About Renmin Law School

Founded in 1950 and based in Beijing, Renmin University of China (RUC) Law School is one of the country’s most acclaimed schools. The RUC Law School is the oldest institution of legal education in the People’s Republic of China and as such, is dubbed by many as the “cradle” nurturing China’s most outstanding jurists, judges, procurators and lawyers.

According to the assessment of the discipline of law by the Ministry of Education, Renmin University Law School is ranked No.1 nationwide for the period covering 1999-2008, the last year the ratings were conducted. Continuing its quest to firmly establish a tier 1 transnational law school, RUC has partner with Harvard University, the University of Kent and Indiana University Schools of Law, etc., to create an energetic and creative learning environment for cultural exchange and diversity. As such, RUC welcomes international students from a variety of jurisdictions to explore Chinese legal theory and practice.

RUC Law School inherited the vaunted tradition of the former Chaoyang University when the two schools merged shortly after the founding of the PRC. Established in 1912, Chaoyang University became so synonymous with legal practice in China that the saying went: “no Chaoyang, no courts”. Chaoyang University’s legacy of producing nationally recognized jurists endures in the RUC Law School of today where students and faculty continue to lead the development of China’s legal system.

Since 1950, more than 20,000 students have graduated from RUC Law School, while more than 300,000 jurists have received training through the Law School continuing legal education (CLE) courses and programs. This includes judges, procurators, lawyers, university faculty members and civil servants. A significant number of alumni have become leaders in advancing China’s rule of law as government officials, judges,
academics, public interest and corporate lawyers.

At present, RUC Law School educates more than 3,000 students annually with graduate students accounting for approximately 80% of the student body. The Law School confers the undergraduate (LL.B.) and graduate degrees (LL. D. and LL.M.) in all secondary disciplines of law. RUC Law School also offers a Bachelor's Degree in Law with a concentration in Intellectual Property Rights. The Law School established the nation’s first post-doctoral research center covering all doctoral subject areas. RUC Law School’s 43 research institutes carry-out numerous projects of national-and international-importance. These research institutes include two Ministry of Education sponsored humanities and social science research centers, the Research Center for Criminal Jurisprudence, the Research Center of Civil & Commercial Jurisprudence, and the RUC Center for Disabled Person's Law & Legal Services. RUC Law School’s expansive library houses more than 300,000 volumes, including over 50,000 foreign language sources. There are over 1,300 Chinese and 3,000 foreign law journals available to students, faculty and visiting scholars. RUC Law School edits and publishes the nation’s leading law journal, the ‘Juristic’ Review’, as well as the ‘RUC Law Review’ and the ‘Chaoyang Law Review’. The Law School also publishes an internationally distributed English law journal, ‘Frontiers of Law in China’, which connects an English readership with the swiftly shifting trends that define China’s contemporary legal landscape. In efforts to make our scholarly work more readily available to an increasingly internet-based society, the Law School runs a nationally recognized website entitled ‘China Civil & Commercial Law’.

Endowed with many of legal academia’s leading minds, RUC Law School faculty includes influential senior jurists recognized at home and a host of younger academics actively advancing the boundaries of legal research and pedagogy. As part of the Law School’s ongoing commitment to serving the public good, our professors have advised the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the National People's Congress Standing Committee. Scores of other faculty members lead students in legislative redrafting and public interest work.

Over the past six decades, RUC Law School has made lasting contributions to the development of legal education and rule of law in China. RUC Law School prepares students not only to master the minutiae of the law, but also to lead as global citizens ready and able to tackle some of the world’s most challenging problems. With an ethos of service and academic rigor underpinning the work of our dedicated administration, faculty, staff and student body, RUC Law School is simply the best center for legal education in China and is gaining recognition around the globe.

About the program

The LLM program offered by Renmin Law School provides an invaluable opportunity for a selected group of students and professionals with a bachelor degree at least to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of Chinese law. The course of study lasts two years, with a total of four semesters, starting in September and finishing in July. The students are expected to earn a total of 33 course credits, after which they will write a dissertation under the supervision of an advisor.
1. Cultivation proposal

Period of Study
2 years

Course List
- Introduction of Chinese Law
- History of Chinese Legal Thought
- Chinese Constitution
- Chinese Civil Law
- Chinese Criminal Law
- Chinese Business Law
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Civil and Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Chinese Labor Law
- Chinese Environmental Law
- Chinese Politics
- Chinese Language

Master Dissertation
After successful completion of all courses required in the program, the participants should, under the supervision of an advisor, write a master dissertation.

Lawyer Probation and Social Survey
Starting in the third semester with the duration no less than 4 weeks.
Law School of Renmin University of China reserves the right to make some adjustment of the cultivation proposal under the changed circumstances.

2. Admissions

Admission decisions are made on the basis of all information provided in the completed application and the qualification interview by telephone (or video).
Special policy: No qualification interview for excellent graduates with bachelor degree from ten specified universities in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan regions, each of whom should rank within the top twenty in class in their respective universities.
Application Procedure

Step 1: Online Application
Complete online Application on the website of Office of Graduate Admission (http://zyxw.ruc.edu.cn/qywxml/main.asp). Please carefully select the type of admission (Admission with exemption from the written test for LLM program in Chinese Law) in the online application system. Print and sign the hard copy of the Application Form produced by the system.

Step 2: Documents Submission
All application materials should be sent to Renmin Law School for review. You can choose to:
a) Compile and scan all application materials and email to chinalaw_RUC@yahoo.cn (Attention: Underline between chinalaw and RUC);
b) Or: Post mail all application materials to Renmin Law School:
   Jin Meirong
   Law School
   Mingde Law School Building
   Renmin University of China
   #59 Zhongguancun Street, Haidian District
   Beijing 100872, P.R. China

Step 3: Application Fee Payment
Applicants should pay non-refundable application fee of RMB600 before taking the interview through following ways:
a) Pay cash to the Office of Graduate Admission.
b) Or: Remit the fee to the University:
   Name of Bank: Zizhuyuan Sub-branch of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China,
   0200007609026400244
   Bank Address: Floor 1, Yinhai Building A 10 Zhongguancun South St., Beijing, 100873, P.R. China
   Swift Code: ICBKCNBJBM
   Account Name: Renmin University of China
   In the remittance note please clearly indicate the following information:
i. Your name
ii. The school you are applying for
iii. Purpose of remittance: “Application Fee for Master Programs in English”

Application Materials
a) Application Form for Graduate Study at Renmin University of China;
b) Official, final diploma and official transcript. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by Chinese or English translations;
c) Two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English by associate professors or professors;
d) A personal statement in Chinese or English for this program;
e) Proof of language proficiency for non-native English speakers;
f) 4 passport-size photos;
g) One photocopy of the passport;
h) Other documents proving your academic capacity and excellence (for example, copies of published academic papers, research outputs and rewards).

3. Application Deadline
Application is accepted before May 31, 2012.

4. Tuition
Tuition for the LLM Program in Chinese Law is CNY 70,000 per academic year. Students must pay their tuition prior to the start of classes each term.

5. Scholarship
RUC Law School offers scholarship to some participants of LLM Program in Chinese Law. Scholarships include:

a) Full-scholarship with tuition exemption plus free on-campus accommodation, and a certain amount of living subsidy
b) Scholarship with tuition exemption

c) Scholarship with partial tuition exemption, etc..

6. Visa
Students who are admitted into the LLM Program in Chinese Law will receive the documents necessary for handling visa application for study in China from the International Exchange Office.

Words from participants

Siodhbhra Margaret Parkin
It is no exaggeration to say that studying Chinese law is akin to studying history in the making. I knew before I came to Renmin the significance of this opportunity to come and study the development of the Chinese legal system firsthand. Before our eyes, law and the legal profession in the People's Republic of China is undergoing such profound and rapid change that there is always something new to explain or analyze. As China continues to rise in global economic and political importance, it has never been more necessary to study the legal system of one of the most fascinating and complex nations in the world. For the next two years, I have the very good fortune to be able to do exactly that at a university widely recognized as having the best law school in the country. Renmin has afforded me an invaluable opportunity to use what I know and apply it directly to the study of law, including assisting me in finding a place at a law firm for the required internship necessary before graduation as well as bringing us to visit law firms and have our questions about the professional
aspects of Chinese law practice answered. Renmin also allows students to enroll in classes outside of the law school to gain a deeper understanding of contemporary Chinese society and politics. Living in China is an adventure I will never forget, and studying law at Renmin constitutes an important milestone in my professional development. I wish you all the best from Beijing!

Patrick Barclay
The Master's program in Chinese Law in English at Renmin has provided me with an opportunity to understand in detail the rules governing Civil Relations in China from a perspective I could not obtain any other way. This combine with meeting new friends has already yielded several new ideas and initiatives that I along with a classmate or two hope to implement before we graduate from Renda. Additionally, I am receiving so much from my exposure to China; I hope to give something tangible back to the University while I am a student here and even more after I become an alumnus. This is a special place where the administration and scholars are open to new ideas and ready to embrace new challenges.

Derek Brow
I am very impressed with the Master's Program of Chinese Law so far. The professors are all very knowledgeable on the course subjects, and they are very generous in helping us understand the concepts. I am especially interested in Labor Law and Civil Law, since the policies and regulations are vastly different from law in the United States. Living in Beijing is an exciting experience for me. I have a valuable opportunity to improve my Chinese language skills while learning about the legal system here, and I hope to utilize these skills for my future career in law.

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