LL.M. Program in Chinese Business Law

Fudan Law School
Fudan University, established in 1905 as China’s first private university, is one of the top three universities in China. Fudan University started its first law class in 1914. For 100 years, there have been a large number of great jurists in Fudan Law School (FLS), including Dr. Wang Chung-Hui, one of the drafters of the UN Charter, and Dr. Mei Ju-Ao, a judge in the Tokyo Trial (1946-1948).

Our faculty is comprised of prestigious and talented scholars. Among them, there are senior scholars leading the directions of academic frontiers, and there are also returned overseas scholars who are familiar with Anglo-American common law, Continental-European Civil Law and East-Asian law. FLS has been characteristic in training students to be “skillful in law, fluent in English, and knowledgeable in economy.” So far, we have trained more than twenty thousand law students who are practicing law all over the world. FLS is outstanding in the fields of International Law, Civil Law, Commercial Law, Jurisprudence, Legal History, Constitution Law, Administrative Law, Procedural Law, and Environment Law. Today, we provide programs for LLB, Juris Master, LL.M. and Ph.D. The LL.M. programs in FLS cover almost all of legal research subjects. Another characteristic of FLS is that the law school is an internationalized law school. Each year, approximately 30 international students enroll in our LLB program, and a number of international students in LL.M program in Chinese Business Law taught in English. Additionally, our exchange programs with many distinguished law schools around the world attract lots of excellent foreign exchange students to visit FLS every semester. Thus, you will enjoy a vibrant legal community, a perfect combination of Chinese and foreign culture.

Shanghai, as the center of China’s economy, transportation, finance, trade and technology, is the most prosperous metropolis in China. It is also an international city and port. Currently, Shanghai is constructing China’s first Free Trade Zone and striving to become an international financial, shipping and trade center. Meanwhile, Shanghai enjoys a reputation of profound cultural foundation with numerous representative historical relics. Experiencing this wonderful city, you will be immersed in such flourishing economic environment and diversified cultural atmosphere.

Here, you can fully benefit from the academic resources of China’s leading university;
Here, you can directly sense the rapid development of China; Here, you can personally have a taste of China’s unique oriental culture;
Here, you can easily find opportunities of business and entrepreneurship in China’s biggest city;

All the students and faculty of FLS are expecting you!
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Since fall 2010, Fudan Law School has launched its LL.M. (Master of Laws) Program in Chinese Business Law for foreign lawyers, executives, students, and professionals engaging in international trade and/or interested in Chinese business and financial law. The language of instruction is English.

If you are a non-Chinese citizen who has received a first college degree and has a good command of English, you are eligible to apply this program. LL.M. degree will be granted to the candidates who have successfully completed the required courses and a graduation thesis.

The students must complete 30 credits during two-semester course study. The fall semester lasts from August to December, and the spring semester from February to June. After completing the course study, students need to submit a graduation thesis and pass the oral defense within two years since the enrollment in order to receive the degree. Students may complete the thesis at Fudan or at any other places as long as they will be present for the oral defense. Students who have successfully completed one or two semesters’ course work but decide not to write the thesis will instead receive a certificate.

Each LL.M. student will be assigned an academic mentor/advisor for study and thesis writing. In addition, the Fudan Law School will arrange regular academic and extra-curricular activities for both foreign students and Chinese students so that they may interact with each other.

Credits earned in the LL.M. Program by students from a foreign partner law school under an exchange agreement with Fudan Law School are transferable according to the agreement and Fudan University’s policy.

Graduates will be well placed in law firms, law courts and in the academic and business world. Our alumni find employment in the banking and insurance sectors where issues related to business companies and commercial relations are dealt with.
With its leading financial power, vibrant legal community and diversified culture, Shanghai is the perfect place for foreigners to practice law in China.

Shanghai is the commercial and financial center of mainland China, and ranks sixteenth in the 2013 edition of the Global Financial Centers Index published by the City of London. A pilot free trade zone is located in Shanghai in 2013, which will certainly launch a new round of rapid economic development at the international trading and financial hub.

As a vibrant legal community, Shanghai now magnetizes thousands of talents all over the world every year by offering countless opportunities. Currently, more than 100 foreign-funded law firms have already established their Shanghai offices, including numerous world’s most distinguished law firms, for example, Allen & Overy LLP, Clifford Chance LLP, Linklaters LLP, Baker & McKenzie LLP and Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Foreigners with fluent English and knowledge of Chinese business law are especially welcomed in these leading law firms.

Additionally, Shanghai has embraced people from different cultures with highest inclusiveness. Over 200,000 foreigners choose Shanghai to be their frequently dwelling place. 51 foreign countries have opened their Consulate Generals here. There are more than 630 regional headquarters and R&D centers of transnational enterprises in Shanghai, which has become the city with the most regional headquarters and R&D centers in China. An increasing number of Chambers of Commerce are set up in Shanghai by businessmen from the U.S, the U.K, France, Germany, Canada, Australia, Japan, Korea and many other countries, making Shanghai the ideal place to do transnational business.
Located in the commercial and financial center of China – Shanghai, Fudan University is a preeminent and prestigious university in China. Perfectly combining its profound tradition and comprehensive modernization, Fudan University ranks among top five universities in mainland China. Each year, Fudan University enrolled nearly 2000 students from overseas.

1. As one of the top law schools in China, Fudan Law School (FLS) has impressed everyone with its profound history of over 100 years as well as its huge progress in recent years. It has been characteristic in training students to be "skillful in law, fluent in English, and knowledgeable in economy." FLS has witnessed a large number of her students assuming responsibilities to struggle for morality and justice, such as Dr. WANG Chonghui, the scholar-official who participated in drafting the UN Charter; MEI Ruao, the only Chinese judge in the International Military Tribunal for the Far East; and YANG Zhaolong, one of the fifty outstanding Jurists around the world selected by the International Court of Justice in Hague.

2. FLS has academic programs of Ph.D in law, Master of Laws (LL.M.), Juris Master (J.M.) and Master of Laws (LL.M) in Chinese Business Law (English-instructed). The Ph.D and LL.M. programs cover nine subjects of law, i.e., Jurisprudence, Legal History, Constitutional & Administrative Law, Civil & Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Economic Law, Procedural Law, Environment and Resources Protection Law, and International Law. The School also has a post-doctoral program. The teaching and research teams have been renowned domestically and internationally in a wide range of subjects.

3. There are more than 1900 students, including around 200 international students in FLS today. Student life is more than fascinating and exuberant. Every year, trips are organized to enable international students learn more about Chinese culture and add relaxation to student life, examples of which are the 2013 autumn trip to Wushu Museum and 2012 autumn trip to Thousand-Island Lake.

FLS, featured with internationalization, has signed a significant amount of joint exchange agreements with various universities all over the globe. We believe these exchange programs give the students an international view of the global legal environment and obtain legal knowledge of different nations. Listed below are all the universities that enjoy partnership with FLS.

Asia
- National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law
- The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law
- City University of Hong Kong, School of Law
- Osaka University, School of Law (Japan)
- Chungnam National University, College of Law (South Korea)

Australia
- Bond University, Faculty of Law, Australia

United States
- Harvard University, Harvard Law School
- Columbia University, Columbia Law School
- Washington University in St. Louis, School of Law
- Fordham University, School of Law
- Tulane University, Law School
- Case Western Reserve University, School of Law
- University of Georgia, School of Law
- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

Europe
- University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law
- Stockholm University, Faculty of Law
- Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of Law
- Bucerius Law School in Hamburg
- University of Strathclyde, Humanities & Social Sciences
- Paris Bar School
- Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Canada
- Queen’s University, Faculty of Law
- McGill University, Faculty of Law

Why Fudan Law School?

1. Prominent Alumni
2. Academic program
3. Enrolled Students
Law School Library
FACULTY

BAI Guodong: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (Waseda, Japan); Corporate law and securities law.

BAI Jiang: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany), visiting scholar at Harvard Law School (US); European law, corporation law, and capital market law.

CHEN Li: Professor, Ph.D. (Fudan), Postgraduate Diploma in Common Law (Hong Kong University), visiting scholar at University of Virginia, Yale Law School, etc.; international commercial arbitration, international civil procedure, and private international law.

CHEN Liang: Professor, Ph.D. (Cardiff, UK); maritime law and international trade law.

CHEN Naiwei: Professor, Ph.D. (Macau Univ. of Science and Technology); visiting scholar at Washington University; civil and commercial law and intellectual property law.

CHEN Zhidong: Professor, Ph.D. (ECUPL, China); visiting scholar at University of Wisconsin, etc.; international trade law and international commercial arbitration.

DUAN Kuang: Professor, Ph.D. (Tokyo Metro. Univ. Japan); civil law and torts.

GAO Lingyun: Associate Professor, J.D. (Willamette, US), LL.M. (National University of Singapore), visiting scholar at University of Ghant (Belgium), University of Michigan, Harvard Law School, etc., admitted in New York State Bar and Oregon State Bar; comparative law and international law.

GONG Baihua: Professor, LL.M (Fudan, China; Georgetown, US); international law, WTO law and international financial law.

HE Li: Professor, Ph.D. (Kwansei Gakuin, Japan); international law and international trade law.

LI Shigang: Associate Professor, Ph.D (Paris II, France); civil and commercial law, and employment law.

LI Xiaoning: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (University of Groningen, the Netherlands), LL.M. (Fudan), LL.M. (Hong Kong University), LL.B. (Fudan), corporation law, commercial law, and civil law.

LU Zhian: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (Fudan, University of Glamorgan, UK), LL.B. (Fudan), visiting scholar at University of Baltimore, Yale Law School, etc.; international law, international investment law, international taxation law, European Union law, and international human rights law.

MA Zhongfa: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (Fudan), main teaching and research areas include international trade law and international technology licensing law.

SUN Nanshen: Professor, LL.M. (East China University of Political Sciences and Law), visiting scholar at University of Wisconsin and University of Glamorgan (UK), former judge and Vice President of the High People’s Court of Jiangsu Province; international trade law, international investment law, and private international law.

SUN Xiaoxia: Dean & Professor, Ph.D. (CASS, China); jurisprudence and legal philosophy.

WANG Wei: Associate Professor, Ph.D. (University of London, UK); international financial law, international economic law, public international law, and maritime law.

WANG Zhiqiang: Professor, Ph.D. (Peking University), J.S.D. Candidate (Yale, US), LL.M. (Fudan; Yale, US), visiting scholar at Columbia Law School; legal history, comparative law, and comparative judicial system.

XU Meijun: Professor, Ph.D. (Renmin University), visiting scholar at Harvard Law School and Munich University (Germany); criminal procedural law and evidence law.

ZHANG Naigen: Professor, Ph.D. (Fudan, China), visiting scholar at Columbia Law School, George Washington University, etc.; international law, international trade-related intellectual property law, and western legal philosophy.
learn
in Fudan Law School
Each year, students from all over the world join our LL.M Program. Our alumni and current students come from the U.S., Canada, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Japan, U.K., Spain, Norway, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, New Zealand, France and Turkey.

Students who decide to write their degree dissertations will be assigned an intended supervisor to assist them in completing the dissertation. Our students have selected quite a lot of interesting and meaningful topics for their dissertations, for example, Legal Issues of Anti-Monopoly Review on M & A by Foreign Investors in China, The Status and Recognition of Awards Rendered in China by Foreign Arbitral Institutions, Research on Legal Aspects of Banking Documentary Examination in the Letter of Credit, etc.

FLS has hosted various premier conferences, balancing the theoretical with the practical. LL.M students are greatly welcomed to join the conferences to communicate with other participants. During the year of 2013, conferences including the “WTO Law and China” Forum, the Fudan-Nordic Seminar on Judicial Theory and the Sino-Scottish Comparative Law Symposium have been successfully held in FLS.
Chinese Banking Law and Payment System
This course is a theory-oriented and case-based legal course, which relates not only to the Chinese banking law and negotiable instrument law, but also the law on choice of law (Conflict Law), dispute settlement law, and general civil law.

Chinese Civil Law
This overview course is designed to introduce the general legal framework of Chinese civil law system, focusing on the General Provisions of Chinese Civil Law, an introduction to the Contract Law, Tort Law, and Property Law.

Chinese Commercial Arbitration Law
This course is intended to illustrate the commercial arbitration system of China. Practical, real-world cases will give the students from other jurisdictions a strong sense of the Chinese arbitration law and practices, as well as the general attitude of the Chinese business community to settle disputes with foreign counterparts in business transactions.

Chinese Constitution and Administrative Law
This course will give an introduction to Chinese constitutional law. It covers three parts: general theory of constitutional law, the fundamental rights and duties of citizens, and the structure of the state institutions.

Chinese Labor and Employment Law
This course is to provide students a panorama of the Chinese labor law in a narrow sense and employment law in a broad sense. It covers hiring and employment practices, labor contract, collective bargaining, standard working conditions, injury compensation, antidiscrimination, wages, employee benefits, tax, training system, retirement, resolution of labor disputes, special rules on expatriates and foreigners.

Chinese Legal Culture
This course examines the spirit of Chinese law from a historical perspective, with a particular emphasis on its political context.

Chinese Contract Law
This course will cover the two parts of the Chinese Contract Law: general provisions and specific provisions. The general provisions are deemed as the core of the Contract Law, while the specific provisions provide detailed rules applied to each particular type of contract.

Chinese Criminal Law
The goal of this course is to understand the fundamental theory and structure of Chinese criminal law and criminal procedure law, with focus on procedure, evidence, specific crime and punishment of poverty offense.

Chinese Intellectual Property Law
This course will help students understand the basic principles of intellectual property law and practice in China, and the dynamic academic frontier of intellectual property law.

Chinese Law on Business Organizations
This course will give a basic introduction to Chinese law on business organizations, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, as well as corporations.

Foreign Trade Law in China
This course covers the relationship between Chinese foreign trade law and WTO law, the framework and procedure of the legislation of Chinese foreign trade law, the important cases on Chinese foreign trade law (comparing with relevant WTO cases), how to protect your interests when doing business with respect to Chinese foreign trade law, and how to deal with the disputes relating to Chinese foreign trade law.

Chinese Trial System on International Civil Disputes
The course will help international students have a good understanding of the basic legal provisions of Chinese trial system on international disputes, which includes court jurisdiction, choice of law rules, and enforcement of judgment.

Chinese Securities Law
This course is designed to introduce the various parts of Chinese securities law system to the students, including securities issuing, securities exchanges, securities listing and trading.

Legal Mandarin Chinese
This course is to help students to be equipped with basic knowledge of legal terms in Mandarin Chinese.

Foreign Investment Law in China
This course will help students have a good understanding of the basic legal rules on foreign investment law in China, and know how to apply these rules to actual situations.
INTERNSHIP

Fudan Law school has connection with a lot of law firms and companies in Shanghai. Every year, we will spare no effort to recommend/arrange internship in various firms to our LL.M. participants. You will enjoy the best job opportunities in Shanghai.

JOINT PROGRAM

Fudan Law school enjoys partnership with many universities/schools around the world, one of which is Fordham University, School of Law. Every year, one or two LL.M. program participant(s) may be selected to be sent to Fordham Law School and pursue another LL.M. degree from Fordham University, School of Law. Recommended by Fudan Law School, Candidates of joint program may apply for full tuition waiver.
Live in Fudan

Students’ Dormitory
Tuition

The tuition fee for the program is RMB 160,000 yuan. Students need to pay half the tuition (RMB 80,000 yuan) before the beginning of the fall semester, and the other half before the beginning of the spring semester. The application processing fee is RMB 800 yuan and is non-refundable.

Scholarship

WAIVER

Required Material: Academic record; TOEFL/IELTS score; Recommendation Letter
Application Date: Submit materials with your application documents
Policy: Review by special committee pursuant to Fudan Policy

FUDAN LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Required Material: Academic records
Application Date: At the end of February or the beginning of March
Policy: FLS will grant 5,000 - 20,000 RMB to qualified students on the merit basis

FUDAN LAW SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID

Required Material: Personal statement; Proof of your financial situation
Application Date: At the end of February or the beginning of March
Policy: FLS will grant 5,000 - 10,000 RMB to qualified students based on financial situation

FUDAN OUTSTANDING FOREIGN DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP

Required Material: Academic records; TOEFL/IELTS score
Application Date: From Sept. 20th to 30th

Other Costs

During the 2-semester residency period, students may be housed in the on-campus dormitory rooms for international students or off-campus rental houses. Students may have meals at the various canteens/cafeterias on campus or other off-campus restaurants which offer delicious food at a reasonable price. Students will cover their own housing, meal, health insurance, and transportation costs and will be responsible for the cost of textbooks for the program. More information please see the website of the International Students Office of Fudan University.
92% admission rate

15 students from 15 countries: U.S., Canada, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Japan, U.K., Spain, Norway, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, New Zealand, France, Turkey.

100% employment rate
Eligible applicants must be non-Chinese citizens with valid passport, be in good health, have attained a bachelor's degree and meet the English language requirements.

The applicant whose native language is not English must prove his or her English proficiency, e.g., possessing a TOEFL(iBT) score of 90 or above / an IELTS score of 6.5 or above.

If you have successfully complete a bachelor's degree or master's degree taught in English in a majority native English speaking country, you will not normally need to provide TOEFL or IELTS score.

Firstly, log on website (http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/) to register and complete application form online.

Then, pay application fee (800 RMB) online after preliminary review. Afterwards any application information cannot be modified. Application without paying application fee will not be pre-cessed.
Application Documents (Place documents of each category in right orders as follow)

1. Printed online barcode Application Form with personal signature and a photo.
2. Statement of purpose of around 1000 words. The content should include study and work experience, academic research achievements, planned research proposal, and individual development objective after graduation.
3. Recommendation letters from two professors or associate professors, in Chinese or English (signature and contact information are necessary, sealed in envelop). There is no official reference form, but please make sure that your name and the title of the major you apply for are included.
4. A copy of Diploma and degree (notarized version, in notarized Chinese or English translation)
5. Related transcripts (original or notarized version, in notarized Chinese or English translation)
6. Catalogue and abstract of published papers, and other documents that can prove academic ability.
7. A copy of valid ordinary passport.
8. TOEFL or IELTS report (if the native language of the applicant is not English).

All documents must be in Chinese or English. If the original document is in a language other than Chinese or English, the applicant shall provide a notarized translation in either Chinese or English. Application deadline for degree students is May 31; application for non-degree students is from March 1 to June 10 (fall semester) and from October 8 to December 10 (spring semester). All application documents are required to be submitted before the deadline by post or in person to:

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