

PEKING UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

THE MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM
IN CHINESE LAW

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AN OVERVIEW OF THE LL.M. 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 21st globally at QS 2016 for law, 3rd 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 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 skill and adaption to local residence.

The LL.M. Program offers students opportunities to visit top law firms and other legal institutions, such as the Supreme Court of China, the Intellectual Property Court, 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. The study duration of the program is 1-2 year. No more than 30 students will be admitted into this program in the year of 2017. Academic faculty advisors will be assigned to each student for his or her study and degree thesis. Chinese student partners in Peking University Law School are also available to offer help.

COURSE LIST



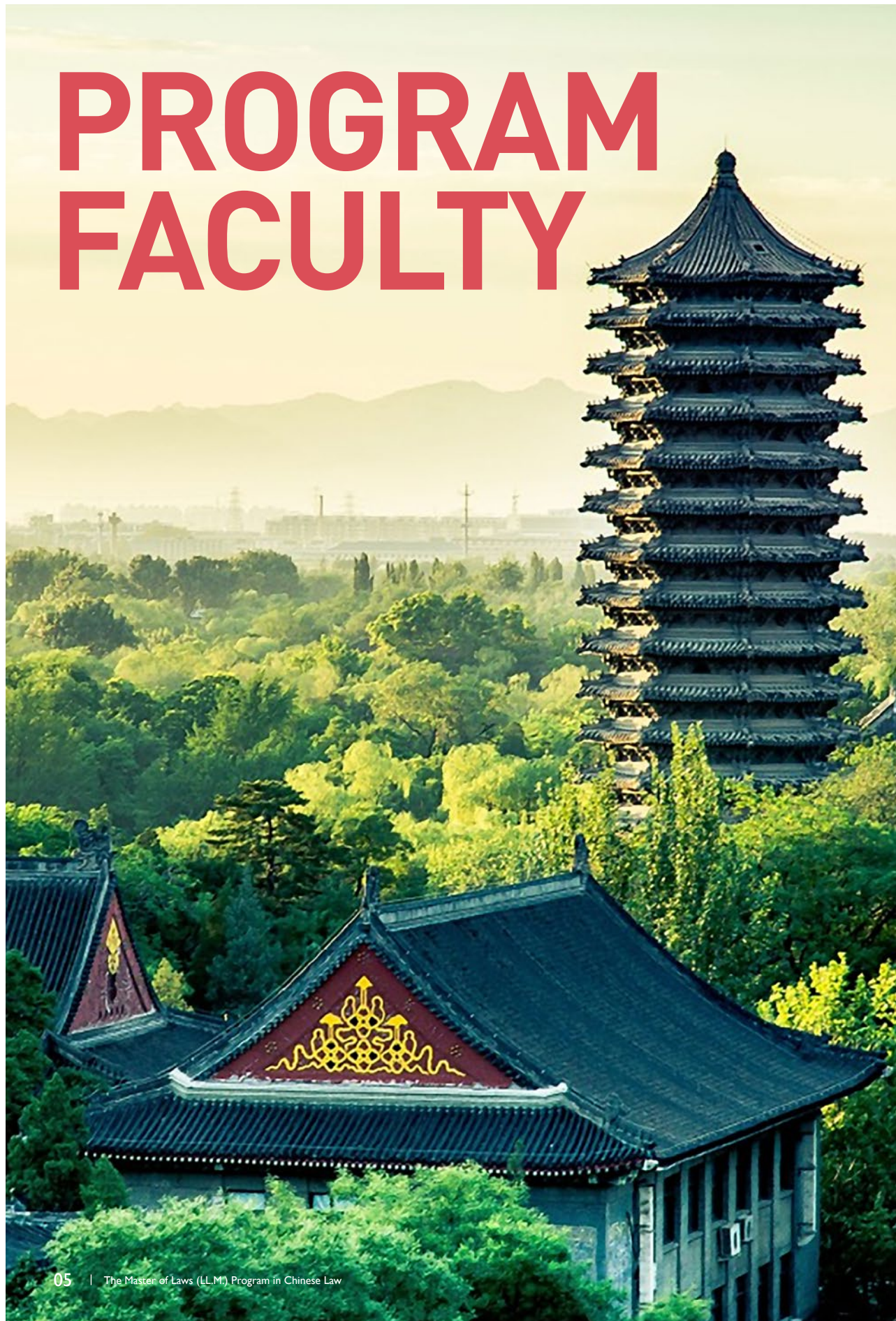
Fall Semester

Chinese Civil Law	3 credits
Chinese Company Law	3 credits
Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law	3 credits
Chinese Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure	3 credits
Chinese Judicial System	2 credits
Legal Chinese	2 credits
Elementary Chinese	4 credits
Fieldwork	1 credit

Spring Semester

Chinese Foreign Investment Law	3 credits
Chinese Intellectual Property Law	3 credits
Chinese Civil Procedure and Arbitration Law	3 credits
Chinese Contract Law	2 credits
Chinese Economic Law	3 credits
International Law as Applied in China: Theory and Practice	2 credits
Fieldwork	1 credit

PROGRAM FACULTY



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QUOTE FROM PROGRAM 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.



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.

THE COHORT OF STUDENTS



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 8,000 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.



ROOM AND BOARD

Students should pay for their own accommodation and living expenses. Peking University Law School could assist the students to arrange their accommodation managed by Peking University.

TUITION

The tuition for this program is RMB 160,000. Students should pay RMB 160,000 in the fall semester before registration. The tuition should be paid in full in RMB.





SCHOLARSHIP

Merit-based scholarships are available (ranging from thousands of RMB to that covering tuition plus stipend):

- 1. Scholarship for Youth of Excellence Scheme of China (YES-China)
- 2. Chinese Government Scholarship
- 3. Beijing Government Scholarship
- 4. PKU Law International Student Scholarship

TIMETABLE

(Drawn in accordance with the Academic Calendar of the year 2016-2017, subject to some minor changes for the year 2017-2018)

Fall semester		
Registration for LLM Students		3 Sept.
Orientation Week for LLM Students		5 Sept.-9 Sept.
Classes begin		12 Sept.
Mid-Autumn Day Holiday		15 Sept.
National Day Holidays		1 - 7 Oct.
Dissertation Advisor Determination Deadline*		16 Oct.
Dissertation Proposal Submission Deadline*		13 Nov.
Exam Period		19-21 Dec.
Winter Vacation		22 Dec.- 19 Feb.
Spring Semester		
Classes begin		20 Feb.
Deadline for Submitting Dissertation for Anonymous Review*		15 Mar.
Labor Day vacation		1-May
Reading Week		22-26 May
Exam Period		29 May -2 Jun.
Oral Defence for Degree Thesis*		6 Jun.
Graduation Ceremony of Law school*		In late June
Graduation Ceremony of PKU*		5 Jul.
*For one year program students.		

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

This program is open only to non-Chinese-nationals and permanent residents of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan, under the age of 40 on the date of application.

Applicants must (1) have a first law degree (J.D., LL.B. or the equivalent) from a law school, or (2) a Bachelor's degree plus substantial law-related working experience.

All applicants who are not native English speakers or who did not have a postsecondary education entirely conducted in English language must take the TOEFL or IELTS examination. The Program requires a minimum score of 90 in TOEFL IBT, or 6.5 in IELTS with 6.5 in IELTS writing.

A health certificate is required before registration.



APPLICATION

Application Materials

An applicant should submit the following materials. All documents should be written in English or accompanied by a notarized English translation.

(1) Peking University Application Form (Master and Ph.D. Programs), which must be filled and submitted online via the following link

a. Non-Chinese-nationals: www.studyatpku.com.

b. Permanent residents of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan: <https://admission.pku.edu.cn/waiwang/index/bmxxlb.jsp>

You should also print out a hard copy and stick your photo and send it to us by mail, together with other materials.

(2) An official certificate of your highest education (For degrees to be expected upon application to this program, you should provide an official letter stating the expected graduation date) and higher education after secondary school;

(3) Official transcripts of postsecondary school training (original);

(4) Two letters of recommendation, at least one by your professor from the academy (e.g.: could have two from

professors or one from a professor and the other from your boss or someone who knows you well, originals with letterhead paper and authentic signature);

(5) A personal statement (about 800 words);

(6) A Resume or CV (with coloured photo, stating your level of Chinese and may attach proof);

(7) One photocopy of results of TOEFL or IELTS examination; and

(8) One photocopy of valid passport (Passport type must be ordinary);

(*None of the above application documents will be returned)

Deadline for Application

The deadline for application is Mar.31, 2017. All hard copy application materials should reach the program office before the deadline.

Admission Decisions

Official admission letters will be sent out by the end of June, 2017.

