



PKU 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, best 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 joins forces with the government, law firms and business community in the development of cutting edge legal, social and commercial policies. The Law School also has many international links and partnership programs with leading universities and legal institutions around the world.

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 an international community seeking a comprehensive and systematic understanding of Chinese law from a first-rate legal institution.

This program provides an intensive

instruction in Chinese law. Leading faculty members will offer Chinese law courses specially designed for international students. Teaching will comprise 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 assistance to students in seeking internship opportunities at top law firms and other legal institutions in China, with a hope to avail them with a better comprehension of the Chinese legal system and its cultural underpinnings. 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 40 students will be admitted into this program in the year of 2014. 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)
General Information of China	(Credit Unit: 2)
Elementary Chinese (1)	(Credit Unit: 2)

### 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)
Chinese Family Law	(Credit Unit: 2)
International Law as Applied in China: Theory and Practice	(Credit Unit: 2)
Elementary Chinese (2)	(Credit Unit: 2)
Fieldwork	(Credit Unit: 2)

## Program Faculty



### Bai Guimei

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Assistant Professor; LL.B., Peking University (1999); M.Juris, Oxford University (2000); LL.M (2005) and J.S.D. (2010), The University of Chicago Law School; John. M. Olin Fellow in the Law and Economics Program; Visiting Lecturer and Visiting Assistant Professor, The University of Chicago Law School;

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Law School Professor; LL.B., Ph.D. in Law, Peking University; LL.M., Harvard Law School; LL.M., Southern Methodist University School of Law; Visiting Professor, Cornell Law School; Visiting Scholar, Vanderbilt Law School; Research Fellow, German Humboldt Foundation;

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Professor & Vice Dean of Peking University Law School.

LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D. in Law, Peking University; Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, April-June of 1998; Visiting Scholar, Georgetown Law Center, January-June of 2002.

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Law School Professor; LL.B, LL.M, Ph.D. in Law, Peking University; Visiting Research, Nagoya University School of Law; Visiting Scholar based on The International Visitor Leadership Program; Senior Visiting Scholar (Fullbright Program);

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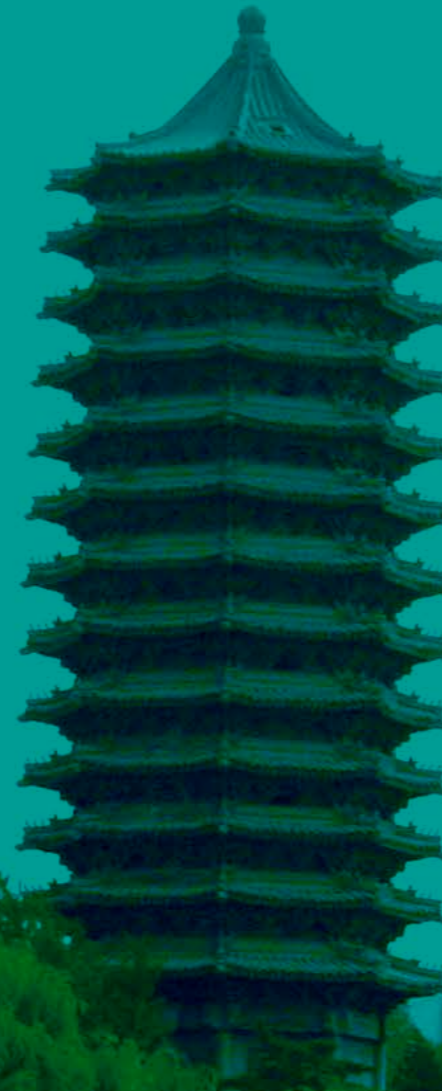
## Quote from Program Alumni



**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.



**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.

## Credit and Thesis Requirements

Students are required to enrol in a minimum of 36 credits including all required 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 an abstract in Chinese.

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.

## Tuition

The tuition for the whole program is 160,000 RMB.

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



## 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.

## Scholarship

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

1. PKU Law International Student Scholarship
2. Beijing Government Scholarship
3. Chinese Government Scholarship



## Timetable

(Drawn in accordance with the Academic Calendar of the year 2013-2014, subject to some minor changes for the year 2014-2015)

### Fall semester

Registration for LLM Students	31 Aug.
Orientation Week for LLM Students	2 Sept.-8Sept.
Classes begin	9 Sept.
Mid-Autumn Day Holiday	19 Sept.
National Day Holidays	30 Sept.- 6 Oct.
Dissertation Proposal Submission Deadline	15 Nov.
Exam Period	16-22 Dec.
Winter Vacation	23 Dec.- 17 Feb.

### Spring Semester

Classes begin	17 Feb.
Dissertation Draft Review	15 April
Labor Day vacation	1 May
Deadline for Submitting Dissertation for Anonymous Review	20 May
Reading Week	19-23May
Exam Period	26 -30 May
Oral defence for Degree Theses	10 Jun.
Graduation Ceremony	20 Jun.



## Eligibility 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 92 in TOEFL IBT, or 6.5 in IELTS with 7.0 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 for International Students (Master and Ph.D. Programs), which must be filled and submitted online via the following link [www.studyatpku.com](http://www.studyatpku.com). You should also print out a hard copy and stick your photo and send it to us by mail, together with other materials.
- (2) A personal statement (about 800 words);
- (3) Official transcripts of postsecondary school training (original);
- (4) 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.);
- (5) Two letters of recommendation by professors or associate professors (originals);

- (6) One photocopy of results of TOEFL or IELTS examination; and
- (7) One photocopy of valid passport (Passport type must be ordinary);

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

### Application Fee

RMB 800 (Non-refundable) shall be paid online via the following link [www.studyatpku.com](http://www.studyatpku.com)

### Deadline for Application

The deadline for application is March 27, 2014. All application materials should reach the program office before the deadline.

### Admission Decisions

Official admission letters will be sent out by the end of June, 2014.

