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# 武汉大学 Wuhan University

## Master Program in International Law and Chinese Law

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## **I . Program Introduction**

### **1. General Information**

#### **(1) Brief Introduction**

Starting from 2008, **Academic Education Programs** sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for developing countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and inter-disciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs mainly offer assistance to working governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees.

Since September 2015, Wuhan University has undertaken the Master Program in International Law and Chinese Law. Over 120 students have been admitted to the program, of which 90 students graduate. This program is designed for non- Chinese citizens. The purpose is to educate application-oriented foreign affairs talents who has a broad international horizon, good legal professional ethics, a systematic mastery of International Law and Chinese Law and use English proficiently as a working language to offer legal service to foreign enterprises in China, overseas Sino-foreign joint ventures, state departments, enterprises and public institutions and foreign law firms. The program is playing a more and more important role in stimulating economic cooperation between China and students' home countries, which the host governments are attaching great attention to this program.

As for the positive effects and good results brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China will continuously intensify its efforts in enlarging the enrollment scale and improving the quality of education. We believe that by attending the program and achieving the degree, the outstanding young people of all countries will become leaders in the field of law, and make a friendship bridge between your countries and China.

#### **(2) Objects**

Our prospective students are mid-to-senior level officials or managers from the government, the media, NGOs, and other public sectors, who have demonstrated superior performance, both academically and in their work. By the time of matriculation, each must have obtained an undergraduate bachelor's degree.

#### **(3) Achievement**

The program is to, in advanced theory and application, prepare professional and versatile talents who can be independently engaged in research and teaching of International Law, master the basics of law systematically and expertise of International Law and Chinese Law deeply and comprehensively and specialize in some fields of International Law.

#### **(4) Admission Plan**

In 2024, we have planned to enroll up to **20 students** in our master program, for Intentional Law and Chinese Law major. Study period is two years. The teaching language is English.

#### **(5) Financial Aid**

Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. These scholarships cover tuition, management, basic living expenses and round-trip international airfares for the students, etc. The Scholarship coverage and criteria are as follows:

- a. Exemption from tuition fees, teaching material fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidy, graduation thesis guidance fees.
- b. Free accommodation on campus.
- c. living expenses, 36000RMB/year/person for the master program.
- d. A one-off settlement allowance of 3000RMB/person.
- e. Comprehensive medical insurance which is purchased by the university for students.
- f. Round-trip international airfare. It covers one round-trip international airfare and one round-trip international airfares for home visits for the students of 2-year schooling length.
- g. The Scholarship qualification will be evaluated annually, and those students who meet the standards of achievement assessment will continue to receive a full scholarship the following year.
- h. Other expenses shall be administered and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the university, and shall not be distributed to the students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with financial support within the schooling year, which is stated in the admission notice, and students will not receive further funding for deferment.

## **2. University Introduction**

### **(1) About Wuhan University**

Wuhan University (WHU) is a comprehensive and key national university directly under the administration of the Ministry of Education. It is one of the "211 Project" and "985 Project" universities with full support in the construction and development from the central and local government of China, while it is also one of the first batch of "double-first-class" construction of universities. It is located in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province. The university features spectacular natural surroundings with the scenic Luojia Hill in it and the beautiful East Lake by its side. The University dates back to Ziqiang Institute, which was founded in 1893 by Zhang Zhidong, governor of Hubei and Hunan Provinces in late Qing Dynasty after the Qing Government approved his memorial to the throne. Later, its name changed for several times before it was named National Wuhan University in July 1928. By the end of 1946, the university had six colleges, i.e., the colleges of liberal arts, law, sciences, engineering, agriculture and medicine. Wuhan University had a glorious innovative tradition and enjoyed a very high academic prestige.

With the approval of the State Council of China, new Wuhan University was founded on August 2nd, 2000 with amalgamation of four first-rate universities original Wuhan University, Wuhan University of Hydraulic and Electrical Engineering, Wuhan Technical University of Surveying and Mapping, and Hubei Medical University. At present, Wuhan University has 34 schools in 6 faculties, including 5 National Key first-rate disciplines, 17 National Key second-rate disciplines, 6 National Key Disciplines, it covers 12 areas, namely philosophy, Economics, Law, Education, Literature, History, Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, Medicine, Management and Art, with 123 bachelor degree programs, 58 master degree programs and 47 doctoral degree programs for first-rate discipline. There are 38

programs fully delivered in English.

The University now has more than 50,000 students, including over 26,000 graduates and around 2000 international students. The teaching staff consists of more than 3,700 teachers, including 2,900 or so professors and associate professors, 8 academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences, 6 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 3 academicians of the international Eurasian Academy of Sciences, 7 well-known senior scholars of arts and social sciences, 22 lead scientists of the National 973 Project, 6 domain experts of the National 863 Project, 4 national creation and research teams, 65 gainers of the National Excellent Young Scientists Fund and 15 nationally outstanding teachers.

There are numbers of large well-equipped teaching buildings, laboratories, gymnasiums, sports grounds, swimming pools, archive buildings and a specimen building. It has 4 state-level key laboratories, 2 national research centers of engineering, 7 national research centers for humanities and social sciences, 10 national bases for basic science talent development, 1 national education base for cultural development of university students.

During the last ten years, the university has established relations of academic cooperation and exchanges with over 415 universities, colleges and scientific research institutions in more than 45 countries and regions.

### **(2) Law School of Wuhan University**

Wuhan University legal science has a long history which can be traced back to Hubei Legal School established in 1908. After the Revolution of 1911, the School renamed to Hubei Public Law School. In 1926, Wuchang Sun Yat-Sen University was founded and finally it was reorganized to Wuhan National University in 1928, and the Law School is always one of the important departments. At that time, a large number of famous jurists such as Yan Shutang, Wang Shijie, Pi Zongshi, Zhou Gengsheng, Mei Ru'ao successively worked here, the Law School enjoyed its reputation at home and abroad. After the recovery of Law Faculty in 1979 and the establishment of Law School in 1986, several famous jurists successively served as the dean of Law Faculty and Law School, such as the famous jurist Professor Han Depei, the famous penologist Professor Ma Kechang, the well-known civil and commercial law expert Professor Ma Junju, the well-known international law expert Professor Yu Jinsong and Professor Zeng Lingliang, and the current dean is the well-known economic law expert Professor Feng Guo. After more than 40 years' reconversion and development, the Law School has become a national center of legal education and research in China.

### **(3) Campus Environment**

Wuhan University is located in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province. It has four distinct seasons in mid-latitudes zone. The average annual temperature of Wuhan is 17.1 °C, among which the highest average temperature is 29.3 °C in July and the lowest is 3 °C in January. Wuhan is in the middle of P. R. China with convenient transportation and reasonable price level, and it is also one of the ideal livable cities in China. Wuhan University features spectacular natural surroundings with the scenic Luojia Hill in it and the beautiful East Lake by its side. It is known as one of the most beautiful universities in China. It has convenient living conditions with high-level facilities. A variety of sports stadiums, libraries, supermarkets, banks, school clinics and other supporting facilities are fully equipped to meet the daily learning and living needs of students. The canteens in each division of the university offer high quality diet to more than fifty thousand teachers and students, and

special Muslims' dishes are offered too. In the Faculty of Humanities and Science of Wuhan University, there are standard single rooms in foreign students' dormitories. Those rooms are equipped with air-conditioners, showers, washrooms and shared kitchens. An entrance guard system is installed in the dormitory buildings. Students can enter or leave the building by swiping their student cards. Cable internet and Wifi are available on campus.

### 3. Education Plan

#### (1) Curriculum (in the below table) and credits

Total credits for the program must meet 30 points.

① Degree Course: 20 points

**a.** Fundamental Compulsory Course: 6 points, Chinese Language Comprehension of 64 hours and 4 points, and Introduction to China of 32 hours and 2 points included.

**b.** Major Compulsory Course should be 14 points.

② Elective Course: no less than 10 points

Compulsory course

**a. Legal Culture of China:** to introduce the brief history of Chinese Law, including legal system and legal perspectives in Chinese history, while discuss the characteristics of Chinese legal culture comparing with western legal history.

**b. Chinese Public Law:** to introduce the basic Law System of China including constitution, administrative law, criminal law, Chinese legal history, etc.

**c. Economic Law in China:** to introduce the Chinese legal system and practice related to market economic activity system, on the basis of civil and commercial laws, supplemented by state's legal system regulating the economy, including the property law, company law, financial law, bankruptcy law, competition law and other related fields.

**d. Special Topics on International Law:** this course is compulsory for learning other international law courses and doing research on international legal problems. It covers the fundamental theories of public international law, private international law and international economic law as well as their relevant frontier legal issues. The main task of the section of public international law is to study the legal system of relations between sovereign states, including the subjects, nature and resources of public international law, the relationship between international law and domestic law, the codification and progress of international law, state responsibility, and rules of international dispute settlement. The part of private international law mainly includes the nature and resources of private international law, conflict norms, remission, public order reservation, foreign-related tort theory, foreign-related property right, foreign-related marriage and family system, foreign-related inheritance system and so on. The main contents of international economic law include the subject and resources and the structure of international economic legal system, international technology transfer, the system of international economic dispute settlement and other specific international

economic legal issues.

**e. International Law of Treaty:** Historical Development of International Law of Treaty; Categories and Characteristics of the Current Treaties; Status and Function of treaty; Conclusion and entry of effect of treaty; Reservation of Treaty; Responsibility for Breach of Contract and Settlement of Disputes.

**f. International Arbitration and Civil Procedure:** the International Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution Methods, including theory and practice of the International civil dispute lawsuit system, and of international commercial arbitration system; ADR (alternative Disputes Reservation, etc.

### **Elective course**

**a. International Intellectual Property Law:** International Law Protection of the Intellectual Property.

**b. Chinese Contract law :** to introduce the structure of Chinese Contract Law and other relevant laws and regulations.

**c. International Institutional Law :** Theory and Practice of the International Institutional Law; Interaction of the International Organization and International Law; the Articles, Structure, Functions and Powers and Activity Programs of the International Organization; the United National Laws; International Economic Law; Regional International Organization Law; Specialized Organization Law and International Administrative Law; Relations between China and the International Organization; WTO Laws; EU Laws.

**d. New Frontiers and International Law:** The historical Development of Sea Laws; Continental Shelf and the Exclusive Economic Zone System; Adjacent Sea and Region System; High Seas System.

**e. International Trade, Investment and Financial Law:** Chinese Investment Law, Comparative Investment Law and some Private Overseas Investment International Laws. Legal System of International financial transactions, international financial regulation.

**f. Legal Research:** to introduce the methods of legal research and writing skills of legal dissertation.

**Timetable:** see the table below.

## Curriculum Schedule of Chinese Law and International Law

Category		Course Name in Chinese	Course Name in English	Credits	Hour	Term
Degree Course	Fundamental Compulsory Course	汉语综合	Comprehensive Chinese Language	4	64	1
		中国概况	A Survey of China	2	32	1
	Major Compulsory Course	中国法律文化	Legal Culture of China	2	32	1
		中国公法	Chinese Public Law	2	32	1
		中国经济法	Economic Law in China	3	48	1
		国际法专题	Special Topics on International Law	3	48	1
		国际条约法	International Law of Treaty	2	32	2
		国际仲裁和民事诉讼法	International Arbitration and Civil Procedure	2	32	3
	Elective Course	国际知识产权法	International Intellectual Property Law	2	32	2
新疆域与国际法		New Frontiers and International Law	2	32	2	
法学论文写作		Legal Research	2	32	2	
中国合同法		Chinese Contract Law	2	32	3	
国际组织法		International Institutional Law	2	32	3	
国际贸易投资与金融法		International Trade、Investment and Financial Law	2	32	3	

**Staff structure:** Teachers are mainly composed by professors and associate professors from Institute of International Law of Wuhan University who have background of studying abroad and excellent English skills.

### (2) Teaching Methods

Course instruction is the main method, and international law courses will adopt lectures, workshops

and other methods, emphasize on case teaching and encourage students to actively participate in classroom teaching. Assessment methods of compulsory courses include examination and appraisal. Appraisal is aimed to supervise and urge students to participate in course learning actively and focuses on testing students' ability and method of using their existing theory and background knowledge to analyze, judge and resolve practical problems, and its forms may be versatile. Examination can adopt book-close examination and thesis or other forms, testing students' abilities to understand and use their learned theoretical knowledge systematically and their abilities to conduct independent research. Both methods are chosen by teachers.

**(3) Semester Arrangement**

**Course Schedule of LL.M. Program on Chinese Law and International Law  
(2024-2026)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Note</b>
2024.09.01	Registration of Students	
2024.09.02– 2024.09.06	Opening Ceremony and Activities for New Students (to know about the campus, their study and living environment)	
2024.09.09– 2025.01.15	Courses in Term 1 Comprehensive Chinese A Survey of China Legal Culture of China Chinese Public Law Economic Law in China Special Topics on International Law	An hour's Chinese Language Learning per day
2025.01.16– 2025.02.16	Winter Holidays	
2025.02.17– 2025.06.26	Courses in Term 2 International Law of Treaty International Intellectual Property Law New Frontiers and International Law Legal Research	An hour's Chinese Language Learning per day
2025.09.01– 2026.01.31	Courses in Term 3 International Arbitration and Civil Procedure Chinese Contract Law International Institutional Law International Trade 、 Investment and Financial Law	
2026.02.01– 2026.03.14	Winter Holidays and Completion of Thesis	
2026.03.15– 2026.06.29	Completion of Thesis and Oral Defense	
2026.07.06	Graduation Ceremony and Leaving School	

**(4) Degree Thesis**

Topics of thesis should locate in frontier issues with great theoretical and practical significance in the field of international law, or carry on comparative study of their own



country's or China's legal system, which focus on reflecting students' ability to analyze complicated legal problems in international community with integrated use of theory and knowledge. Mentor groups determine a specific mentor to guide students according to his or her topic.

Graduation thesis should be reviewed by three experts with senior professional titles of associate professor or above in their major.

### **(5) Degree Award**

Those who pass all the credit course examinations and the dissertation defense will be granted a master's degree in law.

## **II. Application**

### **1. Eligibility**

- (1) Applicants, being under 45 years old (born after Sept. 1, 1979), should be from developing countries with non-Chinese nationality and in good health.
- (2) Be in good health with the health form issued by local public hospital, showing that the applicant carries no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.. Applicants with severe illnesses or expectant mothers are not allowed to study in China, including those who have serious hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancers or other serious chronic diseases, neurogenic diseases, infectious diseases and serious disability, and those who have just recovered from major surgeries, or in the acute phase of illness. Those students who become pregnant during studying in China should leave school.
- (3) Bachelor Degree or above and more than 3 year work experience are required.
- (4) Applicants who are on the job, as well as having a professional study or working background related to the project will be preferred.
- (5) Be serving as the government officials at senior level and above (or at the corresponding level), the senior managers of various organizations and enterprises, the academic backbone of universities and scientific research institutions.
- (6) Be good at English, and proficient in the use of English for professional courses (Reference standard: IELTS score 6.0 and above, or new TOEFL score 80 points and above). For those who could not offer the above-mentioned standard English test results, additional oral or written English test organized by Wuhan University will be required to participate in. Native English-speaking applicants could be exempted from providing the above English proficiency certificate.
- (7) Have the potential for career development in this field and are interested in promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation between host countries and China.
- (8) Those students who have studied in China or have been admitted to other Chinese government scholarship programs are not allowed to apply.

### **2. Application Procedures**

#### **(1) How to Apply**

Register and submit online application at Wuhan University Online Application System for International Students at <http://admission.whu.edu.cn/en/?c=index>.

#### **(2) Materials Required**

- a. A recommendation letter by a superior in the institution where the applicant works.
- b. A recommendation letter by a professor or associate professor who knows the applicant research abilities well.
- c. An original copy and a photocopy need to be prepared for each degree.
- d. Transcripts must list all courses taken and all scores obtained.
- e. CV.

- f. Personal statement must be written in English and be about 1000 words in length. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, work experience, achievements.
- g. Future research plan can be written in Chinese or English. It shall entail the applicant's study and research goals.
- h. Personal passport with a minimum of one year before its expiration: photocopy of passport photo page. Do not use diplomatic or official passport.
- i. Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English shall provide new TOEFL or IELTS test scores. New TOEFL requires 80, IELTS requires 6.0. For those who could not offer the above mentioned standard English test results, additional oral or written English test organized by Wuhan University will be required to participate in.
- j. Two recent, 2-inch, white photos.
- k. The *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* and blood exam report shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant carries no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations. Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form can be downloaded from [http://admission.whu.edu.cn/student\\_service.html](http://admission.whu.edu.cn/student_service.html). The medical examinations must cover all the items listed in the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form*. Incomplete forms or forms without the signature of the attending physician, or the official stamp of the hospital, or a sealed photograph of the applicant are invalid. Medical examination results are valid for only one month. Please keep the original Physical Examination materials for the school registration.
- l. Non-criminal record report in English or Chinese. The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application.

### **(3) Submission**

- a. Applicants may apply for the scholarship project after receiving the approval and recommendation from the relevant Department of the Government concerned, and submit the application document according to the specific requirements of the relevant departments of the host country.
- b. If the host Government allows the applicants to submit the application document directly to my embassy abroad, the applicants shall, in the relevant certificate or letter of recommendation approved by the host country for permission to study in China, submit the original paper documents and their scanned electronic documents formed in **(1) and (2)** above-mentioned to the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office(ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in the host country.
- c. The responsible department of the host Government submits a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter for their applicant and clearly state:
- \* Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the program at WHU are already full.
  - \* Other special requests if any.

### **Reminders:**

- ① All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- ② An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification the Economic and Commercial Counselor Office(ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in the host country.
- ③ Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and

photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office. Then the applicants should e-mail all the scanned application documents to the contact person for verification in Wuhan University. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the School of International Education of Wuhan University during registration.

### **3. Deadline**

The application deadline for the master program is **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

### **4. Admission and Registration**

Scholarship winners will receive the admission package from ECCO of the Chinese Embassy before the end of August, 2024, and must register at Wuhan University before the deadline which is usually at the Beginning of September, 2024, the exact date will be specified in the admission notice.

## **III. Other Statements**

### **1. Contact**

Contact Person: He Ting

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Address: Admission office of School of International Education, Wuhan University, Hubei Province, P. R. China

Post code:430072

Tel: 0086-27-68753912

### **2. Note**

- (1) All the documents will not be returned after submission, no matter what the result is.
- (2) Chinese Government would not do explanation to the results deliberately.
- (3) Bringing spouse or other dependent for accompanying is not allowed during the students' study in China. The scholarship will not provide any related cost.
- (4) Admission documents will give guideline for visa procedures.