

**English Teaching Programs:
Master/PhD of International Law
&
Master/PhD of Comparative Law (Chinese Law
direction)**

Programs Overview

The China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) is a “Project 211” university—a government honor bestowed upon China’s finest institutions of higher education. CUPL is well known for legal academics and also enjoys a distinguished reputation in arts, history, philosophy, economics, management, and education. Under the supervision of the State Ministry of Education (MOE), CUPL is located in Beijing on two campuses: the Xueyuan Lu campus in Haidian District and the Fuxue Lu campus in Changping District.

There are altogether 20 departments under the university and over 15374 students with a teaching staff of more than 900 members, including 248 professors/associate professors, 167 doctorate tutors and 602 master tutors.

CUPL comprises 19 schools and departments and 15 university-level research institutes. CUPL currently offers 18 majors for undergraduates, 68 academic master degree programs, 3 professional master degree programs, 27 doctoral programs, and 2 post-doctoral research centers.

Our University always attaches importance to domestic and international communication and has established international cooperation with 161 distinguished universities and institutions in 39 countries.

Due to the unprecedented process of globalization, knowledge of Chinese law is becoming a necessary instrument for those who have business, cultural, academic and political encounters with China. CUPL, one of the most highly rated academic legal institutions in China, understands the difficulties for many foreign students and legal professionals to study Chinese law in Chinese language, as well as those students and professionals’ desire to acquire a basic knowledge of Chinese law. Accordingly our institution offers English-taught LLM and PhD programs in Chinese law. The programs were formally launched in September 2006 and students can join the programs twice a year in the Fall Semester or Spring Semester respectively. Presently, the programs are offered and managed by the Faculty of International Law, CUPL.

The Master of Law Program (LL.M. Program) in Comparative Law with a Chinese Law at CUPL, Beijing, China is one of the first formal legal educational programs at the graduate level in China that is specially designed for international students. This LL.M. Program does not only provide all courses and materials in English, but also provides the unique opportunity to get inside views of the Chinese legal system and the society through close contacts with Chinese students, legal professionals and common people. Presently, this program is offered and managed by School of International Studies, CUPL.

The relevant information on the Programs is set out below.

1. Master of International Law

The LL.M program includes three specific research fields, i.e. LL.M in Chinese and Comparative Law, LL.M in International Law. Students are able to pursue their interests in either commercial law or general comparative law by choosing different courses offered within the program.

The purpose of the program is to provide advanced and practical knowledge of Chinese law to students & practitioners across the world, who feels more comfortable with using English as a medium of study. Promoting further, wider legal exchange and co-operation between CUPL and foreign students or practitioners is also one of the major concerns of the program.

Admission Requirements

The program is open only to foreign nationals. Anyone with a formal undergraduate degree as recognized by the Ministry of Education of China is welcome to apply for admission. An undergraduate degree in law is, however, an advantage.

Period of Study

The program is normally for two years. Please see next section on the courses offered and credits awarded to each course for detail.

Curriculum and Credits Awarded

A LL.M candidate must obtain a minimum of 26 credits to fulfill the requirements for the award of the LL.M in International Law (English Mode). Students can obtain credits by attending lectures or seminars and writing research papers as directed by their supervisor. The credits for each course offered by the program are set out as follows:

Courses Arrangement

Type of Course	NO.	Course Name	Credits	Credit Hours
Compulsory Courses (12 credits)	1	Introduction to Chinese Law	2	36
	2	Legal Research and Writing	2	36
	3	International Trade Law	2	36
	4	International Investment Law	2	36

	5	Public International Law	2	36
	6	Private International Law	2	36
Optional Courses	1	Human Rights in China	2	36
	2	Foreign Trade Law of China	2	36
	3	Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures	2	36
	4	Civil Law and Civil Procedures	2	36
	5	Company Law of China	2	36
	6	Intellectual Property Law of China	2	36
	7	International Law and Chinese Practices	2	36
	8	China and the Law of WTO	2	36
	9	Arbitration Law of China	2	36
	10	Maritime Law of China	2	36
	11	Securities Law of China	2	36
	12	Competition Law of China	2	36
	13	Commercial Laws of Mainland China and Hong Kong in Comparison	2	36
	14	Chinese Labor Law	2	36
	15	Introduction to the American Legal System	2	36
	16	International Capital Markets	2	36
	17	International Business Transactions	2	36
	18	Family Law of China	2	36
	19	Chinese Legal Culture	2	36
	20	Tax Law	2	36
	21	International Air Law	2	36

Note: Optional courses offered each term may be adjusted depending on the availability of lecturers.

Students may obtain credits by writing study reports and research papers. During the course of study, each student must complete at least two study reports and two annual research papers (each carries 1 credit). Students may also attend prescribed public seminars and be accredited for doing so.

The staff of the Overseas Development Office, Faculty of International Law, will provide advice to each candidate on how to organize his or her study plan.

Dissertation and Supervision

A LL.M candidate must submit a dissertation of about 30,000 words in length to fulfill the requirements for the LL.M degree. Only those candidates who have acquired minimum credits for graduation and defended their LL.M dissertations successfully in front of an examination panel of three members are eligible for the award of LL.M in International Law. A LL.M candidate will be assigned a supervisor during the course of his/her study who is responsible for guiding the candidate's researches and dissertations.

Cost of Study

The total cost of the LLM is RMB87,000, covering the minimum courses (or equivalents) for 26 credits and a LLM dissertation.

2. PhD of International Law

The program is formally known as PhD in International Law, majoring in International and Comparative Law. The program welcomes research proposals in a wide range of research areas, such as international law, comparative law, commercial law, human rights law, maritime law, law of WTO, law of the seas, international environmental law.

The purpose of the program is to provide advanced academic trainings to candidates who feel more comfortable in using English as a medium of study. Promoting advanced and high leveled legal exchange and co-operation between CUPL and foreign students and academics is also one of the major concerns of the program.

Admission Requirements

The program is open only to foreign nationals. The applicant must possess a formal master degree recognized by the Ministry of Education of China, and demonstrate an ability to pursue independent academic research in the area of study as proposed by him/her. Due consideration will be given to the relevance between the applicant's educational backgrounds and working experiences on one hand, and the proposed research area on the other.

Period of Study

A PhD degree normally takes about three years to complete. An extension of time may be available upon the request by the relevant candidate, and the maximum period of study is six years from the date of admission. In case of extension, an extension fee as determined by the program shall apply.

Curriculum and Credits Awarded

A PhD candidate must obtain a minimum of 16 credits to fulfill the requirements for the award of the PhD degree. A candidate may obtain credits by attending designated courses and writing research papers as directed by his/her supervisor. The courses offered to PhD students are set out as follows:

Courses Arrangement

NO.	Course Name	Credits	Credit Hours
1	Introduction to Chinese Law (compulsory)	2	36
2	Legal Research and Writing (compulsory)	2	36
3	International Trade Law (compulsory)	2	36
4	International Investment Law (compulsory)	2	36
5	Public International Law (compulsory)	2	36

Additionally, a PhD student may follow one special course as designated or offered by

supervisor. Each course may carry 2-3 credits depending on actual contact hours (36 or 54 contact hours).

A PhD candidate is required to take one compulsory course: Introduction to Chinese Law. In addition, the supervisor of a PhD candidate shall direct the candidate to take any of the courses offered within the LL.M program as she/he deems necessary for the completion of the proposed PhD research. The supervisor may also decide to offer a special course relating to the area of research as proposed by the candidate. Each PhD candidate must submit at least two study reports and two annual research papers during the term of his/her candidacy. Each of such report or paper is worth 1 credit. A candidate must obtain a minimum of 16 credits by attending taught courses and writing study reports and annual research papers to be qualified for the submission of his/her PhD dissertation.

Dissertation and Supervision

A PhD candidate must submit a dissertation of about 100,000 words in length to fulfill the requirements for the award of the PhD degree. A supervisory panel consisting of 3 academic members of the Faculty of International Law, CUPL will be appointed for each PhD candidate during the first academic year of his/her candidacy. An outside member may be invited to join the supervisory panel as the Dean of the Faculty of International Law deems necessary. A candidate must have obtained the minimum 16 credits for graduation and defended his/her dissertation successfully in front a panel of five members before the PhD degree can be awarded.

Cost of Study

The total cost for the award of the PhD in Law is RMB99,000 for a standard 3-year program.

Application for Admission

No application deadline applies for the potential candidates. In other words, the potential candidates may apply for admission during the whole year. However, the Overseas Development Office will assign the candidates to start during Spring Semester (normally from the end of February to middle of July) or Fall Semester (normally from the beginning of September to the beginning of January) according to the application date of each candidate. The candidates may be awarded LL.M and PhD degree on the condition that they obtain the required credits and satisfy the defense of the dissertation.

3. Master of Comparative Law (Chinese Law direction)

Credit and Thesis Requirements

The duration of the program is 2 years (4 semesters). The first year consists of full-time coursework with class attendance; the second year is set aside for dissertation writing, legal practice and internships. Through the program, students can establish a solid foundation for their career development relating to China. The students may either choose to stay in China or return to their own residence in the second academic year, but they must attend the dissertation defense scheduled in the

4th semester.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 28 credits before applying for the graduation and Master Degree. The 28 credits include 2 parts: 26 credits from course study (12 credits for compulsory courses and 14 credits for optional courses) and 2 credits from the master's dissertation.

Curriculum

The program consists of two types of courses: compulsory and optional.

Courses Arrangement

	No.	Course	Credit	Credit Hours
Compulsory Courses (12 credits)	1	Criminal Justice in China	2	36
	2	Judicial System in China	2	36
	3	Chinese Constitutional Law	2	36
	4	Chinese Civil Law	2	36
	5	Chinese Administrative Law	2	36
	6	Chinese Civil Procedure Law	2	36
Optional Courses (14 credits)	1	Chinese Securities Law	2	36
	2	Chinese Contemporary Politics and Society	2	36
	3	China's Foreign Trade Law	2	36
	4	Foreign Investment Law in China	2	36
	5	Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law	2	36
	6	Chinese Society and Culture	2	36
	7	Chinese Labour Law	2	36
	8	China's Company Law	2	36
	9	Chinese Culture and Law	2	36
	10	Environment Law	2	36
	11	International Public Law	2	36
	12	Private International Law	2	36
	13	International Human Rights Law	2	36
	14	International Trade Law	2	36
	15	International Investment Law	2	36
	16	International Arbitration Law	2	36
	17	Intellectual Property Law	2	36
	18	International Air and Space Law	2	36
	19	Introduction to Chinese Legal System	2	36
	20	Legal Research and Writing	2	36

Application

Qualifications:

Any foreigners who have a Bachelor's degree and present health certificates and other necessary documents concerning their academic achievement can apply to study this program at CUPL.

Application Materials:

- ① Completed application forms
- ② Four two-inch photos.
- ③ One photocopy of your valid passport (passport type must be ordinary).
- ④ One photocopy of Bachelor's degree.
- ⑤ Foreigners from non-native English-speaking countries should offer a copy of Certificate of English Proficiency. Those who get a New TOEFL score over 70 or IELTS over 5.5 will get the first priority.
- ⑥ Priority will also be given to those who has Chinese learning experience. If you have a HSK Certificate, please submit the photocopy of the Certificate.

Application Fee:

RMB1000

Application Time:

From April 1th to June 30th

Admission Decisions:

The Admission Committee of the CUPL will make a decision with regards to the acceptance of students based on the applicant's performance and cultivation potential. The admission letter, instructions for registration, as well as necessary materials for visa application and room reservation will be sent to the accepted applicants by the International Students Office.

Tuition:

Total tuition for 2 years:

RMB87,000

Scholarships:

There are two types of Scholarship that international students can apply for:

1.Chinese Government Scholarship

Application Time: Every year from January to May.

Application Website: <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua>

<http://www.campuschina.org>

Please note that you should input the code **10053(CUPL)** while filling in the code for the organizations and choose **Comparative Law** as your major.

Fees Covered:

- ①Application fee, tuition fee.
- ②Dorm fee at campus (or **700RMB/month accommodation subsidy**).
- ③Alimony: 2500RMB/ month for master degree students.
- ④Insurance.

2.Beijing Municipality Scholarship

Qualifications: Those who are registered as a CUPL student. It will be awarded based on your grading performances, Chinese proficiency and other performances.

Application Time: Every year from October to November.

Two Grades: Full Scholarship (equals to the to the tuition fee of one year)

Half Scholarship (equals to tuition fee of half a year).

4. PhD of Comparative Law

Credit and Thesis Requirements

A PhD degree takes three years to complete, on-job doctorates need four years. A candidate is required to enroll in a minimum of 16 credits, including 12 course credits, 2 credits of study reports (one credit/report) and 2 credits of dissertation.

Courses Arrangement

NO.	Course Name	Credits	Credit Hours
1	Criminal Justice in China	2	36
2	Judicial System in China	2	36
3	Chinese Civil Procedure Law	2	36
4	Chinese Constitutional Law	2	36
5	Chinese Administrative Law	2	36
6	Chinese Civil Law	2	36

For further details regarding PhD program, please contact us.

Faculty

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A graduate of Nankai University (B.A.), Temple Beasley School of Law (LLM), and China University of Political Science and Law with a Ph.D. degree of law, is a professor in China University of Political Science and Law, where she teaches Legal English and Translation, and she taught Chinese law for the Summer Session of Duke University of the U.S. and Montreal University of Canada (in Beijing) from 2001 to 2007. She has also been a visiting professor at Temple/Tsinghua Master of Laws legal English training program since 2005 and a professor for Temple Law School's Judicial Training Program at the Supreme Judicial College in Beijing. In 2008, she lectured as a visiting professor in Akureyri University of Iceland, where she taught the course of Chinese Law.

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Professor Zhu is specialized in securities law and legal cultures. Prior to joining CUPL, he worked for China Securities Regulatory Commission, the Foreign Ministry of China, and United Nations Industrial Development Organization at Vienna.

Professor Zhu received his Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University and his Bachelor degree in English language and literature from Nanjing University.

Professor Zhu is the author of 10 books, including: *Law in another Dimension*, *Law as Applied*, *Deep Listening*, and *Age of Goldman Sachs*. His recent academic publications include: *A Legal Analysis of Shadow Banking in China*, and *QFIIs: A Door Opened for Foreign Investors in the A-Shares Market*.

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