



LL.M Program in Chinese Law
Course Handbook
Renmin Law School

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Introduction

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in Chinese Law is a two-year English Graduate Program taught in English offered by Renmin Law School. This Program provides an invaluable opportunity for a selected group of students and professionals with at least a bachelor's degree to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of Chinese Law and Chinese legal practice.

The program is interested in attracting intellectually curious and thoughtful candidates from a variety of legal systems and backgrounds and with various career plans. The diversity of the students in the program will contribute significantly to the educational experience of all students as well as the lecturers of the program.

The duration of the program is 2 years (4 semesters). Students are required to take a minimum of 32 credits and write a master's dissertation.

The first year is full-time coursework and class attendance. It focuses on Chinese civil and business laws. There are also optional subjects in non-law areas such as Chinese politics, Chinese economy and Chinese society to facilitate the students' understanding of Chinese culture.

The second year is set aside for dissertation writing, legal practice and internship. The students can either choose to stay in China or return to their own country of residence in the second academic year, but they must attend the dissertation defense scheduled in the 4th semester.

LL.M Program Structure

The LL.M Program in Chinese Law is made up of three components:

1. Courses

Students need to take at least 34 credits to fulfill the academic requirement. Compulsory Courses should be no less than 21 credits, General Courses should be no less than 7 credits, and Optional Courses should be no less than 6 credits.

Compulsory Courses and General Courses will be arranged at the first academic year. Students are required to take all the Compulsory Courses and General Courses. Optional Courses may be varied year by year.

General Courses are listed below:

Chinese Language	4 credits
Chinese Politics	3 credits

Compulsory Courses are listed below:

Introduction to Chinese Law	2 credits
Chinese Business Law	2 credits
Chinese Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution	2 credits
Chinese Contract Law	3 credits
Chinese Corporate and Security Law	3 credits
Chinese Intellectual Property Law	3 credits
Chinese Judicial System and Case Analysis	2 credits
Chinese Property Law	2 credits
Rule of Law and Society in Modern China	2 credits

Optional Courses are listed below:

Chinese Anti-monopoly Law	2 credits
Chinese Constitutional and Administration Law	2 credits
Chinese Criminal Law	2 credits
Chinese Criminal Procedure Law	2 credits
Chinese Evidence Law	2 credits
Chinese Environmental Law	2 credits
Chinese Fiscal& Taxation Law	2 credits
Chinese Foreign Trade and Investment Law	2 credits
Chinese Labor Law	2 credits
Chinese Social Security Law	2 credits
Chinese Tort Law	2 credits
Comparative Legal Study in East Asia	2 credits
Comparative Politics in East Asia	2 credits

2. Internship

Students may do the internship in the 3rd semester home or aboard. The internship should be at least 4 weeks.

3. Thesis

In addition to finish the courses at the first academic year and the internship in the 3rd semester, the student are required to write a thesis of approximately 20,000 words in length at the second academic year and attend the thesis defense in the 4th semester.

Courses

Compulsory Courses

➤ Introduction to Chinese Law

Lecturer:

	<p>DING Xiangshun</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor for LL.M Candidates, Director, Comparative Law Teaching&Research Center, Law School, RUC.</p> <p>Research Interests: American Law, Japanese Law, Comparative Judicial System, Comparative Studies on Legal Education & Judicial Exam System, etc.</p>
	<p>FENG Yujun</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates, Director, LL.M Committee, Law School, RUC, Director, Center for Law and Religion, RUC.</p> <p>Research Interests: Jurisprudence, Economic Law, Law and Religion, Comparative Economic Law, etc.</p>
	<p>ZHU Jingwen</p> <p>Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates, Chairman, Academic Committee of Law School, RUC, Director, Law and Globalization Research Center, RUC,.</p> <p>Research Interests: Jurisprudence, Sociology of Law, Comparative Law, etc.</p>

	<p>ZHU Yan</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates, Director, Institute of Comparative Research of Chinese and European Private Law.</p> <p>Research Interests: Chinese Civil Law, Chinese Commercial Law, Comparative Law, etc.</p>
	<p>JIANG Dong</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates, Managing Editor, Frontiers of Law in China (an overseas-circulated English journal).</p> <p>Research Interests: Legal History, Common Law, Legal English, etc.</p>

Introduction:

This course will introduce and examine the legal framework and basic characteristics of Chinese law in modern Chinese society since the implementation of policy of reform and opening outside at the end of 1970s. The formation of current legal system will also be briefly discussed from the historical perspective. The primary focus of this course is teaching the basic structure of the Chinese legal system. Legal practice and the application of Chinese law, as well as some important issues relating to the reform and development of rule of law in China, will also be explored. The main goal of this course is to build a foundation for foreign students who are beginning to study Chinese law but who are not native Chinese speakers.

➤ Chinese Contract Law

Lecturer:

	<p>WANG Yi</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates, Vice Director, Development and Planning Department, RUC.</p> <p>Research Interests: General Principles of Civil Law, Contract Law, Property Law, Tort law, Principles of Civil Law and Methods of Civil Law Science, etc.</p>
	<p>LUO Li</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor for LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Intellectual Property Law, etc.</p>
	<p>WANG Hao</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Property Law, etc.</p>

Introduction:

This course is designed to allow students to explore the etymological sources of contract law in ancient China, consider the importance attached to ancient Chinese points of view of morality and political philosophy, and connections between those topics and commercial morality. Detailed study will be devoted to the following specific provisions: the general principles, the formation, and the performance and remedy of contract under China's Contract Law.

➤ Chinese Tort Law

Lecturer:



ZHU Yan

Ph.D in Law, Professor,
Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates,
Director, Institute of Comparative Research of Chinese and
European Private Law.

Research Interests:

Chinese Civil Law, Chinese Commercial Law, Comparative
Law, etc.

Introduction:

This course concerns the legal protection afforded in civil proceedings against interference by others with security of one's person, property or intangible interests. It is not directly concerned with the law of property and contract, which are the subjects of other courses, but it explores relationships with these bodies of law. Two fundamental types of torts emerge: general torts and special torts. The influence of these two types is studied in the context of recognized categories of tort liability, particularly product liability, traffic accident liability, liability for highly dangerous activity, educational institution liability and liability for malpractice.

➤ Chinese Business Law

Lecturer:

	<p>YU Danling</p> <p>J.D. (Stanford Law School), Adjunct Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Chinese Commercial Law, American Contract Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

This course is designed to offer the students of both the common law legal background and civil law legal background a comprehensive study and detailed analysis of Chinese business law including Corporation Law, Securities Law, and Foreign Investment Law.

It focuses not only on the jurisprudential part of the legal study and analysis of Chinese business law, but the practical aspect of the Chinese business law practice. It introduces judicial cases from the Chinese People's courts highlighting the most relevant parts of discussions of issues in law.

This course also seeks to introduce Chinese business law study from a comparative legal analysis approach. Many Chinese legal concepts and principles will be introduced, discussed and analyzed in comparison to the similar concepts and principles in other countries with civil law system and common law systems during the course of study. Indeed, the majority content of the course is Chinese business law that is offered to regular Chinese law students at Chinese university law schools. However, it is also designed with a view toward the students with foreign educational background and future employment interests in foreign related areas either inside or outside China.

➤ Chinese Labor Law

Lecturer:

	<p>ZHENG Aiqing</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates, Executive Director, Beijing Labor&Social Security Law Society, Council, Social Law Association, China Law Society.</p> <p>Research Interests: Labor Law, Social Security Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

Beginning with the identification of employment relation, the course first introduces the basic concepts about labor law, distinguishes the differences between the relationships relevant to the performance of service under civil law and under labor law, and indicates the types of enterprises and persons subject to Chinese labor law. The course then briefly recalls the historical background of labor law and reiterates the role of the International Labor Organization in the context of globalization. With this basic knowledge established, the course concentrates on different aspects of labor law. It first explains the content of the law governing job searches, analyzing its problems and improvement. Then, the focus of the course shifts to introducing the employment contract system, not only explaining its form, different articles, potential for amendment, and resignation and dismissal systems, but also its internal rules and the normative power of employer. The labor dispute system is the final part of the course. Throughout the course, the regulations and practices of foreign countries will be mentioned appropriately.

➤ Chinese Corporate and Security Law

Lecturer:

	<p>LU Haina</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Human Rights Law, Labor Law, Social Security Law, International Law, and Immigration Studies.</p>
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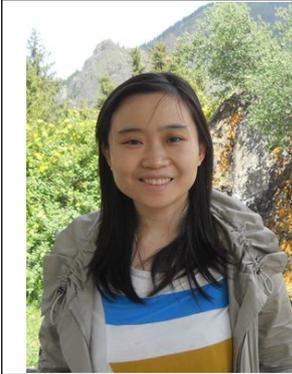
Introduction:

Corporate law is an important part of Chinese legal system. The Chinese Property Rights Law was enacted in 1993 and reformed in 2005. The Enterprise Bankruptcy Law was enacted in 2006.

This course surveys the laws governing Chinese corporations. We will mainly discuss the Corporate Law of 2005 and Bankruptcy Law of 2006 and the judicial practices in this regard. This course aims at providing a clear picture of the legal framework of investment, corporate governance, liquidation and bankruptcy and enhancing the professional ability to practice Chinese law. This course will use case study methodology.

➤ Chinese Civil Procedure Law

Lecturer:



DENG Jinting

J.D.(University of Michigan), Assistant Professor,
Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.

Research Interests:

Evidence Law, American Law, Labor Law, etc.

Introduction:

The objectives of this course include introducing students to the Civil Procedure Law of China, relevant judicial interpretations, and cases; having students discuss the problems and developments of Chinese civil procedure; and training students' ability to extract law from statutes, judicial interpretations and cases. The students will meet these objectives through reading course materials and participating in class discussions. More details and extra reading assignments will be updated later.

➤ Chinese Property Law

Lecturer:

	<p>WANG Hao</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Property Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

This is a course about property, but more than property. It aims to provide you with a solid grounding of the most important Chinese property issues that are closely associated with competing ideologies and the transforming political regime in contemporary China. The hope is that attendants of this course will have a deeper understanding of China's society and politics, which in turn helps their legal practice in China.

The course will be a combination of lectures and conversations. Attendants are encouraged to read a couple of pages of materials, around 10 pages articles, news reports or slides, before each of the nine meetings. Class participation will be highly appreciated. Students can fulfill the exam by submitting an essay addressing any issue we discuss in class.

➤ Chinese Intellectual Property Law

Lecturer:

	<p>WANG Chunyan</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates, Director, Open Course Project and for the Educational Resources Sharing Course Project.</p> <p>Research Interests: Intellectual Property Law, New Media Law, Fair Trade Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

This course offers a general overview of China's intellectual property system and some key issues related to the changes resulting from digital technology and social media. The course will also offer comparisons to IP systems in other countries. Additionally, we will discuss significant issues and policy matters related to international intellectual property mechanisms and conventions and their impact on China's intellectual property system. The course mainly employs a case study approach to explore the practice of and the rationale behind the intellectual property system in China.

➤ Chinese Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution

Lecturer:

	<p>ZHAO Xiuwen</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.D Candidates, Deputy Director, Beijing International Law Association.</p> <p>Research Interests: International Economic Law, International Private Law, International Trade Law, International commercial arbitration law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

This course generally introduces dispute settlement mechanisms in China, including: conciliation, arbitration, and court proceedings. Instruction methods will consist of class participation, discussion, and other reading assignments.

Optional Courses

➤ Chinese Constitutional Law

Lecturer:



ZHANG Yongfan

Ph.D in Law, Assistant Professor,
Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.

Research Interests:
Intellectual Property Law, Chinese Constitutional Law, etc.

Introduction:

The course of Chinese Constitutional law, explores both the substantive provisions and the theoretical, historical and institutional aspects of the constitutional law in China. It starts with a general introduction to, first, some traditional Chinese ideas and beliefs on the relations between the subjects and the emperor and/or the state in ancient and dynastic China, and in comparison, certain traditional, modern and contemporary western constitutional theory, such as Contrarianism, social contract and constitutionalism.

Then, it moves on with the history of Chinese constitutional laws, importance being attached to the institutions of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China. The specific provisions of the Chinese Constitution account for another one-third of the course. 13 weeks will be spent on class-work. The text books and supplementary reading materials, either in hardcopy or in digital form, will be distributed to the students at the beginning of the term or before class.

➤ Chinese Environmental Law

Lecturer:



ZHU Xiao

Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor,
Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates,
Party Branch Secretary, Environment Law Teaching&Research
Center, Law School, RUC.

Research Interests:

Environment and Resources Law, Social Law, Economic law.

Introduction:

The course examines the fundamental principles of environmental laws in China, gives an all-dimensional view of the law-making process, subjects of legislation and legal procedures of Chinese environmental law, and introduces sources of the current environmental law in China. Then, the course will mainly discuss Fundamental Legal Regimes of Environmental Protection, including the environmental standards, environmental planning, environmental impact assessment, environmental administrative licensing, environmental information disclosure, and environmental emergency and response management in China. Since the system of environmental law includes two parts, the structure or sources of law and the content of environmental laws, the course will also explore the content and construction of the current environmental laws in China, including laws of environmental pollution prevention and control, laws of conservation of nature, laws of recycling management, and laws of energy conservation. The theme of administrative enforcement of environmental laws and a system of environmental legal liability, including civil liabilities, administrative liabilities and criminal liabilities in China will be discussed.

➤ Chinese Criminal Law

Lecturer:

	<p>CHENG Lei</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates, Deputy Secretary-General, Criminal Procedural Law Research Association, China Law Society.</p> <p>Research Interests: Criminal Procedural Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

The course introduces key points and main characteristics of China's Criminal Law as well as Criminal Procedure law. The Criminal Law section will focus on definition of crime, criminal liability and penalty, as well as main categories of crimes. The Criminal Procedure Law section will focus on the process of how a crime is to be investigated, prosecuted, and tried. Some recent changes to the Criminal Procedure of Law of P.R.C will be briefed.

➤ Chinese Criminal Procedure Law

Lecturer:

	<p>CHENG Lei</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates, Deputy Secretary-General, Criminal Procedural Law Research Association, China Law Society.</p> <p>Research Interests: Criminal Procedural Law, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

The Course will introduce the sources, meaning and practice of key articles of Criminal Procedure Law (CPL) of P.R.C. In addition, it will cover the special sources of CPL in China-Judicial Interpretations issued by the Supreme People's Court and Supreme People's Procuratorate. The students can see how China balances human rights and cracking down on crime. Foreign students can also learn unique characteristics of China's criminal process via guided cases and data from China's criminal justice system. The course will touch on principles of CPL, investigation procedure, prosecution procedure, and trial procedure. Some hot issues related to international human rights law and conventions including the ICCPR will be discussed on the course.

➤ Chinese for Social Science

Lecturer:

	<p>LU Haina</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Human Rights Law, Labor Law, Social Security Law, International Law, and Immigration Studies.</p>
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Introduction:

This course provides an intensive language training to students through reading and class discussion. For each lecture, one or two papers on a specific topic are selected by the lecturer and sent to students in advance for preparation. Each student is expected to read selected articles and practice recitation of several paragraphs during the lecture and participate in discussion of the topic. A wide range of topics are covered, with a view to familiarizing students with a variety of vocabulary, such as environmental protection, education system, social security, health issue, food safety, employment, international relations, EU-China trade disputes, etc.

➤ Chinese Fiscal& Taxation Law

Lecturer:

	<p>HU Tianlong</p> <p>S.J.D.(University of Michigan), Associate Professor. Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Tax Law, International Economic Law, Financial Law, Comparative Law.</p>
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Introduction:

This course is a comprehensive introduction to taxation related topics as to Chinese and foreign persons engaged in international activities. Topics will include basic international tax theoretical analysis, PRC jurisdiction to tax, tax treatments and considerations of international commercial transactions (e.g. FDI and international capital markets), tax treaties, allocation of income, transfer pricing, foreign tax credits, controlled foreign corporations, WTO related tax topics, comparative tax, etc. Although part of the course is colored by China related topics, it addresses some of the important administrative, judicial and procedural mechanisms by which international tax issues are resolved from international perspective, such as advance pricing agreements (APA), administration of personal income tax, Competent Authority negotiations, etc. The goal of the class is to provide an overview of the relevant laws and regulations, giving due respect to its complexity and the policies thereunder, and to identify and wrestle with the types of issues that most frequently arise.

➤ Chinese Foreign Trade and Investment Law

Lecturer:



HU Tianlong

S.J.D.(University of Michigan), Associate Professor.
Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.

Research Interests:

Tax Law, International Economic Law, Financial Law,
Comparative Law.

Introduction:

This is a seminar for senior law students who are interested in advising foreign investors on transactions and projects in China. Each student will be asked to participate in class discussion and to make presentations in class based on the assignments given. We will make extensive use of case studies and sample contract clauses. Students should have had prior coursework in the major laws listed at the end of this syllabus.

➤ Chinese Evidence Law

Lecturer:



DENG Jinting

J.D.(University of Michigan), Assistant Professor,
Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.

Research Interests:

Evidence Law, American Law, Labor Law, etc.

Introduction:

This course aims to teach specific knowledge of Chinese evidence rules, relevant authoritative explanations, and cases; to analyze how these rules function in reality and what problems there are; to train students' ability to read out laws from statutes and authoritative explanations, understand them and apply them into practice.

➤ Chinese Social Security Law

Lecturer:

	<p>LU Haina</p> <p>Ph.D in Law, Associate Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Human Rights Law, Labor Law, Social Security Law, International Law, and Immigration Studies.</p>
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Introduction:

This course provides comprehensive knowledge of the social security system in China. It covers topics such as pension, health insurance, work injuries benefits, maternity insurance, unemployment benefits, social assistance and welfare, social security foundation management and supervision, and the dispute resolution system. The course will present all relevant Chinese laws and regulations. Law enforcement and controls will be examined in the light of relevant case-law. Comparison to the social security system of other countries will also be conducted.

➤ Comparative Politics in East Asia

Lecturer:

	<p>OU Shujun</p> <p>Ph.D in Philosophy, Adjunct Professor, Academic Supervisor of LL.M Candidates.</p> <p>Research Interests: Comparative Politics, Chinese Government and Politics, etc.</p>
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Introduction:

This course aims at stimulating your interest in the study of comparative politics in East Asia and helping you develop the capacity of making useful and interesting comparisons across countries. The organization of this course will be topic based and much more oriented towards broader issues in comparative politics. In addition to introducing basic concepts employed in the field, the course's primary goal is to help you understand how different political systems work and why they function differently.

As relatively few articles are assigned each week, the expectation is that you will read the articles carefully before coming to class. You are required to write an original research paper of about 20-25 pages (including references and in-text tables and figures, but not appendices). This is expected to be a review of recent Chinese publications on one of the six areas covered by this course.

Thesis and Defense

Thesis

Your thesis will serve as the capstone of your studies at Renmin. It is up to you, with help from your adviser, to complete your thesis and prepare for your final defense. Because advisers are busy, it is essential that you provide yours an initial draft early enough to allow for substantial feedback and revision. Your thesis should be approximately 20,000 words in length.

Unfortunately, providing a definite schedule for thesis-related deadlines and events is impossible at this time. Date(s) for the final defenses usually cannot be arranged until less than one month before, and the university itself often does not provide necessary paperwork more than a couple of weeks in advance of submission deadlines. Therefore, the timeline below is the Program's best attempt to provide you with good estimates of deadlines and expectations. As soon as elements of the schedule are finalized, the Program will notify you. It is important for you to remain patient and flexible throughout this process. Although the Program will do everything it can to transmit necessary information to you as quickly as possible, it is likely that you will be asked to submit certain paperwork on short notice.

Should the defense committee deem your thesis unsatisfactory, you cannot graduate. In some cases, the committee will approve your thesis conditionally, meaning you will have to make substantial revisions before graduating. If the committee rejects your thesis outright, you will not be able to defend again until the following year. To retain your student status and visa sponsorship, you will have to pay tuition for an additional year. Your degree will not be conferred until you successfully defend your thesis.

Timeline (estimated)

By Nov 1 – supervisor selection

Early March – suggested submission of a draft to adviser for comment

Mid-April – deadline: application for thesis defense

Mid-April – deadline: Adviser's endorsement to proceed to final defense

April 20 – deadline: pre-defense submission of completed thesis

Early-mid May – final thesis defense

Early-mid May – deadline: submission of Final Defense Record

Early-mid May – deadline: post-defense submission of completed thesis

May 31 – deadline: online submission of thesis to Renmin library

Supervisor Selection

By Oct15th, you should submit to the LL.M Program two (2) candidates to serve as your thesis supervisor. You have been provided a list of faculty members available to serve as thesis supervisor. The LL.M Program will negotiate with the candidates on your behalf. The Program hopes to notify you of the outcome by December 1 and will provide your supervisor's contact information at that time. It will thereafter be your responsibility to arrange meetings with your supervisor.

Supervisor Endorsement

Prior to your defense, your supervisor must submit an endorsement indicating his/her support for your thesis. The LL.M Program will provide the necessary form by early April, but it is your responsibility to ensure your supervisor to submit it no later than April 20.

Application for Thesis Defense

Every student must submit an application to defend his/her thesis. Renmin has not yet released the relevant forms or established a deadline, but you can expect

this to occur in April. This paperwork must be completed in Chinese.

Pre-Defense Submission

By April 20 you are required to submit seven (7) printed copies of your thesis. Each copy should include a formal cover, the No Plagiarism Verification form, and an abstract. You and your supervisor must also sign a form permitting the university to check, use, and keep your thesis. All of these components must be in both English and Chinese, while the actual text of your thesis need only be in English. Students are free to obtain translation help from Chinese friends. Copies of previous classes' theses are available in the LL.M Program office as examples for formatting. The LL.M Program will provide you with twenty (20) formal covers. You are responsible for all other costs related to the printing of your thesis. If desired, LL.M Program can provide recommendations for print shops.

Final Defense

In May, The LL.M Program will convene a committee before which you will present your thesis research. At your final defense you will present for 5-10 minutes, followed by up to 45 minutes of questions from the committee. How you utilize your presentation time is up to you, though you are expected to overview your research question, methodology, findings, and conclusions. The schedule for thesis defenses will not be finalized until late April or early May.

The thesis defense is a serious and formal affair. You are expected to be punctual and professional in your conduct and attire. The defense committee is empowered to prevent you from receiving your degree, so it is critical that you impress them with your work and demeanor. At the committee's discretion, arriving late or dressing casually can be considered grounds for rejecting your thesis.

Final Defense Record

Renmin requires every student to submit a record of his/her thesis defense, which includes a brief summary of the thesis (abstract may be used) and a detailed account of the thesis defense, including all questions posed by the committee and all answers offered by the student. It would be prudent to bring an audio recorder or to ask a classmate to take detailed notes during your defense. The Final Defense Record must be submitted to the LL.M Program within three (3) days of the thesis defense to allow sufficient time for the LL.M Program to translate it into Chinese. The record needs to be at least three (3) pages long.

Post-Defense Submission

After your defense, you will have one (1) week to revise your thesis in light of the defense committee's comments and critiques. After that time you must submit seven (7) revised copies for final evaluation, again including bilingual versions of the cover, the No Plagiarism Verification form, and your abstract, as well as the form of consent for Renmin to check, use, and keep your thesis.

Online Submission

By May 31 you must upload your final thesis to the Renmin library. The system is in Chinese, and all information must be entered in Chinese.

Once you begin the process, you will only have one (1) hour to complete your submission. Additionally, the system processes all uploads within one (1) day of submission. It is vital that you check the system the following day to ensure the upload was successful. If it failed, you need to try again. Therefore, as soon as you finish your revisions in mid-May, you should submit your thesis online so you can be sure to meet the May 31 deadline.

Graduation

Once you put your thesis defense and submission behind you, all that will be left is to graduate! Like everything else, preparing for graduation entails paperwork and deadlines. The graduation ceremony of Renmin Law School usually will take place in June (exact date TBD).

Photographs

By April 30th, you must deliver to the LL.M Program (6) photographs of yourself, three (3) one-inch and three (3) two-inch. The photos will be used for graduation-related paperwork and affixed to your degree and diploma.

Application to Graduate

Separate from the Application for Thesis Defense, all students must submit paperwork to the university in anticipation of graduation. Renmin has not yet released the relevant forms or established a deadline, but you can expect this to occur in April, prior to your final defense. This paperwork must be completed in Chinese.

Online Application for Degree and Diploma

After uploading your thesis to the Renmin library, you must apply online for the conferral of your degree and diploma. The system will open at the end of May. You must complete this step prior to the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony

More details will be provided closer to the date of the graduation ceremony of Renmin Law School. You are required to rent a gown for the ceremony, which

entails a 200 RMB deposit. If you fail to return the gown to the LL.M Program the following day, you will not be repaid your deposit.

Degrees & Diplomas

You will receive one (1) degree and one (1) diploma from Renmin at graduation. The degree will be provided in Chinese and English, while the diploma will only be in Chinese.

It is university policy not to replace degrees and diplomas, so you are advised to treat them with great care. If you lose your degree or diploma, Renmin can only provide you a certification of degree conferral.

If you do not attend the graduation ceremony, it is your responsibility to collect your degree and diploma from the LL.M Program. If you want your materials mailed to you, you must make arrangements and pay prior to your departure. Otherwise, the LL.M Program will hold your degree and diploma for up to one year, after which you will be charged 100 RMB per year.

Transcripts

Unlike many foreign universities, Renmin will not store your academic records in perpetuity. Therefore, if you anticipate EVER needing a transcript, perhaps for job applications or further study, the Program highly recommends you obtain a substantial number after graduation. Please keep in mind that many graduate schools require two (2) transcripts from applicants, so if you plan to pursue another degree, you will need many copies.

Throughout your enrollment, the LL.M Program will provide you five (5) transcripts (in both English and Chinese) free of charge. You may request partial

transcripts throughout your two years of study. Final transcripts will first be available at graduation.

Once you have claimed all of your free transcripts, you may purchase additional ones for 20 RMB each. However, the transcript mailing will not be available after graduation. For this reason you are well advised to purchase an ample supply when you graduate.

Finally, the LL.M Program can also provide a Scholarship Certificate if desired. This certificate will specify the terms of any scholarship you have received during your time in the LL.M Program and may be useful if you plan to apply for other degree programs in the future.

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