



廣東財經大學
GUANGDONG UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE & ECONOMICS

Regulations and Syllabuses for the Degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.)Programme

**Academic Disciplinary
Code**

Law 0301

Sub-disciplines

Criminal Law

Programme Title

LL.M

Year of Admission

2015

Teaching Institution

School of Law

Date

29 June 2015

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GDUFE**

Signature of Programme Director:

Signature of the Head of Supervisors:

I.Aims of the Programme

The degree of Master of Laws programme in Criminal Law is offered by the Law School to meet the increasing demand for legal professionals, who will combine professional ethics, intelligence and mentality, and be versatile in basic theories and knowledge of Criminal Law; who is a legal talent in the belief of the rule of law, and in possessing strong analytical skills and ethical conduct of legal professionals. This programme equips candidates with following abilities:

- 1.To uphold the Parties' Four Fundamental Principles, master the theories of Marxism and related political ideologies, nurture patriotism and loyalty to law, comply with laws and regulations, understand the essences of life and social values, act in the belief of justice and professional ethics, actively serve for and engage for the community and the country;
- 2.To conduct research in a rigorous way, be humble and diligent, possess the spirit of Entrepreneurship, and creativity in exploration of the truth, develop strong commitments to the law community and a firm belief in law and justice;
- 3.To master the theory of procedural law, legal reasoning and professional skills, becoming familiar with the history of criminal law, current issues and debates at the forefront of the concerned areas, comprehend the legal theory and relevant knowledge in law, work independently in legal research and legal practice, understand, analyse and interpret legal materials in the research and academic writing, publish his or her works in academic journals;
- 4.To demonstrate a good command of a foreign language, proficiency in translation, listening, writing and reading materials in a language other than Chinese;
- 5.To identify and locate source materials, dates and indexes via proficient computer and modern office skills;
- 6.To maintain physical and mental health.

II Programmes

1. Criminal Law in the People's Republic of China
2. Criminology and Criminal Policy
3. Economic Criminal Law

III Period of Study

The curriculum for LL.M. requires three years of study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of five academic years(including the period of Non-Study Leave). A candidate who has demonstrated the ability to understand and examine legal issues throughout the study of programmes, shall spend the period of no less than one year writing dissertation. Under exceptional circumstances, a candidate who has completed the curriculum and shown exceptional merit during the whole examination, may apply to the Faculty Board of Examiners for graduation half year prior to the end of this programme.

IV Probation and Confirmation of Candidature

Each Candidate will be assigned a supervisor for research and thesis writing two weeks after the admission, and placed in a study group conducted by a group of supervisors

from the Law School in innovative means of combining legal theories with cutting-edge research. A candidate in the LL.M programme shall be subjected to a probationary period in accordance with University Regulations of Probation and Confirmation of Candidate for Postgraduate Student. The probationary period shall take place no later than in the final teaching date of the fourth semester, in which, the candidate must demonstrate capability in research and learning by passing the oral examination and qualifying assessment to confirm the candidature.

V. Programme Syllabuses

The curriculum for LL.M comprises of compulsory professional core courses and disciplinary electives. Eighteen teaching hours account for one course credit.

VI Alternative Assessments

1. Professional Practice Workshop

Professional Practice Workshop is usually conducted in the fourth semester via social survey, tutoring undergraduates, academic research, legal survey, social work and internship. Upon the end of professional practice, a candidate shall submit a report up to 3000 words, which will be reviewed and scored with one credit by the course conductor.

2. Academic Attendance

The LL.M Students shall engage intensively in academic activities held by the University or the Faculty, and attend no less than ten academic symposiums that are going to satisfy the examiners and be scored 0.5 credits by the Faculty Board. To be eligible for confirming the candidature, a candidate shall deliver a presentation concerning a literature review, ongoing research and others, which will be assessed and scored 0.5 credit by the supervisor.

3. Literature Reviews

A candidate shall read relevant materials either in Chinese or in other languages, and submit no less than ten literature reviews to the supervisor during the probation period, who will review and score one credit depending upon the level of the papers.

VII Means of Assessment

The basic means of assessment for compulsory professional course consists of formal, written examinations (closed or open-book examination included), written papers + written examinations, written and oral examinations, written examination + integrated practical report; for disciplinary electives, the means of assessment is by written examinations, oral examinations, essays, written paper + integrated practice report or their equivalences, which is subjected to the syllabus made by the examiner. A candidate passing the above assessments and scoring 70 in compulsory professional courses, is eligible for gaining course credits; a candidate satisfying the examiners and scoring 60 in disciplinary electives, is eligible for gaining the course credits.

A candidate whose first degree is a major other than law or a degree equivalent to LL.B, shall take four core professional courses of Jurisprudence, Criminal Law, Civil Law and Constitutional Law as compensation, that are subject to the approval by the Faculty

Higher Degree Committee in the light of the availability of resources, to continue the study. For those candidates who shall score 60 for obtaining the credits and continue the master degree programme, the basic means of assessment is by formal, written and closed-book examinations.

VIII Completion of the Curriculum

To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall satisfy the examiners with at least 34 credits, in the manner specified as follows:

(1) 31 credits for courses (professional compulsory and disciplinary electives), 1 credit for a professional practice workshop, 1 credit for academic attendance and 1 credit for literature review.

(2) to complete all prescribed written and other coursework in each programme, pass the probation, publish no less than one of his or her works in academic journals, submit a dissertation representing his or her own work and pass the oral defence of the dissertation in order to gain permission for graduation.

IX. Dissertation and Award of Degree

To be eligible for the degree of Master of Laws, a candidate shall complete the compulsory courses in the curriculum and gain average scores of no less than 75 (75 inclusive), demonstrate capability in research by the end of probationary period and submit a detailed scheme of research report in the fourth semester after the admission.

A candidate shall discuss the title of dissertation with the supervisor or choose the topic directly assigned to him by the supervisor. The dissertation shall represent his or her own original and innovative ideas, research, methodology and perspectives; comprise a paper no less than 30,000 words in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Format, Binding and Presentation of Theses.

By the end of probationary period, a candidate shall submit a research report and pass the oral defence in the fourth semester after the subject has been chosen via thorough research. In the fifth semester, a draft of the dissertation and progress report shall be addressed to the supervisor. Under no circumstances will the candidate be approved to proceed into the final oral defence of the dissertation, unless he or she completes the whole dissertation and satisfies the supervisor.

To be eligible for the degree of Master of Laws, a candidate shall complete the courses in the curriculum, pass the probation, publish no less than one work in academic journals, complete dissertation and pass the final oral defence in accordance with Regulations of Conferment of Degree of GDUFE. The formal requirements relating to dissertation and conferment of degree shall be determined by the GDUFE Regulations on Conferment of Degree and Protocols Governing the Format, Binding and Presentation of Dissertation for the Master Degree.