



# Master of Laws (LLM)

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## Admissions and Application

### Q1. What are the coursework and research programmes available?

Our degree programmes include the Master of Laws (LLM) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). LLM students can pursue specializations in a variety of areas, including Asian Legal Studies, Corporate and Financial Services Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, International & Comparative Law and Maritime Law. We also offer the LLM in International Business Law, taught in partnership with the East China University of Political Science and Law.

We also offer the Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law and Arbitration (GDMLA)(Full/Part-time). Please refer to <https://law.nus.edu.sg/nuslawacademy/certificate-programmes/graduate-diploma/> for details.

### Q2. Are the LLM programmes conducted on a full-time or part-time basis and in Singapore?

All programmes are conducted on a full-time basis, with the exception of the LLM in Maritime Law, which may also be offered on a part-time basis, giving students the flexibility to complete the course in two years. All programmes are conducted in Singapore.

Students enrolled in the International Business Law programme will spend the entire Semester 1 (August- December) in Singapore. In Semester 2 (January- May), they will relocate to the East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai.

### Q3. Do you have any graduate programmes available via distance-learning?

All programmes are conducted on-campus.

### Q4. What are the admission requirements?

Please refer to [https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/admin\\_requirements.html](https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/admin_requirements.html) for details.

### Q5. Can I apply for the programme if I do not meet the English requirement?

We require students to have a strong proficiency in English in order to cope with the curriculum demands. We would, therefore, advise that applicants meet our English requirement in order to apply for the programme.

### Q6. Is GRE required?

With effect from AY2025/2026, [GRE \(Graduate Record Examination\)](#) test scores will be optional for PhD applicants. However, do note that evidence of strong quantitative, verbal, and analytical skills will significantly strengthen your application.

**Q7. When do applications open and what is the deadline for submitting an application?**

Please refer to [http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html) in September for updates.

**Q8. How do I submit my application?**

You may apply online at [https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/portal/app\\_manage](https://gradapp.nus.edu.sg/portal/app_manage). Please follow the instructions as set out at [https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html).

**Q9. After applying online, can I upload the supporting documents or should I mail the supporting documents?**

Please upload soft copies of your supporting documents. It is not necessary to submit your supporting documents via email or via post, unless we specifically request for them.

**Q10. What are the supporting documents I have to submit?**

Please refer to the checklist at [http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html)

**Q11. Must I submit original academic transcripts?**

Only successful applicants will be required to submit official transcripts and certified true copy of degree certificates.

**Q12. I am waiting for some documents to reach me (eg. transcripts, English test scores) and may miss the application deadline. What should I do?**

We will consider your application based on the documents uploaded in the application system. We regret that we are unable to consider any additional documents or information given beyond the application deadline.

**Q13. Where can I find the application instructions?**

The application instructions can be found at [http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html)

**Q14. How can I make payment for the application?**

Please refer to [http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app\\_periods\\_forms.html](http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html) for more information.

**Q15. When can I know the outcome of my application?**

Applicants will be informed via email by mid-February. Once applicants accept the offer, more details on immigration, medical examination, accommodation etc. will follow via email by mid-May.

**Q16. Who can I approach to be my referees?**

We require two academic referees. Only if you have left school for a number of years will we accept one professional referee and one academic referee.

**Q17. How should my referees submit their referee reports?**

When completing the online application form, applicants should complete the contact details of their referees, including a functional email address. After submitting the application online, an email will be sent to each referee to prompt them to complete an online referee's report form. Referees are strongly encouraged to submit their reports online.

**Q18. I missed this year's application cycle. Can I still apply?**

We regret that we are unable to accept applications beyond the stipulated application deadline.

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## Scholarships and Financial Matters

**Q1. What are the scholarships and financial assistance available?**

We have a limited number of scholarships available and applicants are strongly encouraged to secure alternative financing in the event that they are not awarded scholarships.

Please refer to [http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/sch\\_requirements.html](http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/sch_requirements.html) for details.

**Q2. How can I apply for scholarships?**

Applicants will have to indicate "Scholarship" under 'source of finance' in the online application form. Please provide a one-page write-up on why you should be awarded a scholarship.

**Q3. What are the tuition fees?**

Please visit <http://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/fees.html> for our fee information. In addition to the tuition fees, there are some mandatory miscellaneous fees payable.

**Q4. Do I need to submit a financial statement with my application?**

There is no need to submit a financial statement but applicants are strongly advised to work out their financial needs and secure their own financial arrangements. Some students take out loans in their home jurisdiction, sometimes connected to obligations to work for a government or for a firm.

**Q5. May I work part-time in Singapore while enrolled as a graduate international student?**

Full-time international graduate students may work part-time during semester up to a maximum of 16 hours per week, unless they hold a scholarship that requires approval for the employment application.

For more information on the regulations, please refer to <https://nus.edu.sg/cfg/students/international-students>. Please also refer to the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints website at <http://www.ica.gov.sg/> for current information governing student work privileges in Singapore.

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## Accommodation and Living Expenses

**Q1. Are there hostels available at the Campus?**

Please refer to the Office of Student Affairs website at <https://osa.nus.edu.sg/accommodation/hostel-application/application-guide-graduate/> for more information on hostel application.

**Q2. How much should I set aside for living expenses?**

An estimated cost of living is available at <https://nusgs.nus.edu.sg/cost-of-living/>.

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## Immigration and Travel Matters

**Q1. How can international students obtain a Student's Pass?**

All international students must hold a valid Student's Pass issued by the Singapore Immigration and Checkpoints Authority for their studies at NUS.

Once an international applicant indicates acceptance of the offer, NUS will submit an application for the Student's Pass on behalf of the applicant. Each new application must be submitted at least one month and not more than two months before the commencement of the course. Please refer to the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints website at: <https://www.ica.gov.sg/>

**Q2. What should I prepare in advance when travelling to Singapore? Where can I obtain more information to settle down in Singapore?**

The Office of Student Affairs website at <https://nus.edu.sg/osa/student-life/international-students/resources> offers a wealth of relevant information.

**Q3. When do I need to surrender my Student Pass?**

According to the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), an international student holding a Student's Pass must surrender it for cancellation within 7 days of the date of cessation or termination of studies. For more details: <https://osa.nus.edu.sg/services-support/administrative-services/student-pass/>

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## Career Placements

**Q1. What are the career placements for graduates?**

Career placement services are currently not available in NUS. However, internship and job vacancies can be found on NUS TalentConnect, an online job portal which provides NUS students with direct access to full-time and part-time job opportunities. Students may also be able to get periodic updates at our Law Career Services website at <https://law.nus.edu.sg/cfglaw/>

**Q2 What are the job prospects in Singapore after the LLM programme?**

A majority of our LLM graduates would return to their home country for career advancements while some have also chosen to pursue a career in Singapore, such as in academia at NUS. Employment opportunities available to international students are extremely competitive. Employers, whether law firms or corporates, typically seek candidates with a strong academic record and prior relevant work experience.

**Q3 Will I be able to work/intern while I am a student at NUS?**

As a full time matriculated student at NUS with a valid Student Pass, you will be able to work/intern without having to apply for a work pass:

- (a) full time during the university vacation periods; and
- (b) for a maximum of 16 hours a week during term time.

If you are waiting for your final examination results or commencement, you can also work without a work pass if the waiting period falls within your vacation.

For more details: <http://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-pass-exemption-for-foreign-students>

**Q4 What career services are available to graduate students?**

- **Career coaching** – Individual sessions providing general career advice, resume & cover letter critique, mock interviews and preferences profiling.
- **Events** – Lunchtime talks, panel discussions or workshops are organised to equip students with career and workplace knowledge and competencies.
- **Careers Fair** – A careers fair is organised annually to provide our students a chance to network with law firms and other potential employers.
- **LAMP** – The Law Alumni Mentor Programme (LAMP) aims to connect first and second year NUS Law students with experienced alumni lawyers to provide networking opportunities, as well as, insight and guidance on career and professional development issues. From 2018, the programme has been extended to include LLM students who are keen to gain an insight into the practice of law in Singapore.

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## Academic Calendar

**Q1 What is the academic calendar like?**

Our semester commences in August each year. Please refer to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/academic-activities/academic-calendar> for the semester dates.

**Q2 Is there an option to defer the study?**

Deferment may be allowed for one year only and do note that fees vary from year to year. Successful candidates may email their reasons to request for a deferment.

With effect from Academic Year 2025/2026, a non-refundable acceptance fee of S\$3,270 (inclusive of GST) is applicable upon acceptance of admission offer and will be applied to offset the tuition fee.

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