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Master Program of 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 the People's Republic of China are designed to cultivate high-end business officials and managerial professionals for developing countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as four-year doctoral programs, aiming to nurture high-end, interdisciplinary talents for applied sectors including government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health. These programs help strengthen institutional capacity and support the economic and social development of recipient countries. These programs mainly offer assistance to working governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel to pursue master's and doctoral studies in China, with all instruction delivered entirely in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experience, and good physical health, which are essential for the intensive curricula of these degree programs.

Since September 2015, Wuhan University has hosted the master program of International Law and Chinese Law. To date, 206 students have been enrolled in the program. This program is exclusively for non-Chinese citizens. Its goal is to cultivate application-oriented foreign affairs professionals who have broad international vision, strong professional ethics in the legal field, systematic mastery of International Law and Chinese Law, and proficiently in English as a working language, so as to provide legal services for foreign enterprises in China, overseas Chinese-foreign joint ventures, government departments, enterprises and public institutions and foreign law firms. The program is playing an increasingly important role in promoting economic cooperation between China and students' home countries, and it has received great attention from the governments of the respective countries.

Given the positive effects and achievements of these programs in enhancing economic cooperation and friendship between China and recipient countries, the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China will continue to increase enrollment and improve educational quality. We believe that by participating in the program and earning their degrees, outstanding young people from all countries will become leaders in the legal field and build a bridge of friendship between their countries and China.

(2) Prospective Applicants

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

(3) Objective

The program is aiming to equip students with advanced theoretical knowledge and practical applications, and to cultivate professional and versatile talents who are able to independently conduct research and teaching in International Law, systematically master the fundamental knowledge of law, develop a thorough and comprehensive command of International Law and Chinese Law, and gain specialized expertise in selected fields of International Law.

(4) Admission Plan

In 2026, we plan to enroll up to **20 students** in Master Program of International Law and Chinese Law. The program duration is two years. The medium of instruction is English.

(5) Financial Aid

The Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China will provide "MOFCOM Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. This scholarship covers tuition fees, administrative fees, basic living allowances, and round-trip international air tickets for

recipients, among other benefits. The specific coverage and eligibility criteria of the scholarship are as follows:

- a. Exemption from tuition fees, teaching material fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidy and graduation thesis guidance fees.
- b. Free on-campus accommodation.
- c. living allowance: 36000RMB per year per person for the master's program, disbursed monthly based on the actual length of stay in China.
- d. A one-off settlement allowance of 3000RMB per 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. Scholarship eligibility is subject to annual review. Students who meet the academic performance requirements will continue to receive the full scholarship in the following academic year.
- h. Other expenses shall be managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the university and shall not be distributed to students. The Ministry of Commerce provides financial support only for the official study period specified in the admission notice. No additional funding will be provided for deferred studies.

2. University Introduction

(1) About Wuhan University

Wuhan University (WHU) is a key national comprehensive university directly under the administration of the Ministry of Education. It is one of the key universities supported under the national "211 Project" and "985 Project", receiving full support for its development from both the central and local governments of China. It is also among the first batch of universities included in the national "Double First-Class" initiative. Located in Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province, the university boasts spectacular natural scenery, nestling beside the scenic Luojia Hill and the beautiful East Lake. The university traces its origin to Ziqiang Institute, founded in 1893 with imperial approval by Zhang Zhidong, Viceroy of Huguang (Hubei and Hunan Provinces) in the late Qing Dynasty. After several name changes, it was formally renamed National Wuhan University in July 1928. By the end of 1946, the university had established six colleges: Liberal Arts, Law, Science, Engineering, Agriculture, and Medicine. Wuhan University has a glorious tradition of innovation and enjoys outstanding academic prestige.

With the approval of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, the new Wuhan University was officially established on August 2, 2000, through the amalgamation of four top-tier institutions: the original Wuhan University, Wuhan University of Hydraulic and Electrical Engineering, Wuhan Technical University of Surveying and Mapping, and Hubei Medical University. Today, Wuhan University comprises 41 schools across 6 faculties. It boasts 5 national first-class key disciplines, 17 national second-class key disciplines, and 6 national key disciplines, covering 13 major academic fields: Philosophy, Economics, Law, Education, Literature, History, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Agriculture, Medicine, Management, Art and interdisciplinary studies. The university offers 131 undergraduate programs, 58 first-level master's degree programs, and 53 first-level doctoral degree programs.

Wuhan University is currently home to 12 academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences, 8 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 3 academicians of the international Eurasian Academy of Sciences, 11 well-known senior scholars of arts and social sciences and 15 nationally outstanding teachers.

Wuhan University is committed to cultivating elite professionals and future leaders with international competitiveness across all sectors, while vigorously developing graduate education. At present, the university has more than 60,000 full-time students, including over 30,000 graduate students and approximately 2,000 international students from abroad.

Wuhan University boasts a wide range of modern facilities, including teaching buildings, laboratories, gymnasiums, sports fields, swimming pools, archives, and specimen halls. The university currently has 7 national key laboratories, 2 national engineering research centers, 2 national field scientific observation and research stations, 1 national applied mathematics center, 2 of the 2011 collaborative innovation centers, 1 national high-end think tank, 2 national science and technology infrastructure sharing platforms, 9 key laboratories of the Ministry of Education, and 6 engineering research centers of the Ministry of Education. In addition, the university is also home to 7 key research bases for humanities and social sciences of the Ministry of Education, 8 enrollment majors under the Strong Foundation Plan, 11 training bases for top-notch students in basic disciplines, 10 national experimental teaching demonstration centers, 3 national virtual simulation experimental teaching centers, and 1 national collaborative research center for revolutionary relics. The university regularly publishes 38 professional journals. In 2024, Wuhan University achieved new heights in fundamental research, with 12 influential scientific papers published in internationally renowned academic journals such as Nature, Science, and Cell. The university secured 10 grants from the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, and research funding received exceeded 3.1 billion yuan, both setting new records.

(2) Law School of Wuhan University

Wuhan University's law discipline has a long history which can be traced back to the Hubei Legal School established in 1908. After the 1911 Revolution, the School was renamed Hubei Public Law School. In 1926, Wuchang Sun Yat-Sen University was founded, and it was subsequently reorganized into National Wuhan University in 1928, with the Law School remaining one of its key departments. After the restoration of the Law Faculty in 1979 and the founding of the Law School in 1986, several distinguished jurists successively served as deans of the Law Faculty and the Law School, including the eminent jurist Professor Han Depei, the renowned criminologist Professor Ma Kechang, the distinguished civil and commercial law scholar Professor Ma Junju, the prominent international law experts Professor Yu Jinsong and Professor Zeng Lingliang, the noted economic law scholar Professor Feng Guo. The current dean is the distinguished legal expert Professor Qin Tianbao.

After more than 40 years' restoration and development, the Law School has become a leading national center for legal education and research in China.

(3) Campus Environment

Wuhan University is located in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province. It enjoys four distinct seasons in mid-latitude zone. The average annual temperature of Wuhan is 17.1°C, with the highest monthly average reaching 29.3°C in July and the lowest 3°C in January. Wuhan is located in central China with convenient transportation and a moderate cost of living, making it one of the ideal livable cities in China. Wuhan University boasts spectacular natural scenery, with the scenic Luojia Hill on campus and the beautiful East Lake by its side. It is widely known as one of the most beautiful universities in China. The university provides convenient living facilities and high-quality infrastructure. A variety of facilities, including sports stadiums, libraries, supermarkets, banks, and school clinics, are fully equipped to meet students' daily study and living needs. The canteens across the campus provide high-quality meals for teachers and students, and halal food is also available. In the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Wuhan University, the international student dormitories offer standard single rooms equipped with air conditioners, showers, washrooms, and shared kitchens. The dormitory buildings are equipped with a 24-hour access control system, allowing students to enter and exit by swiping their student cards. Wired internet and Wi-Fi are available across the campus.

3. Education Plan

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

The program requires a total of 30 credits.

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 courses include:

a. Legal Culture of China

This course provides a brief introduction to the history of Chinese law, including legal systems and legal thought throughout Chinese history, and discusses the characteristics of Chinese legal culture in comparison with Western legal history.

b. Chinese Public Law

This course introduces the basic legal system of China, including the Constitution, administrative law, criminal law, Chinese legal history, and other related fields.

c. Economic Law in China

This course introduces the legal system and practice governing China's market economic activities, based on civil and commercial law and supplemented by state economic regulatory laws. It covers property law, company law, financial law, bankruptcy law, competition law, and other related areas.

d. Special Topics on International Law

This course is a foundation for studying other international law courses and conducting research on international legal issues. It covers fundamental theories and frontier issues of public international law, private international law, and international economic law. Public international law focuses on the legal framework governing relations between sovereign states, including sources, nature, subjects, relationship with domestic law, codification, state responsibility, and international dispute settlement. Private international law covers nature and sources, conflict rules, renvoi, public policy reservation, foreign-related torts, property rights, marriage and family, inheritance, etc. International economic law includes subjects, sources, structure of the international economic legal order, international technology transfer, international economic dispute settlement, and other specific legal issues.

e. International Law of Treaty

This course covers the historical development of the law of treaties, the types and characteristics of modern treaties, the status and functions of treaties, the conclusion and entry into force of treaties, treaty reservations, as well as the responsibility for breach of treaties and dispute settlement.

f. International Arbitration and Civil Procedure

This course examines international civil and commercial dispute settlement mechanisms, including theories and practice of international civil litigation and international commercial arbitration, as well as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Elective courses include:

a. International Intellectual Property Law

This course covers International Law Protection of the Intellectual Property.

b. Chinese Contract law

This course introduces the structure of Chinese Contract Law and other relevant laws and regulations.

c. International Institutional Law

This course covers the theory and practice of international institutional law, the interaction between international organizations and international law, the charters, structure, functions, powers and activities of international organizations, the law of the United Nations, international economic law, regional international organization law, specialized organization

law, international administrative law, the relations between China and international organizations, WTO law, and EU law.

d. New Frontiers and International Law

This course covers the historical development of the law of the sea, the continental shelf and exclusive economic zone regime, the territorial sea and contiguous zone regime, and the high seas regime.

e. International Trade, Investment and Financial Law

This course covers Chinese investment law, comparative investment law, international rules for overseas private investment, the legal regimes for international financial transactions, and international financial regulation.

f. Legal Research

This course introduces the methods of legal research and the skills for writing academic legal dissertations.

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: The teaching staff is mainly composed of professors and associate professors

from the Institute of International Law, Wuhan University, who have overseas study backgrounds and excellent English proficiency.

(2) Teaching Methods

Course instruction is the main method. For international law courses, lectures, workshops and other approaches will be adopted; the courses will emphasize case-based teaching and encourage students to actively participate in classroom activities. Assessment methods for compulsory courses include examinations and evaluations. The purpose of evaluation is to supervise and urge students to actively participate in course learning; it focuses on testing students' ability and methods to apply their existing theoretical and background knowledge to analyze, judge and solve practical problems, and its forms may be diverse. Examinations can adopt closed-book exams, thesis or other forms, which test students' abilities to systematically understand and apply the theoretical knowledge they have learned, as well as their abilities to conduct independent research. The specific choice of these two assessment methods is determined by the teachers.

(3) Semester Arrangement

**Course Schedule of LL.M. Program on Chinese Law and International Law
(2026-2028)**

Time	Content	Note
2026.9.1– 2026.9.4	Registration of Students	
2026.9.7– 2026.9.11	Opening Ceremony and Activities for New Students (to know about the campus, their study and living environment)	
2026.9.14– 2027.1.15	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
2027.1.16– 2027.2.16	Winter Holidays	
2027.2.17– 2027.6.26	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
2027.9.1– 2028.1.31	Courses in Term 3 International Arbitration and Civil Procedure Chinese Contract Law International Institutional Law International Trade, Investment and Financial Law	
2028.2.1– 2028.3.14	Winter Holidays and Completion of Thesis	
2028.3.15– 2028.6.29	Completion of Thesis and Oral Defense	
2028.7.6	Graduation Ceremony and Leaving School	

(4) Degree Thesis

Thesis topics should focus on frontier issues in the field of international law that possess significant theoretical and practical value. Alternatively, topics may involve comparative studies on the legal systems of one's own country or China, with an emphasis on reflecting students' ability to comprehensively apply relevant theories and knowledge to analyze complex legal issues in the international community.

The graduation thesis should be reviewed by three experts who hold senior professional titles of associate professor or above in the relevant major.

(5) Degree Award

Students who pass all credit-bearing course examinations and successfully defend their dissertation shall be awarded the Master of Laws degree.

II. Application

1. Eligibility

(1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, and under 45 years of age (born after September 1, 1981).

(2) Applicants must be in good health and provide a medical certificate issued by a local public hospital. The certificate must confirm that the applicant does not carry any infectious diseases that may seriously endanger public health, nor does the applicant have any health conditions prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulation. Applicants with serious illnesses or who are pregnant are not permitted to study in China. This includes individuals with severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer or other serious chronic diseases, neurological diseases, infectious diseases, or severe disabilities; those who have just recovered from major surgery; or those in the acute stage of an illness. Students who become pregnant during their studies in China must suspend their studies and leave the university.

(3) A bachelor degree or above and more than 3 years of 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. On-the-job applicants with professional study or work background relevant to the program will be given priority.

(5) Applicants must be government officials at or above the senior level (or equivalent), senior managers of various organizations and enterprises, or academic backbone members of universities and scientific research institutions.

(6) Applicants should have a good command of English and be proficient in using English for professional courses (reference standards: IELTS 6.0 or above, or internet-based TOEFL 80 or above). Applicants unable to provide the above English test scores must take an additional English oral or written test organized by Wuhan University. Native English speakers are exempt from the above English proficiency certificates.

(7) Applicants should have the potential for career development in this field and are interested in promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation between host countries and China.

(8) Applicants who have previously studied in China or been awarded other Chinese Government Scholarship programs are not eligible to apply.

2. Application Procedures

(1) How to Apply

Register and submit online application via the Wuhan University Online Application System for International Students at <https://admission.whu.edu.cn/>. Select "Apply now" tab to access the application page. After registering and logging in with your email address, select the scholarship category for the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), and complete the required information as prompted, including program details and personal particulars.

(2) Materials Required

a. A letter of recommendation from a superior at the applicant's current institution of employment.

- b.** A letter of recommendation from a professor or associate professor who is familiar with the applicant's research capabilities.
- c.** An original copy and a photocopy of each academic degree certificate.
- d.** Academic transcripts that list all courses taken and all scores obtained in full.
- e.** Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- f.** A personal statement (in English, approximately 1000 words), covering core elements including the applicant's academic background, work experience and professional achievements.
- g.** A future research plan (available in Chinese or English), specifying the applicant's intended study and research goals.
- h.** A valid personal passport (with a minimum of one year of validity remaining): photocopy of the passport photo page. Diplomatic or official passports are not acceptable.
- i.** Applicants who are non-native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was delivered not in English must provide valid test scores for the internet-based TOEFL (minimum 80) or IELTS (minimum 6.0). Those unable to provide the above English proficiency scores are required to take an additional oral and written English test organized by Wuhan University.
- j.** Two recent 2-inch white background photographs of the applicant.
- k.** The Foreigner Physical Examination Form and blood test report, issued within one month prior to application submission. The documents must confirm the applicant has no infectious diseases that may seriously endanger public health and does not fall under any health conditions prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations. The photocopy of the Foreigner Physical Examination Form is downloadable from <https://admission.whu.edu.cn/info/1591/5372.htm>. All examination items listed in the form must be completed; incomplete forms, or forms without the attending physician's signature, the hospital's official stamp, or a sealed photograph of the applicant are deemed invalid. Medical examination results are valid for only **one month**. The original physical examination documents must be retained for school registration.
- l.** A non-criminal record report (in English or Chinese), issued by the local public security authority of the applicant's place of residence. The certificate must be valid and issued within 6 months prior to application submission.

(3) Submission

- a.** Applicants may apply for the scholarship program only after obtaining approval and recommendation from the relevant government department of their home country, and shall submit the application documents in accordance with the specific requirements of the competent authorities of the host country.
- b.** If the host government permits applicants to submit application documents directly to the Chinese Embassy abroad, applicants shall submit both the original hard copies and scanned electronic versions of the documents listed in items (1) and (2) above to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in the host country, together with the relevant certificate or letter of recommendation issued by the host government approving study in China.
- c.** The responsible department of the host government shall submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of the Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter on behalf of the applicant, clearly stating:
 - * Whether the applicant agrees to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the program at Wuhan University is full.
 - * Other special requests if any.

Reminders:

- ① All documents to be submitted must be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized

Chinese or English translation is required.

②Original copies of degree certificates, academic transcripts and language proficiency certificates must be presented for on-site verification at the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in the host country.

③Applicants will retrieve all hard-copy materials (original and photocopied documents) from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office. Applicants shall then email all scanned application documents to the designated contact person at Wuhan University for verification. If admitted, applicants must bring the complete documents to China and submit them to the School of International Education, Wuhan University upon registration.

3. Deadline

The application deadline for the master's program is **June 6th, 2026**.

4. Admission and Registration

Scholarship recipients shall receive their admission package from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy by the end of August 2026, and must complete registration at Wuhan University by the specified deadline, normally early **September 2026**. The exact registration date will be clearly indicated in the Admission Notice.

III. Other Statements

1. Contact

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Post code: 430072

Tel: 0086-27-68753912

2. Note

- (1) All submitted documents will not be returned regardless of the application result.
- (2) The Chinese Government will not provide separate explanations for the final results.
- (3) Accompanying family members including spouses or other dependents are not permitted during study in China. The scholarship does not cover any related expenses.
- (4) The admission documents will include instructions for visa procedures.