

## LLM (International Business Law) Class Schedule, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2024/2025

Schedule is correct as at 27 August 2024

All classes will be conducted in-person at ECUPL Changning campus

Rooms for classes will be updated nearer the start of Semester 2

Block	Dates	Course 1	Course 2
1	13 Jan - 17 Jan 2025	LL5454S Commercial Conflict of Laws (Ardavan Arzandeh, NUS)	LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China (Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung, ECUPL)
	20 Jan - 24 Jan 2025		
Recess	27 Jan - 31 Jan 2025	Spring Break (Lunar New Year 29 - 30 Jan)	
	3 Feb - 7 Feb 2025		
2	10 Feb - 14 Feb 2025	LL5242S Financial Regulation and Central Banking (Christian Hofmann, NUS)	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (Umakanth Varottil, NUS)
	17 Feb - 21 Feb 2025		
3	24 Feb - 28 Feb 2025	LC5186 International & Commercial Trusts Law (Chen Li, NUS)	LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing, ECUPL)
	3 Mar - 7 Mar 2025		
Reading Period	8 Mar - 12 Mar 2025	For courses taught in Blocks 1 – 3	
Examination Period	13 Mar - 15 Mar 2025		
4	17 Mar - 21 Mar 2025	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck, NUS)	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua, NUS)
	24 Mar - 28 Mar 2025		
5	31 Mar - 4 Apr 2025	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam, NUS)	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital: Law and Practice (Lin Lin, NUS)
	7 Apr - 11 Apr 2025		
Reading Period	12 Apr - 16 Apr 2025	For courses taught in Blocks 4 – 5	
Examination Period	17 Apr - 19 Apr 2025		

## LLM (International Business Law) Course List, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2024/2025

*List is updated 19 June 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><u>Description</u></b>          This condensed course is designed to equip law students with the fundamental accounting knowledge and financial skills necessary to effectively advise clients in today's complex and highly regulated global landscape. By the end of this course, students will gain a broad understanding of key accounting principles and financial analysis techniques, enabling them to provide more informed and holistic legal counsel to their clients. The course is divided into three parts:          Part 1: Demystifying accounting concepts and taxonomy;          Part 2: Understanding the significance of primary information in financial statements; and          Part 3: Analysing financial performance and risk – Applying key financial ratios to assess business health, solvency, and value, and identifying and mitigating financial risks.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Students who have studied financial accounting or similar courses</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Test</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take-Home Examination</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	10%	Test	20%	Take-Home Examination	70%
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<b>LL5293S Business Torts (4 units)</b>	<b>Prof A Kumaralingam (NUS)</b>						
<p><b><u>Description</u></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><u>Preclusion</u></b>          Courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	20%	Final Exam	80%		
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<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></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class participation</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </table>		Class participation	30%	Final Exam	70%
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<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></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take-Home examination</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	25%	Take-Home examination	75%
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<b>LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China (4 credits)</b>	<b>Asst Prof Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung (ECUPL)</b>						
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>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>Prerequisite</b> NIL</p> <p><b>Preclusion</b> NIL</p> <p><b>Mode of Assessment</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Study and Presentation</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research Paper (2500 words)</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	10%	Group Study and Presentation	40%	Research Paper (2500 words)	50%
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<b>LL5242S Financial Regulation and Central Banking (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Christian Hofmann (NUS)</b>						
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>The course familiarizes students with the world of financial institutions and services, looks at the reasons for and the details of regulation and discusses the roles of central banks. This includes the general approaches and reasons for the regulation of financial markets, institutions and services. In a more detail-concentrated part, the course will focus on banks as the most strictly regulated and monitored financial institutions.</p> <p>Central banks are essential for price stability in all jurisdictions. The course discusses the reasons, objectives and tasks of central banks and their monetary policies. The legal frameworks under which central banks in Aisa and Europe operate exemplify the general principles discussed.</p> <p><b>Preclusion</b> None</p> <p><b>Mode of Assessment</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Take-Home Examination</td> <td>85%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	15%	Take-Home Examination	85%		
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<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                      100%</p>	
<b>LC5074 Mergers &amp; Acquisitions (4 units)</b>	<b>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> Class Participation                      10% Final Examination                      90%</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 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></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Research Paper</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	30%	Research Paper	70%		
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<b>LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (4 units)</b>	<b>Assoc Prof Stephen Phua (NUS)</b>						
<p><b><u>Description</u></b> In a global economy, businesses have to deal with cross-border taxation challenges. These issues include multiple taxation from moving people, capital and goods between countries, and how Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs) are designed to solve or reduce double taxation. The course uses case studies/realistic commercial transactions to help students identify the main tax risks of cross-border transactions. As part of a strategy to reduce tax costs of inbound and outbound investments, tax planning methods/tools like tax arbitrage, use of tax havens, choice of investment vehicle, use of debt vs equity, and repatriation of income will be discussed. The course will also analyse changing global tax trends arising from increased mobility of capital and technology, and how these may impact a nation's ability to remain tax competitive. In particular, the course will address some of the major tax reforms to reduce loop holes and cross-border tax abuse by multi-national enterprises under the ambitious initiative by the OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting 2015 (BEPS). No prior tax or accounting knowledge is required. The course does not test accounting rules or require mathematical skills to compute tax.</p> <p><b><u>Preclusion</u></b> Courses covering substantially the same ground</p> <p><b><u>Mode of Assessment</u></b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Class Participation</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MCQ Test</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final Exam</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> </table>		Class Participation	10%	MCQ Test	40%	Final Exam	50%
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## LLM (International Business Law) Examination Schedule, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2024/2025

Schedule is correct as at 27 August 2024

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

Research papers and Take-home exams will be submitted via Canvas platform

Rooms for final exams will be updated nearer the each exam period

### BLOCK 1, 2 and 3

Block	Exam Date/Time	Type/Venue	Course
1	Thursday, 13 March 2025 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs	Take-Home examination	LL5454S Commercial Conflict of Laws (Ardavan Arzandeh, NUS)
1	Submit on Thursday, 13 March 2025, 2359 hrs	Research Paper	LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China (Shi Xiaoxiang Samsung, ECUPL)
2	Friday, 14 March 2025 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs	Take-Home examination	LL5242S Financial Regulation and Central Banking (Christian Hofmann, NUS)
2	Friday, 14 March 2025 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam (Room TBC)	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (Umakanth Varottil, NUS)
3	Saturday, 15 March 2025 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs	Take-Home examination	LC5186 International & Commercial Trusts Law (Chen Li, NUS)
3	Saturday, 15 March 2025 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam (Room TBC)	LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing, ECUPL)

### BLOCK 4 and 5

Block	Exam Date/Time	Type/Venue	Course
4	Thursday, 17 Apr 2025 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs	Take-Home Examination	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck, NUS)
4	Thursday, 17 Apr 2025 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam (Room TBC)	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua, NUS)
5	Saturday, 19 Apr 2025 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs	Final Exam (Room TBC)	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam, NUS)
5	Submit on Saturday, 19 Apr 2025, 2359 hrs	Research Paper	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital: Law and Practice (Lin Lin, NUS)