, industry partners, official student body, and career counsellors. Initiatives include visits to prestigious law firms and barristers' chambers, alumni mentorship programmes, seminars on postgraduate degrees, interview workshops, and exclusive luncheons and sharing sessions with industry leaders. Additionally, students have regular access to internship and job postings, personalised CV support, and one-on-one career advisory sessions. Each year, employers from Hong Kong and across the globe visit our campus to recruit our talented students.

Career Workshops

High-calibre career workshops are regularly hosted featuring such prominent speakers as former government officials, law firm partners, and alumni barristers. These workshops provide students with authoritative industry insights.

Professional Visits

Students are granted exclusive access to premier law firms and barristers' chambers, where they can engage directly with leading practitioners and graduate recruitment teams. Previous visits include Temple Chambers, Jones Day, Herbert Smith Freehills, and MinterEllison.



"Speaking as a partner of a leading law firm, I affirm the fact that HKU GLaws would always be my first choice over all other options. GLaws blends knowledge and skills in politics with those of law, and takes the best of both worlds."

ALVIN HO, '07 | PARTNER AND HEAD OF HONG KONG, PINSENT MASON'S

"With vibrant interaction with renowned professors and bright peers, the Programme has equipped us with the essential organisation and analytical skills, and critical thinking, which are important for any career, be it in law, public services or elsewhere."

VERONICA TSE, '09 | CHIEF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, MTR CORPORATION

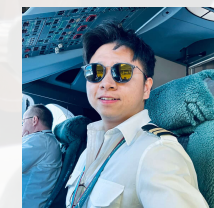


"Even with the benefit of hindsight and as a barrister now, I had absolutely no hesitation in choosing HKU GLaws over other options. The Programme was a precious and fruitful experience of self-discovery."

CONNIE LEE, '06 | BARRISTER-AT-LAW, DES VOEUX CHAMBERS BCL, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD BAR SCHOLAR

"Diverse and limitless – are the right words to describe the career paths of HKU GLaws graduates, whether belonging to the four-year or five-year tracks. Our diverse choices of career include becoming lawyers, public officials, professors, investment bankers, consultants, startup founders, Fortune 500 brand managers and airline pilots."

ANDREW KO, '13 | PILOT, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS



Interdisciplinary Curriculum

Our curriculum blends core courses with an extensive set of disciplinary electives tailored to students' individual interests and professional aspirations. Our elective offerings expand every year, introducing new courses that engage with emerging issues in government and laws globally. Our curriculum is distinguished by its interdisciplinary focus, tying political science and law into one cohesive academic experience and exposing students to specialised courses that address the intersection between these two fields.

GLaws students enjoy the flexible option of graduating with a BSocSc (Govt & Laws) degree in 4 years, or a BSocSc (Govt & Laws) degree plus an LLB degree in 5 years. They are entitled to make an informed choice on whether to pursue the 4-year Track or the 5-year Track at the end of their second year. Students completing the 5-year Track are entitled to apply for a place on a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) programme, a prerequisite for legal practice in Hong Kong.

YEAR 1

PPA Major Courses

Making Sense of Politics
One Faculty of Social Sciences Core Introductory Course

Law Professional Core Courses

Law of Contract I, Law of Contract II
Legal System of the Hong Kong SAR
Criminal Law I, Criminal Law II
Legal Research and Writing

Common Core Courses

One or Two Common Core Courses

Language Courses

Core University English

AI Literacy Courses

Artificial Intelligence Literacy I

YEAR 3

PPA Major Courses

Three PPA Electives
Global Citizenship or Social Innovation

Law Professional Core Courses

Land Law I, Land Law II
Commercial Law
Business Associations
Law and Government*

Language Courses

Practical Chinese

YEAR 2

PPA Major Courses

Research Methods in PPA
Two PPA Gateway Courses

Law Professional Core Courses

Law of Tort I, Law of Tort II
Constitutional Law
Administrative Law

Common Core Courses

Two or Three Common Core Courses

AI Literacy Courses

To be confirmed

YEAR 4–5

PPA Major Courses

Five PPA Electives
PPA Capstone Course

Law Professional Core Courses

Introduction to Chinese Legal System
Introduction to Legal Theory
Equity and Trusts I, Equity and Trusts II
Law Capstone Requirement
Disciplinary Electives

Free Electives

* subject to confirmation

PPA Electives (selected)

China and the World
Contemporary Southeast Asian Politics
Europe and the World
Data Science in PPA
International Development
International Relations of East Asia
Capitalism and Social Justice
Democratic Theory
Liberalism vs. Identity Politics
On the Ethics of Violence
Public Administration in Hong Kong
Managing People in Public Organizations
Web 3.0 for Social Impact: An Innovative and Experiential Venture
E-Government: Frameworks, Instruments, and Applications

Law Disciplinary Electives (selected)

AI and Private Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
Law, History and Culture
Topics in Technology Law
Financial Regulations and Compliance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Sports Law
Animal Law
Public International Law
Armed Conflict, Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
Law and Society in China
China Trade Law
Arbitration and Conflict of Laws in Greater China

"The HKU GLaws Programme has offered me an all-rounded and inspiring education. Backed by two faculties, GLawyers are encouraged to think across disciplines, conduct in-depth analyses, and be proactive to explore more."

CAROL CHAN | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB IV
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS (2023–2024),
GOVERNMENT AND LAWS COMMITTEE



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EXPLORE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE LISTS OF ELECTIVES
ON OFFER IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–2026

Experiential Learning, Research Opportunities

The GLaws education blends rigorous academic training with hands-on experiential learning.

Whether delving into cutting-edge political science research or tackling real-world legal cases, our education embodies the seamless integration of theory and practice. At GLaws, governance is not merely studied in textbooks—it's lived through hands-on experimentation and implementation.

Research Opportunities

Students enjoy abundant opportunities to engage in academic research. They can serve as research assistants to professors on projects exploring such topics as China's growing global influence and the intersection of law and AI; act as editors for academic journals; or undertake their own research projects under faculty supervision. HKU hosts numerous research institutes that offer research opportunities, including the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law and the Centre on Contemporary China and the World.

Clinical Legal Education

The Faculty of Law's Clinical Legal Education programme offers students the chance to handle real cases under the supervision of experienced duty lawyers. This immersive experience empowers students to apply legal principles to real-world issues while developing essential lawyering skills such as client interviewing.

Mooting Competitions

The Faculty of Law offers students ample opportunities to hone advocacy skills. They can compete in internal mooting events or represent HKU at prestigious international competitions, such as the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, showcasing their expertise on the global stage.

"The Programme is enriching, stimulating, and opens doors to diverse career paths. Among the many valuable things students learn is the ability to analyse the intricate dynamics between law and public administration. I have developed a keen interest in public law since university days and have benefited tremendously from the Programme in my current practice which has a public law element."

BONNIE CHENG, '07 | BARRISTER-AT-LAW, TEMPLE CHAMBERS
LLM, HARVARD UNIVERSITY
MSc IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND DIPLOMACY, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
BAR SCHOLAR



Doubled Exchange Options

As a student of both the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Faculty of Law, you gain access to an exceptional range of global exchange opportunities. These include prestigious institutions such as Oxford, Cambridge, Ivy League law schools, and Sciences Po, renowned for its political science faculty, to name just a few.

DUKE
Faculty of Law Exchange

COLUMBIA
HKU Worldwide Student Exchange

CORNELL
Faculty of Law Exchange

OXFORD
Faculty of Law Self-funded
Visiting Student Scheme

CAMBRIDGE
Faculty of Law Self-funded
Visiting Student Scheme

KCL
Faculty of Law Exchange

SCIENCES PO
Faculty of Social Sciences Exchange



"GLaws students benefit from the best of both worlds in exchange opportunities. They are eligible for the University-wide exchange programme and can also leverage the extensive institutional networks of both the Faculties of Social Sciences and Law. The flexibility of GLaws enables students to tailor their curriculum and pursue their academic interests at top-tier schools, without worrying about whether their course credits will be recognised."

ANFIELD TAM, '24 | LLM CANDIDATE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY



Programme Directors

Professor Hui LI is Director (Politics and Public Administration) and Assistant Professor at the Department of Politics and Public Administration. Her research focuses on public and nonprofit management, collaboration, civil society and governance, and civic engagement—issues that link nonprofits and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to the policy process.

Professor Peter CHAU, '06 is Director (Law) and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law. His research focuses on criminal law and sentencing, but he is interested in theoretical issues arising in many other branches of law as well. He teaches Criminal Law, Equity and Trusts, and Legal Theory.

Professor Trevor T. W. WAN, '22 is Director (Law) and Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law. His research harnesses interdisciplinary approaches drawn mainly from political science, among other fields, to study comparative constitutional and administrative law, law of coroners and inquests, and legal medicine.

Programme Directorate

GLaws is jointly hosted by the Department of Politics and Public Administration and Faculty of Law, and centrally administered by its Programme Directorate.

Its three Programme Directors—two of whom are GLaws alumni—are deeply committed to student success and bring extensive experience in curriculum planning, career development, and advanced studies. As students' primary point of contact, they ensure every student enjoys a transformative and enriching academic journey.



With a legacy dating back to 1937 as the Department of Economics and Political Science, the Department of Politics and Public Administration ranks among Asia's most prestigious political science departments.



Founded in 1969 as the Department of Law, the Faculty of Law is Hong Kong's oldest law school, distinguished for producing exceptional legal professionals, including the current Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal and the Secretary for Justice.

"GLaws is not a programme comprising discrete, unconnected individuals. We are a vibrant, tight-knit family where professors, alumni, and students unite in a shared mission: to champion your ambitions, fuel your growth, and empower you to thrive ethically."

TREVOR T. W. WAN, '22 | PROGRAMME DIRECTOR (LAW)



Our Students

At the heart of GLaws lies a vibrant community of students who champion, pursue, and redefine excellence. Bold visionaries in their own right, they are intellectually fearless and relentlessly curious, yet remain humble and collegial.

Guided by our experienced faculty, our students routinely dive into complex, real-world challenges with precision, groundbreaking innovation, and most importantly, an unshakable commitment to integrity. At GLaws, you will not just learn—you will learn to transform.

Collaboration fuels the GLaws spirit. Our students do not just co-exist; they inspire and uplift one another, creating a dynamic, inclusive environment that sparks collective brilliance. This is the essence of the GLaws family, where students, alumni, and faculty join forces to support professional growth.

Beyond the classroom, GLaws students shine as global trailblazers. The Government and Laws Committee, the Programme's official student body, hosts events with luminaries like former Heads of State and Chief Justices, and produces a prestigious journal cited by scholars worldwide. From representing Hong Kong at international conferences to authoring acclaimed books and advising governments, our students are unstoppable forces of impact.



"My interest in the interplay between law and society began while studying Classics in secondary school and is what drew me to GLaws. Within five years, GLaws allows me to explore my legal and political passions, while offering both thought-provoking theoretical discussions with esteemed professors and practical interdisciplinary experiences. This dual-faculty training equips me with a unique perspective on contemporary challenges, providing me with the foundations to later contribute to Hong Kong's future, ensuring its development is both progressive and grounded in its unique identity."

DABRIA CHU | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB II
IB 45 (2024)



"The GLaws Programme has made me increasingly proficient in comprehending problems that intertwine political science and public law. I am attracted to the specialist streams offered by the Department of Politics and Public Administration, which are tailored to students' interests in various public issues. In the study of International Relations, I have developed global perspectives that I can apply in my role as editor of Government and Laws Committee's various publications, as well as to the wide array of career options available to GLaws graduates. Without hesitation, I am confident that GLaws is and will be pertinent to both the legal and political spheres."

JENNY MA | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB III
DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS (2024-2025), GOVERNMENT
AND LAWS COMMITTEE

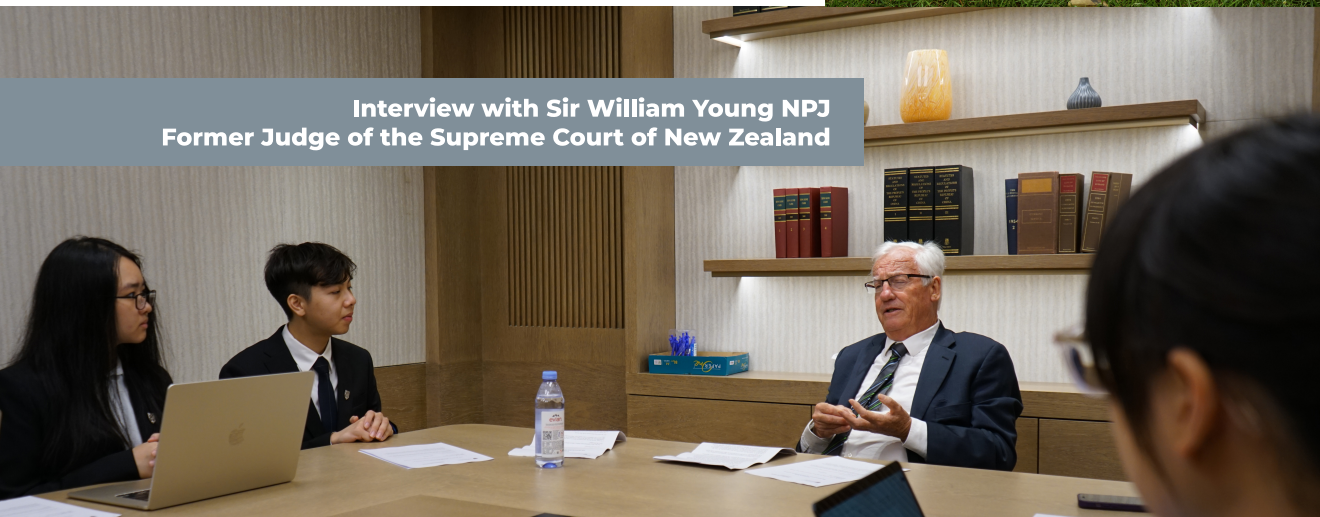


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Interview with Sir William Young NPJ Former Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand



Government and Laws Committee HKU (GLC) is the flagship student-led experiential learning initiative of GLaws.

Bringing together students, practitioners, and experts from all over the world, GLC promotes robust debates about cutting-edge legal and policy issues at both international and domestic levels. GLC has held numerous seminars featuring real-time discussions with the most prominent jurists and public servants across the globe, including a former Chief Justice of Canada, a former Chief Justice of Australia, a former President of the International Criminal Court, a former Vice President of the International Court of Justice, and a former Vice President of the European Court of Human Rights. As the sole official student community of GLaws, GLC has organised induction activities for 8 GLaws cohorts, together consisting of more than 400 freshers.

Since 2018, GLC has published over 1,200 pages of high-quality content on law and public affairs

in no fewer than 2 dozen issues of *Public Jurist*, the official student magazine of GLaws; and 3 volumes of *Hong Kong Journal of Public Affairs*, now recognised as a student-edited journal of the Faculty of Law by the Faculty's official Legal Scholarship Blog. Contributors to *Public Jurist* hail from world-leading universities such as Harvard, Cambridge, and the National University of Singapore, among many others.

Additionally, GLC publications feature interviews with pre-eminent leaders in law and public affairs, including Lord Hoffmann, Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal; Hon. Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of Canada; Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, former President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court; and Professor Pascal Lamy, former Director of the World Trade Organization.



"... the Government and Laws Committee, the flagship student body of GLaws, significantly enhances international exposure for GLawyers through its esteemed publication, *Public Jurist*. My involvement in the Committee has truly been irreplaceable, without which my journey at GLaws would be incomplete."

CARRSON PANG | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB III
PRESIDENT (2024-2025), GOVERNMENT AND LAWS
COMMITTEE

"... serving on the Government and Laws Committee provided me with unprecedented opportunities to engage with influential figures in law and public affairs globally, strengthening my ability to build collaborative networks to advance environmental justice both locally and internationally."

JACIE LEE | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB II
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION (2025-2026),
GOVERNMENT AND LAWS COMMITTEE

"More than a mere choice of academic discipline, the Programme and the Government and Laws Committee have given us invaluable opportunities to interact with academics, statesmen, and judges across the world. These experiences have equipped me with insight, courage, and empathy that continue to influence my actions. Above all, the study of two seemingly immutable societal forces tempers us with the conviction and resolve needed either to uphold society's institutions or to change them for the better."

JADEN SIT | BSOCSC (GOVT & LAWS) & LLB II
PRESIDENT (2025-2026), GOVERNMENT AND LAWS COMMITTEE

Admissions 2026



JUPAS ADMISSIONS (HKDSE) | JS6810

For the detailed timeline of the 2026 admissions exercise, please visit the official JUPAS website.

Local candidates applying with results from the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination are assessed based on the scores of their **best six subjects**. All elective subjects must be from Category A subjects. The minimum entrance requirements are outlined below.

Chinese Language	Level 4	English Language	Level 5
Mathematics	Level 3	Citizenship and Social Development	Attained
Elective Subject 1	Level 3	Elective Subject 2 (including M1 / M2)	Level 3

For applicants with more than one sitting of the HKDSE, only the best results from the 2025 and 2026 sittings will be considered.

Admissions Scores of JUPAS Applicants based on Best Six Subjects (2025)	39	37	36
	Upper Quartile	Median	Lower Quartile

There are **no** interviews for JUPAS applicants.

NON-JUPAS ADMISSIONS | NJ6810

Applications based on qualifications other than the HKDSE, including the International Baccalaureate (IB) and GCE A-level, will be assessed on individual merits, taking into account, among others, academic records, personal statements, and referees' reports. Shortlisted candidates **may** be invited for an interview.

40	IB (expected lower boundary)
3A*	GCE AL / International AL (expected lower boundary)



Detailed Admissions Standards for Non-JUPAS Qualifications

Date	Details
24 Sept 2025	Application opens
26 Nov 2025 (noon)	Application deadline for first-round evaluation
26 Nov 2025 onwards	Application considered on a rolling basis
3 Dec 2025	Deadline for predicted/ actual grades and supporting documents for first-round evaluation
8 Dec 2025 onwards	Announcement of first-round results
21 Aug 2025 (noon)	Application closes

Timeline for Non-JUPAS Admissions



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