Advising Information

Students from the University of Hawai‘i (UH) who accept an offer of admission from the University of British Columbia (UBC) for 2014 entry into the Joint Legal Education Program should review this information sheet and contact the Assistant Dean, Students Kaila Mikkelsen (mikkelsen@law.ubc.ca; Tel. 604.822.6350) with any questions about course requirements and advising.

Program of Study for Students beginning their law study at UH

UH students should have completed at UH at least four terms of full-time study with at least 60 credits including the “First Year Curriculum,” Constitutional Law I, Professional Responsibility, Second Year Seminar and 2 credits of skills or clinic courses. UH students are also required to complete 40 hours of pro bono work (volunteer service) at either UH or UBC.

First Year Course Requirements

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada (the “Federation”) requires that accredited JD programs provide students with knowledge of Canadian law and the Canadian legal system in a number of areas. Accordingly, UH students must take the following first year classes at UBC:

1. LAW 100 Constitutional Law (Term 1 & 2; 6 credits);
2. LAW 120 Criminal Law & Procedure (Term 1 & 2; 5 credits);
3. LAW 160 Public Law (Term 1 Only; 2 credits); and
4. LAW 180 Legal Research & Writing (Term 1 only; 2 credits) – UH students may be able to waive this requirement if they can show they have taken a legal research and writing course at UH where they have engaged with the types of legal research resources that reflect the Canadian context (i.e. precedent-based research).

The Federation also requires that students complete courses which demonstrate an understanding of the legal principles that apply to private relationships including contracts, torts and property law – a Canadian context is not required. UH students are expected to have completed courses in these subjects at UH, however, if they have not done so, they must take these first year courses at UBC.
**Upper Year Course Requirements**

UH students must also take the following upper year classes at UBC (note that an *asterisk denotes that Canadian content is required for courses as per the Federation’s guidelines):

**Federation required courses**

1. *LAW 210  Administrative Law (3 credits);
2. *LAW 468  Ethics and Professionalism (3 credits);
3. LAW 230 Business Organizations (3 or 4 credits) - *UH students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a course which covers legal and fiduciary concepts in commercial relationships as Canadian content is not required by the Federation.*

**UBC required courses**

4. LAW 290 Jurisprudence and Critical Theory (3 credits) - *UH students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar course at UH.*

5. UH students will also be required to complete a Seminar (which incorporates a substantial academic writing requirement) (4 credits). *UH students may be able to waive this course requirement if they can show they have taken a similar course at UH.*

**Course Registration Information**

UH students will be automatically enrolled in required first-year classes in August by Academic Services Staff. When registering for upper-year courses, UH students should ensure not to register in any course which has a timetable conflict with any of their first year courses. The Registration Guide and a listing of upper year courses available for 2014-2015 will be available online by early June 2014 at: [http://www.law.ubc.ca/current/jd/reg_timetables_exams.html](http://www.law.ubc.ca/current/jd/reg_timetables_exams.html). Admitted students will be able to register commencing in early July 2014 with UBC’s second year class.

UH Native Hawaiian students are welcome to participate in UBC’s Indigenous Legal Studies Program.

UBC requires a student to acquire a minimum of 92 credits of which 34 credits will be accepted from UH.

A full-time course load at UBC is 15 credits per term or 30 credits per winter session. Courses are also offered in the summer session and participation is optional. UH students are required to complete 58 credits over their two years at UBC of which 13 or 15 will be from first year courses (depending on whether a student must complete Law 180) and the remainder of the credits from upper year courses.