LLM (International Business Law)
Class Schedule, Semester 2 – Academic Year 2026/2027

Schedule is correct as at 17 July 2026
All classes will be conducted in person from 9am to 12pm each day at the ECUPL Changning campus. The teaching venue will be confirmed nearer to the start of the semester.

Block	Dates	Course 1	Course 2
1	4 Jan – 8 Jan 2027 11 Jan – 15 Jan 2027	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (Umakanth Varottil) *Teaching venue TBA*	LL5148S Secured Transactions Law (Dora Neo) *Teaching venue TBA*
2	18 Jan – 22 Jan 2027 25 Jan – 29 Jan 2027	LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing) *Teaching venue TBA*	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital and Fintech (Lin Lin) *Teaching venue TBA*
Recess	30 Jan – 7 Feb 2027 8 Feb – 14 Feb 2027	Spring Break (Lunar New Year break 5 – 11 February 2027)	
3	15 Feb – 19 Feb 2027 22 Feb – 26 Feb 2027	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam) *Teaching venue TBA*	LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (Wee Meng Seng) *Teaching venue TBA*
Reading Period	27 Feb – 3 Mar 2027	For courses taught in Blocks 1 – 3	
Examination Period	4 Mar – 6 Mar 2027		
4	8 Mar – 12 Mar 2027 15 Mar – 19 Mar 2027	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua) *Teaching venue TBA*	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck) *Teaching venue TBA*
5	22 Mar – 26 Mar 2027 29 Mar – 2 Apr 2027	LL5188S Corporate Finance Law (Lan Luh Luh) *Teaching venue TBA*	LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China and Singapore (Shi Xiaoxiang Sampsung) *Teaching venue TBA*
Reading Period	3 Apr – 7 Apr 2027	For courses taught in Blocks 4 – 6	
Examination Period	8 Apr – 9 Apr 2027		

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List is updated 7 July 2026
The list of courses (ordered by title), course description and modes of assessment are subject to change without prior notice.

LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (4 units)	**Adjunct Assoc Prof Kuan Cheng Tuck (NUS)**

Description
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.

Preclusion
Students who have studied financial accounting or similar courses.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	10%
Test	20%
Final Examination	70%

LL5293S Business Torts (4 units)	**Prof A Kumaralingam (NUS)**

Description
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.

Preclusion
Courses covering substantially the same ground.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	20%
Final Examination	80%

LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (4 units)	Assoc Prof Chen Wenjing (ECUPL)

Description

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. Cutting-edge topics and cases in related area will be discussed in the course.

Preclusion

Students who have attended substantially similar courses before.

Mode of Assessment

Class participation	30%
Final Examination	70%

LL5188S Corporate Finance Law (4 units)	Assoc Prof Lan Luh Luh (NUS)

Description

This course is designed to provide an overview on selected legal issues in corporate finance, i.e. raising of funds by a company from the domestic and international markets. Major topics covered include understanding the various financing options – from private to public markets, from equity to debt. We will be looking at equity financing through private equity capital injection pre-IPO and listing on recognised exchanges and debt financing such as syndicated loans and bond issues. Special topics such as securitization will also be considered.

Prerequisite

Candidates must have completed the compulsory course "Elements of Company Law" before he/she is allowed to take this course.

Preclusion

LL4188V/LL5188V/LL6188V/LLJ5188V Corporate Finance Law or LL4412/LL5412/LL6412/LJ5412 Securities and Capital Market Regulation.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	20%
Final Examination	80%

LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (4 units)	Assoc Prof Wee Meng Seng (NUS)

Description

Insolvency law is important to virtually all aspects of commercial activity. This course consists of three components. The first is an introduction to credit and security. The second is on insolvent winding up and receivership. The third part is on rescue and the topics include informal workout and scheme of arrangement. The course is based on the insolvency law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which shares many similarities with the insolvency laws of United Kingdom and former colonies of the British Empire. The course is specifically designed for IBL students, taking into account their background and needs to deliver a good learning experience.

Prerequisite

Elements of Company Law or its equivalent in a common law jurisdiction.

Preclusion

Students who have studied insolvency law or cross-border insolvency law or similar subjects in a commonwealth jurisdiction.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	20%
Final Examination	80%

LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China and Singapore (4 units)	Assoc Prof Shi Xiaoxiang Sampsung (ECUPL)

Description

This course examines the profound legal, regulatory and commercial challenges posed by disruptive digital technologies – Including the internet, big data, digital platforms and emerging artificial intelligence (AI) deployments. Against a background of accelerating technological change and global digital transformation, the course provides a systematic, policy-oriented analysis of the evolving legal and regulatory framework of the digital economy from a comparative perspective with a focus on China and Singapore in particular. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of core digital law topics, including internet governance, personal data protection, privacy and cybersecurity, liability regimes for internet service providers (ISPs), and the legal and ethical governance of artificial intelligence. The course emphasises the interaction between legal rules, regulatory policy and business practice in digital markets, and explores tensions between innovation, competition, consumer protection and public interest in the digital era. Through in-depth case studies, critical analysis of legislative and regulatory developments, and structured class presentations, students will strengthen their ability to conduct independent legal research, evaluate complex digital law problems and communicate advanced legal arguments. The course supports students to deepen their expertise in a specialised area of digital law and policy relevant to contemporary business and regulatory practice.

Prerequisite

NIL

Preclusion

NIL

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	50%
Final Examination	50%

LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (4 units)	Prof Umakanth Varottil (NUS)

Description

The course will begin with an evaluation of the business rationale for M&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.

Preclusion

Students who have read Mergers & Acquisitions/ courses covering substantially the same ground.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	10%
Final Examination	90%

LL5314S Private Equity, Venture Capital and Fintech (4 units)	Assoc Prof Lin Lin (NUS)

Description

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, and exits. The course will also discuss alternative investment funds (such as private equity funds, venture capital funds, and hedge funds) in the context of AI, financial technology (Fintech) and regulation, and Fintech regulatory sandbox. Certain topics of this course will provide relevant comparisons with private equity and venture capital regulation in China, Singapore, EU and the U.S. It will be of interest to legal professionals in the private equity, venture capital and Fintech sectors.

Preclusion

Courses covering substantially the same ground.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	30%
Final Examination	70%

LL5148S Secured Transactions Law (4 units)	Assoc Prof Dora Neo (NUS)

Description

The availability of financing is crucial for business success and economic development. This, in turn, depends largely on the ability of the borrower to provide collateral that can protect the lender in the event of the borrower's insolvency. Assets forming collateral can be divided into two main classes: real property (land) and personal property (all forms of property other than land). This course will focus on security over personal property. It will discuss the creation, perfection, priority and enforcement of security interests in various forms of personal property. The core material will be based on Singapore law. Students will obtain a good understanding of the principles of personal property security under the traditional common law approach. This will stand them in good stead for practice in Singapore as well as jurisdictions like the United Kingdom and Hong Kong where a similar approach is taken. General familiarity with the issues and framework of a typical personal property security transaction will be useful for commercial practice globally. This course will also provide international and comparative perspectives on personal property security law. For instance, an increasing number of jurisdictions have enacted comprehensive personal property statutes. Further, international organisations such as UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT have been active in encouraging personal property security law reform worldwide by preparing model laws and guides. Students will gain an appreciation of alternative approaches to the issues raised when taking security over personal property.

Prerequisite	Preclusion
Nil	LL5019 or LL5019V

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	20%
Final Examination	80%

LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (4 units)	Assoc Prof Stephen Phua (NUS)

Description

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 methos/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.

Preclusion

Courses covering substantially the same ground.

Mode of Assessment

Class Participation	10%
MCQ Test	40%
Final Examination	50%

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

BLOCK 1, 2 and 3

Block	Exam Date/Time	Type/Venue	Course
1	4 March 2027 (Thursday)	Final Examination *Exam venue TBA*	LC5074 Mergers & Acquisitions (Umakanth Varottil)
1	4 March 2027 (Thursday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5148S Secured Transactions Law (Dora Neo)
2	5 March 2027 (Friday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5513S Chinese Company and Capital Market Law (Chen Wenjing)
2	5 March 2027 (Friday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5314S Private Equity and Venture Capital and Fintech (Lin Lin)
3	6 March 2027 (Saturday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5293S Business Torts (A Kumaralingam)
3	6 March 2027 (Saturday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5445S Corporate Insolvency Law (Wee Meng Seng)

BLOCK 4 and 5

Block	Exam Date/Time	Type/Venue	Course
4	8 April 2027 (Thursday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LC5035 Taxation Issues in Cross-Border Transactions (Stephen Phua)
4	8 April 2027 (Thursday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5439S Applied Accounting and Finance for Lawyers (Kuan Cheng Tuck)
5	9 April 2027 (Friday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5188S Corporate Finance Law (Lan Luh Luh)
5	9 April 2027 (Friday)	Final Examination *Building, Room #*	LL5512S Digital Law and Policy in China and Singapore (Shi Xiaoxiang Sampsung)