

About LAWSPIRIT Law School

The LAWSPIRIT brand stands for our firm commitment towards a new form of education driven by contemporary technology. It represents our company commitment, creativity, reputation, the strength of our course and superb infrastructure as the premier organization for legal education and distance learning in China.

The popularity and reputation of LAWSPIRIT's courses allows us to maintain strong relationships with a network of reputable universities. Accordingly, we are able to provide a leading education to our students in a unique learning environment that affords students the best chance of a bright future in their legal careers.

LAWSPIRIT Law School offers high quality legal programmes in partnership with the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). With over 10 years experience in legal services, LAWSPIRIT is one of the largest and most comprehensive legal education and training providing institutions in China. Our enrolment size of 20,500 students includes a growing pool of international students from countries all over the world.

The LL.M. Program in Chinese Law includes two types: an 18-month online distance learning course and a 2-week course. Each of the courses is presented in English by celebrated Senior Legal Counsels who have practiced internationally. Once the entire 18 month has been successfully completed, the student will be awarded the LLM degree, in the name of CUPL; while the entire 2-week course a certificate of attendance from the world recognised CUPL.

About CUPL

China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) is a multi-disciplinary university of research that is directly under the Ministry of Education. Whilst The University's primary focus is on law, CUPL also offer a variety of other disciplines such as philosophy, economics, literature, science and management. CUPL is composed of two campuses (Fuxue Rd. of Changping District and Xueyuan Rd of Haidian District).

In its 50-year history, CUPL has fostered more that 200 thousand graduates of different levels, taken part in virtually every legislation activity conducted by the state since its foundation and led theoretical jurisprudence innovation as well as the legal conceptual renewal of China, representing its international exchanges in the field of law.

CUPL now has 14007 full-time students, including 8,414 undergraduates, 4,324 graduates and 248 overseas students. It currently has a faculty of 898 members, among which 109 are doctoral advisers, 587 are professors or associate professors. 83.7% of the faculty is with master's degrees or above.

The university has established international relationship with around 100 other universities from more than 20 different countries or regions. Hundreds of teachers and students are sent abroad each year for study and exchange. Along with the development of joint-education programs in its schools such as the School of EU and Comparative Law, the pattern of fostering international legal talents has taken form.

Course 1: LLM Chinese Law (18-month online distance learning course)

The Master of Laws (LLM) program is designed for international attorneys, government officials, corporate legal counsel, and recent law graduates who are interested in receiving a degree in Chinese law, learning about the PRC's legal system, and practicing law in China's mainland. LAWSPiRiT LLM program (Distance Learning) is both validated and awarded by China University of Political Science and Law, and is recognized worldwide. This Online LLM program is designed to equip you with essential modern legal practice skills and knowledge to practice law in China.

Entry requirements

- An undergraduate degree in law or equivalent higher education is required.
- Applications from mature candidates without an undergraduate degree are welcomed provided they can demonstrate a minimum of three years law-relevant professional experience supported by references covering the period.
- The degree is particularly suited to those who have already studied civil law at undergraduate level. Applicants who have not done so may be admitted but will be required to undertake additional readings about the Chinese legal system.
- Minimum of 23 years of age.
- All applicants who are not native English speakers or who did not have a postsecondary education entirely conducted in English must take the TOEFL or IELTS examination. The Program requires a minimum score of 580 (Paper Based Test) or 240 (Computer Based Test) in TOEFL, or 6.5 in IELTS.

Program details

The aim of this degree is essentially twofold: to provide core Chinese law subjects at an advanced level, and to apply and deepen this knowledge through more specialized courses. The program reflects the rapid evolution of Chinese law and governance, and its unique impact on international legal orders.

Course Structure

The initial 12 months of study will be taught entirely online and will include each of the

modules of teaching required. Each module will be complete once an essay on that topic is submitted. The pass mark for each essay, required to proceed to the final 6 months of the course, is 60%.

During the final 6 months, students are required to write a dissertation on a subject of their choice. Once submitted, students will face a viva-style examination; this means that a panel consisting of the course professors will ask questions of the student regarding his dissertation.

Once the entire 18 month has been successfully completed, the student will be awarded the LLM degree, in the name of CUPL.

Skills & learning outcomes

By the end of this program, students should have acquired a sophisticated understanding of the PRC's legal system and its law-making processes. Students should leave each module with substantive knowledge of that area of law; having explored differing approaches to the subject and having developed a greater familiarity with research materials and methods.

Fees & costs

Fees for 2011/2012 session Full-time: \$10,900.

*(Fee structures change very year. If details on fees are not yet available for the coming session, details for the previous session are provided as a guide)

Funding and scholarships for taught postgraduates

LAWSPIRIT Law School regularly offers International Student Scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to international students of high academic ability. Each scholarship is worth \$3,500 for students registering for their Postgraduate Masters studies in the School.

Eligibility

- You must not be a Chinese national or be permanently domiciled in China.
- You must be classified as international/overseas for tuition fee purposes.

All eligible students will be automatically considered and therefore no application is required. The International Taught Postgraduate Scholarship will take the form of a tuition fee reduction. Students whose fees are paid by a sponsor are not eligible for this scholarship.

This scheme is validated and awarded by China University of Political Science and Law. For further details regarding the University and its validation services, please visit

www.lawspirit.com

Course 2: Chinese Law Experience Programme (2-week course)

LAWSPIRIT now offer a 2 week course, offering its students a taste of Chinese culture, whilst teaching them about the Chinese legal system.

The Chinese Law Experience Programme is designed for anyone who is keen to develop a basic understanding of Chinese law and indeed the way in which Chinese lawyers work.

Students will leave the programme not only with the aforementioned knowledge, but with a sense of what it is like to live in China and a certificate of attendance from the world recognised CUPL.

Entry requirements

Since there are no exams or essays to be completed during the course, there are no entry requirements.

Program details

The aim of this degree is essentially twofold: to provide core Chinese law subjects at a basic level and to apply and deepen this knowledge through practical experience. The program reflects the rapid evolution of Chinese law and governance, and its unique impact on international legal orders.

Course Structure

The standard version of the course ensures that students are provided with 2.5 hours of teaching each morning, with 1.5 hours of practical teaching in the afternoon. The morning session will concentrate on certain areas of Chinese law, whilst the afternoon sessions will concentrate on case law and shall be given by practicing legal professionals at their firm.

The alternative version will allow students to experience 2 weeks in a Chinese law firm.

The Chinese Law Experience course will also allow students to experience Chinese culture through the weekend and evening entertainment and activities provided by LAWSPIRIT.

Skills & learning outcomes

By the end of this program, students should have acquired a basic understanding of the PRC's legal system and its law-making processes. Students should leave the programme with knowledge and experience of practical Chinese law and will have gained both the skills and confidence to further develop their legal careers in China.

Fees & costs

Fees will be published in January. Please note that different fees will apply according to the method by which the course is attended.

The fees incurred will be inclusive of the visa application and transfer fees from the airport, both of which shall be arranged by LAWSPIRIT.

Funding and scholarships for taught postgraduates

At this time there are no scholarships available for this programme.

This scheme is validated and awarded by China University of Political Science and Law. For further details regarding the University and its validation services, please visit www.lawspirit.com

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