

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
FACULTY OF LAW**

**COMMON LAW MODULES FOR COURSEWORK LLM STUDENTS FROM CIVIL LAW BACKGROUNDS
MEMO ON EXEMPTIONS**

The Law Faculty offers two modules to assist graduate students with civil law backgrounds to understand the common law. Both modules are generally compulsory, however, students with sufficiently developed writing skills in English and/or sufficient experience of the common law may gain exemption from one or both modules.

1. LC5002 COMMON LAW REASONING AND WRITING

This is an 8 credit module designed to introduce students to the common law, with special emphasis on the way common lawyers reason and write. The module, which involves a number of writing assignments, is essential for anyone whose writing skills in English require further development.

Exemption Procedure:

A **compulsory diagnostic test** will be conducted on **Friday, 5 August 2011 at the Law Faculty**. The test will determine those students whose writing skills on a common law issue in English are sufficiently developed for them to be exempted from this module. The results will be announced on the first Common Law Reasoning and Writing class.

Students **will not** be allocated Common Law Reasoning & Writing at Module Registration. Students who do not pass the exemption test will be required to drop 8 credits of elective modules in order to add Common Law Reasoning & Writing during the Add/Drop period.

2. LC5003 COMMON LAW LEGAL SYSTEM OF SINGAPORE

This is a 4 credit module designed to introduce students to the common law as it functions in Singapore. The module introduces students to general concepts of common law reasoning, primarily via the principles of contract law.

This module may count towards the 24-credit specialization requirement for the LLM (Asian Legal Studies) Programme.

Exemption Procedure:

Students who have conducted advanced studies in the common law in English or who have sufficient work experience in English in a common law jurisdiction and who wish to be exempted from this module may submit applications for exemption, supported by evidence of relevant experience. All applications must be received by the Faculty (at lawgrad@nus.edu.sg) **by Friday, 5 August 2011**. Applicants will be informed at the earliest opportunity of the outcome of such applications for exemption.

Students **will** be allocated Common Law Legal System of Singapore at Module Registration. Students who are subsequently granted exemption will be required to choose one 4-credit elective module to replace the Common Law Legal System of Singapore during the Add/Drop period.