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- The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in Chinese Law at Peking University

Overview of the Program

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in Chinese Law is a graduate law program offered by Peking University Law School, focusing on Chinese civil and commercial law. The language of instruction is English.

Peking University is a pre-eminent university in China, well-known for her long history, rich culture, distinguished alumni, enlightened education policies and exciting campus life. Established in 1904, the Law School has become a leading institution for legal education and a potent force for legal development in China. The Law School frequently cooperates with the government, law firms and the business community in the development of cutting-edge legal, social and commercial policies. The Law School also has many international connections and partnership programs with leading universities and legal institutions. PKU Law School is ranked 23rd globally in QS 2019 for law, 4th in Asia.

With China's rapid economic growth and growing presence on the world stage, the knowledge of Chinese law has become an essential resource for international students and legal professionals engaged with China. Peking University Law School established the LL.M. Program in Chinese Law to address the needs of the international community in seeking a comprehensive and systematic understanding of Chinese law from a first-class legal institution.

This program provides intensive instruction in Chinese law. Leading faculty members will offer Chinese law courses specifically designed for international students. The teaching will be comprised of both lectures and small-group seminars. In addition, Peking University regularly attracts top scholars and practitioners in Chinese law and students will have first-hand access to such distinguished presenters. There are also optional subjects in non-law areas such as politics, economy and society to facilitate students' understanding of China's culture. Moreover, courses on Mandarin Chinese are available for the improvement of language skills and adaption to local life.

The LL.M. Program offers students opportunities to visit top law firms and other legal institutions, such as the Supreme People's Court of China, the Intellectual Property Court, and the law enforcement authorities in China, with a hope to avail them with a better comprehension of the Chinese legal system and its cultural underpinnings. The program office also offers assistance to students in seeking internship opportunities at top law firms. Through the program, students can establish a solid foundation for their career

development relating to China.

This degree is an equivalent of Master of Laws degree currently offered to Chinese students. No more than 30 students will be admitted into this program in the year of 2020. The mode of attendance is full-time in one year. Academic faculty advisors will be assigned to each student for his/her study and degree thesis. Chinese student partners in Peking University Law School are also available to offer help.

Course List

Fall Semester

Chinese Civil Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Company Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Judicial System (Credit Unit: 2)
Legal Chinese (Credit Unit: 2)
Elementary Chinese (Credit Unit: 4)
Fieldwork (Credit Unit: 1)

Spring Semester

Chinese Foreign Investment Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Intellectual Property Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Civil Procedure and Arbitration Law (Credit Unit: 3)
Chinese Contract Law (Credit Unit: 2)
Chinese Economic Law (Credit Unit: 3)
International Law as Applied in China: Theory and Practice (Credit Unit: 2)
Commercial Law and Regulatory Issues in China's Economic
Development (Credit Unit: 2)
Fieldwork (Credit Unit: 1)

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Quotes from Alumni

Shinsuke Yakura (LL.M., 2008)

Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP



I had studied in the U.S., U.K., as well as Japan before came to Peking University. With the wonderful track record of making a difference and engaging with the world, PKU Law School didn't disappoint me. Many of the teachers there have lived and studied overseas, so they had a good understanding of what I wanted to get out of my time at Beijing. They were also very helpful and generous with their time. Moreover, classmates from many different countries and backgrounds formed a diverse and cosmopolitan study body within a supportive environment. One of the many advantages I gained during my time there was the new friendships and professional contacts I made.

In addition to academic courses, the generic research and transferable skills also enhanced my future career opportunity. The internship I did at local law firms in Beijing prepared and benefited me a lot for the China related practice. The investment in both time and money that I made in doing the LL.M. at Peking University has already been repaid to me many times over. The LL.M. program has not only opened many professional doors for me, perhaps more importantly it has resulted in binding friendships and relationships that I truly value and which I am sure will continue to grow and deepen over the rest of my life.

Jane Jie Sun (LL.M., 2010)

CEO, Ctrip.com International, Ltd.



Beijing is the political center of China, as well as a gateway to the world. It is an international city attracting transnational professionals while sending many of its best and brightest abroad. It is a vibrant territory where entrepreneurs link China with the rest of the world. It is definitely the ideal location to study Chinese Law. I enjoyed the LL.M. program at Peking University Law School since it laid a really solid foundation on Chinese Law and gave me the tools I needed to succeed. The LL.M. program gave me the opportunity to meet extremely talented people from different backgrounds. The diverse range of courses taught by truly passionate and highly

skilled professors also allowed me to develop both a practical and business oriented view of the law.

In today's global economy, understanding and appreciating other legal systems is essential. I gained a comprehensive overview of the law with a notable focus on China and international business market. As a result, it enabled me to be a good bridge between China and the rest of the world. I appreciate the passion and enthusiasm of the professors, staffs and students. Peking University Law School has equipped me well for being a CFO and CEO of Ctrip. I hope all the students will find that the LL.M program strengthens their understanding of the legal system in China, which represents the fastest growing economy in the world.

Gavin Denton (LL.M., 2011)
Founder & Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers Hong Kong



Taking the LL.M. at Peking University was one of the most important decisions I ever made in terms of my personal life and my career. While I had to give up full-time work for a year and invest time in writing my thesis, that investment it is already starting to pay huge dividends in terms of my practice as an international arbitrator. There are very few western trained lawyers with any genuine understanding of Chinese law, history and culture and by spending two years in China, I was fortunate enough to begin to gain an understanding of China's past and to learn about the development of law and the increasingly important role that law will play in shaping China's future.

As an international arbitrator dealing mainly with Chinese related disputes, the LL.M. has been invaluable both in terms of providing me with a solid foundation in Chinese law, but also in developing a network of leading Chinese academics and practitioners that I can call upon to discuss issues of Chinese law when I need to. Besides the obvious academic benefits of the LL.M. program, spending time in Beijing provided me with the opportunity to learn more about China's history, culture and its people. Trying to develop an understanding of Chinese law without the necessary context provided by these other fundamental aspects of Chinese society would be almost impossible. And such context can really only be understood and appreciated by spending time in China. To those of you considering doing the LL.M. at Peking University, I wholeheartedly recommend the course to you and wish you all much success in the future.

Jordan Gifford-Moore (Exchange Student, 2014)
2017 Rhodes Scholar



I had an incredible time at PKU Law School. The Professors have a deep knowledge of the legal system and the body of international students were able to provide interesting comparative perspectives from their home countries. I was also grateful for the chance to learn from the local PKU law students, who were all very welcoming and interesting to meet with. I learned a great deal about the practical aspects of Chinese law, including administrative, civil, constitutional, and corporate law. At the same time, I made many lifelong friends among the local PKU student body and my international student classmates of the LL.M. Program.

Also, one of my favourite aspects of attending PKU was the global nature of the university. I found that PKU acted as a hub for international speakers, conferences, events, ideas, and opportunities. Being such a highly regarded institution, PKU is able to provide a genuinely unique experience for its students, which I am very grateful to have enjoyed.

Credit and Thesis Requirements

Students are required to enrol in a minimum of 36 credits including all compulsory courses and pass all course examinations.

In order to obtain the LL.M. degree, students must complete the master's thesis relating to Chinese law and pass the thesis defence. A master's thesis shall be 12,000 words or more, and be written in Chinese or English. A thesis that is written in English shall include a summary in Chinese of about 3,000 Chinese characters.

After approved by the Peking University Degree Committee, the students can receive the LL.M. Program's graduation certificate and the degree certificate for the Master of Laws.

Timetable

Fall semester	
Registration for LLM Students	Early September
Classes begin	Early September
National Day Holidays	1 October
Dissertation Advisor Determination Deadline	Late October
Dissertation Proposal Submission Deadline	Late November
Exam Period	Late December
Winter Vacation	
Spring Semester	
Classes begin	February
Deadline for Submitting Dissertation for Anonymous Review	15 March
Labor Day vacation	1 May
Exam Period	Late May
Oral Defence for Degree Theses	1 June
Graduation Ceremony of PKU	Early July

Scholarship Coverage

1. Registration fees, tuition fees, laboratory experiment fees, internship fees, and fees for printed learning materials.
2. On-campus accommodation.
3. Monthly living Allowance.
4. One-off settlement subsidy after registration.
5. Comprehensive medical insurance.
6. International round-trip tickets.

Note: The International round-trip tickets are a one-way air ticket to China upon registration and a one-way air ticket back from China to the student's home country after completion of the study in economy class.

Qualifications

Qualifications for an eligible applicant include:

1. Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens, under the age of 45 on the date of registration, healthy both physically and mentally;
2. Having obtained a B.A. or higher degree, and having at least 3 years' work experience; having had some educational or professional experience in a field relative to that of the program applied for;
3. Working in a government agency, company or research institute, and being a Section Director or Chief of Office, a senior manager, or strong in scientific researches;
4. With good English language proficiency, being able to follow English-taught courses well (80 in TOEFL IBT, 6.0 in IELTS or above);
5. Having a strong development potential in his/her career, and willing to promote the mutual cooperation and exchanges between China and his/her home country;
6. Being used to study in China or being admitted by other Chinese Government Scholarships is not applicable to this program.

Note: More details about each program can be found in the corresponding university's recruitment prospectus.

Application Documents

An applicant should submit the scanned copies of the following documents and also mail them to the program office:

1. Application form for YES CHINA Program with a 2-inch photo and the applicant's signature. Please log in <http://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login> to submit online application and print out the form. (Note: The institution code for Peking University is 10001.)
2. Peking University Application Form (Master and Ph.D. Programs), which must be filled and submitted online via the following link <http://www.studyatpku.com/>.
***You should also print out a hard copy, stick your photo and send it to us by mail, together with other materials.**
3. Personal statement of research (A minimum of 500 words in English).
4. Copies of bachelor's degree certificate(s) and academic transcript(s).
5. Two recommendation letters from the applicant's employers and/or professors.

Telephone numbers and email addresses of the referees must be included in the letters.

6. Certificate of Employment.

7. English proficiency certificates.

8. Copy of the passport page of personal information (passport type must be ordinary).

Note: Scanned copies of the documents will be sufficient during the application period. Originals or verified copies will be required upon enrollment at the universities. All documents should be in Chinese or English and originals or notarized copies. All documents are not retrievable.

Deadline for Application

The deadline for application is Mar. 31, 2020. All hard copy application materials should reach the program office before the deadline.

Admission Notification

1. Application documents will be reviewed by Admission Committee, and outstanding applicants will be selected.
2. Each applicant can be supported by the scholarship for one program only.
3. The universities will send the Admission Letter and Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW201) to the scholarship winners.
4. If a successful applicant fails to register for the programs before the deadline, the entitlement to the scholarship will be cancelled.

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