

International Master of Chinese Law

Programme overview

The two year International Master of Chinese Law (IMCL) programme is a graduate law programme (LL.M.) offered by China-EU School of Law (CESL) at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). CESL is the first law school which was approved by the Ministry of Education (MOE) of the People's Republic of China under the "Sino-foreign Schools Agreement." Former Premier Wen Jiabao expressed his hope that "CESL will educate a great cohort of talented legal professionals equipped with knowledge spanning both Chinese and Western law".

The IMCL programme will mainly focus on Chinese law, especially on Chinese Civil and commercial laws. It is open to international students and the language of instruction is English. IMCL exposes international students to the historical background, transitional nature and developmental trajectory of Chinese law. Courses aim to provide students with general knowledge of Chinese law as well as a comparative approach to legal studies. Successful participants will receive a Master of Law (LL.M.) degree conferred by the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL).

Since 2011, every autumn CESL offers the Chinese Law Taught in English programme (CLTE) to international students. There have been 117 international CLTE alumni. In 2019, CESL expands the CLTE programme to a degree IMCL programme. Globalization and China's rise to an economic world power are increasing the demand for legal professionals with a special expertise in Chinese legal matters. Thus, the programme prepares students for a wide variety of international careers working for multinational law firms, companies, organizations or government authorities.

In addition to courses, students have the opportunity to visit law firms and attend both civil and criminal trials. All classes are taught in English by experienced professors specialized in their respective field. The programme also offers assistance to students in seeking internship opportunities at law firms or company both in Beijing and Europe.

The school supports students who opt to learn Chinese with cooperation with CUPL School of International Studies.

- **The programme at a glance**

Application deadline	1 June 2019
Diploma	Master of Laws (LL.M.) conferred by the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL).
Duration	Two years First year full-time study in Beijing; Second year LL.M. dissertation (optional in your home country or in Beijing).
Credits	A minimum of 26 CUPL credits
Classes	Diverse classes with International students and Chinese students
Dissertation and Supervision	20,000 words English LL.M. dissertation; English defense; CUPL experienced supervisors with international education background.
Tuition	RMB 87,000, covering the minimum courses for 26 credits and an LL.M. dissertation
Scholarships	Students from CESL's European partner universities will be awarded scholarship of RMB 37,000
Language	English

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Admission

Applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Be a citizen of a country other than the P.R. China
2. Have obtained a law degree (Bachelor of Laws, State Examination or equivalent) or be currently studying in a law degree programme.
3. Be proficient in English, demonstrated by being a native English speaker, having completed undergraduate studies in English, or by holding a valid TOEFL with a minimum score of 100 or an IELTS 7.0 or a Cambridge Test for Advanced English (CAE) certificate.

Application deadline

The application deadline for the 2019-21 IMCL programme is 1 June 2019.

Documents required

Applications should be submitted to: imcl_cesl@cupl.edu.cn. The following documents are required for the application:

1. Copy of passport
2. Completed application form (please download here [2019 IMCL Application Form](#))
3. English CV
4. Letter of recommendation, written in English by a professor from a university where the applicant studied (a PDF of the signed letter must be emailed by the professor to the abovementioned email address)

5. Copy of degree certificate and an English translation (if already obtained)
6. Academic transcript (including the grading scheme) demonstrating the applicant's legal studies and an English translation
7. Copy of TOEFL, IELTS, CEFR or CAE certificate, or equivalent
8. Completed financial statement (please download here [2019 IMCL Financial Statement](#))

All students enrolling must bring originals of these documents bearing their signature to registration.

Admissions policy

The China-EU School of Law carefully evaluates each applicant based on the application materials submitted. Admission is based on merit. Thus, it is recommended that all applicants provide the school with any materials that can demonstrate their achievements. The school considers geographical, cultural and ethnic diversity of students as one of its greatest assets. The law school does not hold an entrance examination for international students. However, CESL may conduct interviews by telephone, with alumni, or use other ways seen as necessary to assess potential candidates.

Visa information

International students studying in China must hold an ordinary passport and a valid X1 visa to enter China and a Student Resident Permit while enrolled in the International Master of Chinese Laws programme.

Applicants should apply for a Chinese visa at their nearest Chinese Embassy, Consulate or Chinese Visa Center. The X1 student visa is valid for one entry. The following documents are usually required for the visa application:

1. A current passport with at least 12 months of validity and at least one blank page
2. A signed Visa Application Form with one passport photo
3. An approved Foreign Student Visa Application Form (JW202 Form) issued by the Chinese Ministry of Education (CESL obtains this document for students)

4. The CESL admission letter from the university, both the original and a photocopy (the original will be checked and returned to the applicant)

5. A medical certificate.

Students must check with their local Chinese Embassy whether they need additional documents.

After their arrival in Beijing, foreign students need to apply for the Student Residence Permit within 30 days. This permit is valid for one year and allows for multiple entries. Students need a health certificate to apply for the Student Residence Permit. If they had their medical check before travelling to China, the certificate must be authenticated, e.g. at the Haidian Clinic of Beijing International Travel Healthcare Center. For this purpose, students must bring the original copy of both the health certificate and the medical check report (including a printout of the ECG-curve, hepatitis and HIV screening, and a chest x-ray, preferably in English). The China-EU School of Law in Changping assists students with the necessary procedures both for the X1 visa and the Student Residence Permit application, if questions arise. Students are asked to bring copies of their passport and extra passport photos to China.

Dates and deadlines 2019-21

1 June Application deadline

The end of
June Applicants are informed via email of the admissions decision.

July Successful applicants receive their letter of admission via post, including the Student Visa Application Form (JW202 Form) issued by the Chinese Ministry of Education; students can then apply for a visa and book their flights.

September The semester starts at the beginning of September.

Curriculum

Credit requirements: Students are required to complete a minimum of 26 credits including all compulsory courses and pass all course examinations.

(1) General Compulsory Modules (subject to change) 6 credits in total

1	Introduction to Chinese Legal System	2 credits
2	Introduction to Chinese Culture	2 credits
3	Chinese Language Course	2 credits

(2) Compulsory Law Modules (subject to change) 10 credits in total

1	Legal Research and Writing	2 credits
2	Chinese Civil Law	2 credits
3	Chinese Business Law	2 credits
4	Chinese Contract Law	2 credits
5	Chinese Property Law	2 credits

(3) Elective Modules (subject to change) at least 10 credits in total

1	Chinese Insolvency Law	2 credits
2	Chinese Financial Law	2 credits
3	Chinese Security Law	2 credits
4	Comparative Constitutional Law	2 credits
5	Chinese Criminal Justice	2 credits
6	Chinese Administrative Law	2 credits



7	Chinese Employment Law	2 credits
8	Chinese Anti-monopoly Law	2 credits
9	International Business Law	2 credits
10	Chinese Legal History	2 credits
11	Nonprofit Organisations	1 credits

Other Elective courses offered by CUPL

1	Chinese Civil Procedure Law	2 credits
2	Judicial System in China	2 credits
3	Contemporary Chinese Political Science and Society	2 credits
4	The Past and Present of the "Silk Road"	2 credits
5	International Investment Law	2 credits
6	Public International Law	2 credits
7	Private International Law	2 credits
8	International Human Right Law	2 credits
9	International Regulation of Cyberspace	2 credits
9	International Air Law	2 credits
10	Intellectual Property Law	2 credits
11	International Environmental Law	2 credits

Dissertation

An IMCL candidate must submit a dissertation at least 20,000 words in English and pass the thesis defence to fulfill the requirements for the LL.M degree. A thesis that is written in English shall include a summary in Chinese. After approved by the CUPL Degree Committee, the students can receive the LL.M. Program's graduation

certificate and the degree certificate for the Master of Laws in Chinese Civil and Commercial law conferred by the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). The IMCL candidate will be assigned an experienced supervisor with international education background during his/her study, and the supervisor is responsible for guiding the candidate's researches and dissertations.

Tuition and Scholarships

The tuition fee is RMB 87,000 per year for international students.

Unless CESL has given prior approval to do otherwise, all students must pay the tuition fee at the time of registration. Applicants who wish to postpone the payment must explain the amount and the length of the extension required in the Financial Statement. Tuition fees are refunded to students who withdraw from the programme permanently in proportion to their actual attendance prior to withdrawal.

Scholarships

Students from CESL's European partner universities will be awarded scholarship of RMB 37,000yuan.

"Chinese University Program" and "EU Window Chinese Scholarship Program" scholarships from the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) may be available to international students. The application deadline is usually 1 April. Students have to apply directly with the CSC.

Moreover, please contact your home university's international office for further information on special scholarships in your home country and at your home university.

Living Expenses

International students will be provided accommodation in the dormitory at the International Exchange Centre at CUPL's Changping Campus. A standard room is shared by four students. It costs approximately RMB 5250 per person per academic year. Students who wish to live in the dorm have to indicate this to the CESL office. Students can also live in an apartment close to campus. A small apartment with two rooms costs approximately 4000 yuan per month which could be shared by two persons. A shopping centre, banks, a post office, hotels and restaurants are all within



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walking distance of campus. For living expenses – food, books, medical insurance, transportation, social activities, etc. – international students usually spend RMB 2,500 per month.