

## LLM (International Business Law) Class Schedule, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2023/2024

*Schedule is correct as at 27 Feb 2024*

*All classes (except Block 1) will be conducted in-person at ECUPL campus*

Block	Dates	Course 1	Course 2
1	22 – 26 Jan 2024	LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (Wee Meng Seng, NUS) <i>CR5, NUS Law</i>	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital: Law and Practice (Lin Lin, NUS) <i>SR4-3, NUS Law</i>
	29 Jan – 2 Feb 2024		
Recess	5 – 9 Feb 2024	Lunar New Year 10 – 12 Feb	
	12 – 17 Feb 2024		
2	19 – 23 Feb 2024	LL5454S Commercial Conflict of Laws (Ardavan Arzandeh) <i>Room 305, Xinjiao Building</i>	LC5186 International & Commercial Trusts Law (Chen Li) <i>Room 304, Xinjiao Building</i>
	26 Feb – 1 Mar 2024		
3	4 – 8 Mar 2024	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck, NUS) <i>Room 305, Xinjiao Building</i>	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua, NUS) <i>Room 304, Xinjiao Building</i>
	11 – 15 Mar 2024		
Reading Period	16 – 20 Mar 2024	For courses taught in Blocks 1 – 3	
Examination Period	21 - 23 Mar 2024		
4	25 – 29 Mar 2024	(New) Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing, ECUPL) <i>Room 305, Xinjiao Building</i>	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (Umakanth Varottil, NUS) <i>Room 304, Xinjiao Building</i>
	1 – 5 Apr 2024		
5	8 – 12 Apr 2024	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam, NUS) <i>Room 305, Xinjiao Building</i>	(New) Digital Law and Policy in China (Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung, ECUPL) <i>Room 304, Xinjiao Building</i>
	15 – 19 Apr 2024		
Reading Period	20 - 24 Apr 2024	For courses taught in Blocks 4 – 5	
Examination Period	25 - 26 Apr 2024		

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*List is updated 20 March 2024*

*The list of courses (ordered by title), course description and modes of assessment are subject to change without prior notice.*

<b>LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (4 units)</b>	<b>Mr Kuan Cheng Tuck (NUS)</b>
<p><b>Description</b>          This course is a condensed course designed to enable law students to acquire essential accounting knowledge and financial skills needed to advise clients in today's highly regulated global environment. This course comprises four parts. The first part demystifies accounting concepts and taxonomy. The second part addresses the significance of the primary information in financial statements. The third part introduces key financial ratios that are tools for assessing the health, solvency and value of a business. The fourth part introduces students to fraud, misstatements, non-compliance to financial reporting and other related financial risks.</p> <p><b>Preclusion</b>          Students who have studied financial accounting or similar courses</p> <p><b>Mode of Assessment</b>          Class Participation; Test; Take-Home Examination</p>	
<b>LL5293S Business Torts (4 units)</b>	<b>Prof A Kumaralingam (NUS)</b>
<p><b>Description</b>          This course concerns tort liability in the course of business. The first part of the course deals with professional negligence in the context of legal services, health services, construction industry and financial services. The second part of the course deals with intentional infliction of economic harm in the course of business. Some of the topics to be covered include inducing breach of contract, unlawful interference with trade, intimidation, conspiracy and deceit. The course will touch on the intersections between torts and other areas of the law, including the law of contract, competition law and intellectual property law.</p> <p><b>Preclusion</b>          Courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b>Mode of Assessment</b>          Class Participation; Final Exam</p>	

<b>LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Chen Wenjing (ECUPL)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          This course provides students with an opportunity to study selected issues of company and capital market laws in greater detail than can be covered in the typical introductory law course covering relevant topics. The course will also help the students to understand law in China's social and economic context by analyzing cases and statutory developments. Main issues in this course includes: incorporation and corporate personality, foreign investment enterprises, corporate financing, corporate governance, Chinese financial markets and regulatory framework, market manipulation and insider trading. Topics will be discussed on a comparative approach to broaden the students' outlook.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Students who have attended substantially similar courses before.</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Class participation; Final Exam</p>	
<b>LL5454S Commercial Conflict of Laws (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Ardavan Arzandeh (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          Commercial conflict of laws is a significant area of legal scholarship and practice. The chief aim of this course is to examine the foundational principles of commercial conflict of laws from the perspective of courts in Singapore. First, the course identifies and assesses the set of rules based on which Singapore courts decide whether to entertain international commercial disputes. Second, the course outlines the rules according to which courts in Singapore give effect to foreign judgments. Finally, the course outlines the provisions based on which Singapore courts determine the law governing the parties' cross-border disputes.</p> <p><b><u>Prerequisite</u></b>          Undergraduate Contract and Tort</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          International Commercial Litigation; Principles of Conflict of Laws; Maritime Conflict of Laws; Private International Law; Commercial Conflict of Laws at NUS Law, or a substantially similar course elsewhere.</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Class Participation; Take-Home examination</p>	

<b>LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Wee Meng Seng (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          Insolvency law is relevant to virtually all aspects of commercial activity. This course consists of three components. The first is an introduction to credit and security, providing the foundation for a solid understanding of corporate insolvency law. The second is on insolvent winding up and receivership. For insolvent winding up, the topics include the initiation and effects of insolvent winding up, assets of the insolvent company, the pari passu principle, proof of debts, avoidance provisions and improper trading. The third part is on rescue. The topics include informal workout and scheme of arrangement.</p> <p><b><u>Prerequisite</u></b>          Elements of Company Law or its equivalent in a common law jurisdiction</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Students who have studied insolvency law or cross-border insolvency law or similar subjects in a commonwealth jurisdiction</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Class Participation; Final Exam</p>	
<b>LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China (4 credits)</b>	<b>Asst Prof Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung (ECUPL)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          The Internet, big data, artificial intelligence, and many others are clearly disruptive technologies. The digital disruptions have brought about profound social, economic, and legal implications and the rate of change will only increase. This course introduces students to the rapid development of law and the regulatory bodies of the People's Republic of China in the digital age. It covers many interesting topics such as Internet governance, e-commerce, internet service providers' liabilities, privacy, data protection and artificial intelligence. It also provides the opportunity to explore one specific area in a greater depth, through case discussions and class presentation.</p> <p><b><u>Prerequisite</u></b>          NIL</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          NIL</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Class Participation; <b>Group Study and Presentation</b>; Research Paper</p>	

<b>LC5186 International &amp; Commercial Trusts Law (4 units)</b>	<b>Adjunct Assoc Prof Chen Li (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b> This course introduces the basic principles and practice of using the trust device in commercial transactions. Topics examined will include conceptual foundation of trusts, creation of trusts, powers and duties of trustees, rights of beneficiaries, mechanisms of control, asset protection trusts, trading trusts, and non-charitable purpose trusts. The course takes on a comparative approach to broaden students' outlook, by analysing cases and statutory developments across several jurisdictions and evaluating their impact on the modern use of the commercial trust vehicle.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b> Students who have read International Trusts</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b> Take-Home Examination</p>	
<b>LC5074 Mergers &amp; Acquisitions (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Umakanth Varottil (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b> The course will begin with an evaluation of the business rationale for M&amp;As and a discussion of the various types of transactions and related terminology. The regulatory issues surrounding these transactions will be analyzed through an examination of the applicable laws and regulations. While the law in Singapore would be considered as the frame of reference, the course will contain an international comparative perspective including comparisons with the position in the U.K. and the U.S. While corporate and securities law issues form the thrust, incidental reference will be made to accounting, tax and competition law considerations. Finally, the transactional perspective will consider various structuring matters, planning aspects, transaction costs and impact on various stakeholders.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b> Students who have read Mergers &amp; Acquisitions/ courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b> Continuous Assessment; Final Examination</p>	

<b>LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital: Law and Practice (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Lin Lin (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the legal issues that arise in private equity and venture capital from both practical and theoretical perspectives. The topics that will be covered explore the laws and practices relating to the whole cycle of the venture capital and private equity, including fundraising, investments, exits, foreign investments and regulation. The course will also discuss equity crowdfunding which is an important emerging method of equity financing. Certain topics of this course will provide relevant comparisons with private equity and venture capital in China, Singapore and the U.S. It will be of interest to legal professionals in the private equity and venture capital sectors.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Class Participation; Research Paper</p>	
<b>LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Stephen Phua (NUS)</b>
<p><b><u>Description</u></b>          This is an introduction to the major income tax issues faced by businesses operating in a global economy. These issues include causes of multiple taxation, strategies to avoid multiple taxation, the effectiveness of Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) and the abuse of DTAs. The course will be taught using typical transactions of capital and income flows as the focus and method of instruction. It will identify the main tax risks from undertaking cross-border transactions. As part of the management and mitigation of tax costs to a MNC, tax planning opportunities in the form of tax arbitrage, tax havens, choice of investment vehicle, corporate funding, inbound and outbound investments as well as the repatriation of income and capital will be discussed. The course will also identify the global tax trends arising from increased mobility of capital, technological advancements as well as demographics. In particular, the course will address some of the major issues and challenges that are being addressed in the most ambitious international tax reform under the OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting 2015 (BEPS) initiative ever attempted. As this course seeks to illustrate some of the general strategies in international tax planning, no prior knowledge of country-specific tax rules is required. Instead, the latest OECD Model Tax Convention 2017 will be used as a primary source of laws for the purpose of this course.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b>          Assignment; <b>Take-home Exam</b></p>	

## LLM (International Business Law) Examination Schedule, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2023/2024

*Schedule is correct as at 20 March 2023 (exam venue)*

*Final Exams will be held in-person at ECUPL using Exemplify software*

*Research papers and take-home exams will be submitted via Canvas system*

### BLOCK 1, 2 and 3

Exam Date/Time	Type	Course
Thursday, 21 March 2024 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam Room 101, Xinjiao Building	LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (Wee Meng Seng, NUS)
Submit on Thursday, 21 March 2024, 2359 hrs	Research Paper	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital: Law and Practice (Lin Lin, NUS)
Friday, 22 March 2024 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs	Take-Home Exam	LL5454S Commercial Conflict of Laws (Ardavan Arzandeh)
Friday, 22 March 2024 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs	Take-Home Exam	LC5186 International & Commercial Trusts Law (Chen Li, NUS)
Saturday, 23 March 2024 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs	Take-Home Exam	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck, NUS)
Saturday, 23 March 2024 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs	Take-Home Exam	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua, NUS)

### BLOCK 4 and 5

Exam Date/Time	Type	Course
Thursday, 25 April 2024, 0900 hrs to 1130 hrs	Final Exam Room 102, Xinjiao Building	LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing, ECUPL)
Thursday, 25 April 2024 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam Room 101, Xinjiao Building	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) (Umakanth Varottil, NUS)
Friday, 26 April 2024 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs	Final Exam Room 101, Xinjiao Building	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam, NUS)
Submit on Friday, 26 April 2024, 2359 hrs	Research Paper	LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China (Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung, ECUPL)