

American and International Law - China LLM

BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW

About the Program

In 1999, Temple University launched a Master of Laws degree (LLM) program in Beijing to educate public and private sector legal professionals in U.S. and international law. This program, in collaboration with Tsinghua University School of Law, is the first foreign law degree granting program approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

The Temple-Tsinghua LLM degree program provides Chinese legal professionals and law students with the knowledge and skills essential to meet the changing and growing legal demands of today's global landscape. Graduates receive an LLM degree from Temple University. The program is approved by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and acquiesced by the American Bar Association.

The program begins with a required one-month intensive Legal English course that prepares students for law school coursework. Students may request to be exempted from the course if they work in a full-time English-language environment and earn sufficiently high scores on the English assessment exam used for admission purposes. The Legal English program consists of:

- American Legal System
- Case Briefing
- Law School Skills
- Listening and Speaking in Law

Courses taught in Beijing focus on principal areas of American law studied by Juris Doctor (JD) students in the United States, with course offerings in civil, criminal and commercial law.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Tsinghua Law School in Beijing, China and Main campus in Philadelphia

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Interdisciplinary Study: During the Summer session in Philadelphia, students continue coursework; participate in interactive visits to the courts, law firms and government agencies; and visit cultural sites. Courses are taught in English by Temple and Tsinghua law faculty and adjunct professors who are expert practitioners in their fields.

Job Prospects: Graduates may have an advantage in procuring jobs that require China-focused international law study and experience.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Students must be matriculated in the program to take courses.

Financing Opportunities: The degree program does not have a scholarship program, but students may explore financial aid opportunities commonly available to other law students. Tuition and cost information is available at <https://law.temple.edu/academics/degrees/llm-china/tuition-cost/>. For financial aid information, visit <https://law.temple.edu/resources/financial-aid/graduate-international/>.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: August 1

Applicants are admitted on a rolling basis. Late applications may be accepted if space is available.

Payment of the CNY 300 yuan may be remitted directly to the Temple-Tsinghua LLM program office in Beijing.

APPLY ONLINE to this program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 2

From Whom: The reference letters must be written by law professors or legal employers who are well acquainted with your academic abilities and/or professional skills.

Degree Required for Admission Consideration: All matriculants to the LLM program must be current students in the Tsinghua University School of Law Juris Master program or have earned an LLB, LLM or higher law degree. Alternately, individuals who have passed the Chinese National Judicial Examination may apply for the program. Official transcripts and certificates of law degree completion must be submitted to Temple Law either

electronically or as hard copy received in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution, accompanied by the certified English translation if needed. Transcripts that have been opened and handled by the applicant are not considered acceptable.

Statement of Goals: This carefully worded personal statement should include your personal history, professional interests and abilities, as well as any other information that might be helpful to the Admissions Committee. The committee wants to know each applicant as a person and as a professional. Each statement must be signed and dated to certify that the essay is true and your own work.

Standardized Test Scores:

LSAT: Not required.

Unless a waiver is provided, applicants trained in a non-English-speaking country must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 88
- IELTS Academic: 6.5, with no individual score below 6.0
- Duolingo: 115

The score requirement is waived for applicants whose native language is English or who earned a degree from an institution where the language of instruction was English.

Interview: An interview may be requested by the Admissions Committee.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Earn the Degree: 24¹

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
MLAI C404	Constitutional Law	
MLAI C405	Legal Profssnlsn Practcm	
MLAI C406	Contracts I	
MLAI C414	Legal Research & Writing	
MLAI C415	Legal Research	
MLAI C418	Real Property	
MLAI C420	Torts	
MLAI C422	Legal Reasoning	
MLAI C451	Intro to Trial Advocacy	
MLAI C508	Business Associations	
Electives		
MLAI C402	Civil Procedure I	
MLAI C416	Professional Responsibility	
MLAI C450	Mergers & Acquisitions	
MLAI C505	Criminal Procedure	
MLAI C522	Conflict of Laws	
MLAI C524	International Commercial Arbitration	
MLAI C540	Evidence	
MLAI C545	Introduction to Compliance	
MLAI C547	Intellectual Property	
MLAI C637	International Business Transactions	
Total Credit Hours		24

¹ Listed course offerings are representative and may vary from year to year.

Cumulative GPA Required to be Awarded the Degree: 2.0 minimum

Contacts

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