

ATC – THE LOGICAL CHOICE FOR THE CLP

Too often we hear the cries of fresh law graduates that the Certificate in Legal Practice (CLP) examination is tough and that it seems to be a near impossible task to pass the exam. So often has it been heard that many students have been defeated psychologically even before attempting the exam. ATC has always believed that success in the CLP, is very achievable given the right support and tutoring.

Once again ATC has proven that the technique in which it teaches the CLP programme is a successful one. In the July 2011 exam sitting, ATC has managed to obtain an average 70% pass rate inclusive of conditional passes.

This is in continuing its proud tradition of stellar pass rates. In the the past 4 years beginning 2008 July sitting, ATC has maintained an average of a 70% pass rate. Pass rates such as this simply indicate that the faculty at ATC has discovered the elusive secret of success in the CLP examinations. ATC students grabbed 4 out of the 5 top subject awards in 2010 and in 2011 two awards found their way into the hands of ATC students.

As with other professional and practical examination, the exam questions cannot be conveniently categorised into clearly defined subject matter areas. The syllabus may be grouped into 5 papers, but it is observed that these papers are not mutually exclusive. The candidate is expected to be able to draw upon his knowledge of the whole syllabus and apply it as the question requires.

It may seem an impossible exam to pass although it certainly tests the skills a legal practitioner needs to remain competitive – advanced communication skills, keen problem-solving skills, independent and lateral thinking, and mental endurance (ability to stay focused, multi-task and handle stress).

At ATC the faculty understands that studying for the CLP is very different from the LLB and requires a holistic approach. ATC's CLP programme is specifically designed with this in mind.

ATC provides comprehensive study material comprises lecture notes, tutorial activities, revision charts, past year Q&A, and are written by practitioner-lecturers. These practitioners bring that vital element of real-life experience that the examiners are looking for. ATC ensures at least 2 lecturers per subject and limit the number of students per class to maintain a healthy student-lecturer ratio.

ATC includes extra-curricular activities such as practical learning excursions and legal skills training focusing on advocacy, drafting, research, negotiation and communication skills. Whilst such activities are not strictly examinable, it complements the CLP course by putting the theories learnt in the classroom into perspective. It also gives the ATC-CLP student, the extra edge in a very competitive environment.

We work closely with industry professionals to offer attachment, chambering and job placement opportunities. Our graduates are highly sought after in the industry. Many of the top legal firms in the country sponsor students on our CLP programme and eagerly snap them up as soon as they graduate.

ATC also has an enviable full-time CLP faculty comprising a healthy mix of practitioners and academics. This is important as the well prepared student requires knowledge of the practical elements of the law. The faculty is led by **Mr. Joseph Low**, an esteemed academic and a well loved figure in private legal education especially on the CLP programme.

A full-time ATC-CLP student has up to 30 hours of lectures-tutorials per week excluding extra-curricular activities. The full-time programme costs only RM 6000 and is inclusive of the CLP series textbooks (some of which are authored by ATC lecturers and published by Malayan Law Journal), statute books, comprehensive study materials, exam oriented revision charts and ATC's renowned intensive revision programme that runs for 10 weeks.

ATC is currently having several rebates and scholarship schemes for students who are interested in joining us on the CLP programme. Visit www.atc2u.com for more information or email daniel@atc2u.com should you have any enquiries.