
LL. M. Program

The LL.M. (Master of Laws) Program in Chinese Law is a graduate law program offered by the KoGuan Law School of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in China. The program has a focus on Chinese civil and commercial law and offers foreign law students and legal professionals an excellent opportunity to study Chinese law and legal process and engage in Chinese and comparative law research.

The two-year program is similar to the Master of Laws program offered to Chinese students and contains one year school curriculum and one year independent research and thesis writing. All of the LL.M. courses (see the Curriculum) are taught in English and specifically tailored for international students. The courses will be taught not only by our regular faculty but also experts from public and private practice. An academic advisor will be assigned to each student to supervise his/her research and LL.M. thesis writing. We encourage students to write publishable thesis.

To suit the different needs of various students, our program is designed with flexibility. Students who plan to stay one semester may choose to take a minimum 14 credit hours program and get a certificate. Students who have taken a 14 credit hour program may return to complete another 12 credit hour program within two years and get a graduate diploma. Students who get a graduate diploma may apply to write a LL.M. thesis within two years to get the LL.M. degree. The LL.M. Program runs from August through June.

The LL.M. Program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate course work. For a list of the courses offered for LL.M. students, please see Curriculum in English. Currently, a total of nine to ten courses are offered for each semester subject to the

availability of the teaching staff.

Curriculum in English

Basic Courses:

Chinese Law and Society (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Constitutional Law (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Administrative Law (Fall, 1 credit, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Contract Law in China (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Criminal & Criminal Procedural Law (Fall, 3 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Property Law (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Tort Law (2 credits, LL.M. course and S.J.D. , not offered now)

Commercial & Economic Law:

Chinese Competition Law (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Company Law (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese and Comparative Financial Law (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Foreign Investment Law (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Foreign Trade Law (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Intellectual Property Law (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Securities Law (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Tax Law (Spring, 1 credit, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

International and Foreign Law:

Public International Law (Spring, 3 credits, undergraduate course)

Private International Law (Spring, 3 credits, undergraduate course)

International Economic Law (Fall, 3 credits, undergraduate course)

International Commercial Arbitration in China (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

International Humanitarian Law (Spring, 2 credits, open to all law students)

Chinese Practice of International Law (Fall, 1 credit, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Seminar on Foreign Law (Fall, 3 credits, undergraduate course)

Miscellaneous Law Courses:

Chinese Environmental Law (Spring, 1 credit, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Chinese Human Rights and Labor Issues (Fall, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Law and Development: Chinese Experiences (Spring, 2 credits, LL.M. and S.J.D. course)

Advanced legal research workshop (1 credit, LL.M. course, not offered now)

Other Courses:

Chinese Language*

Introduction to Chinese Culture*

(* Required courses for foreign graduate students in SJTU.)