



**廣東財經大學**  
GUANGDONG UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE & ECONOMICS

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

<b>Academic Disciplinary Code</b>	Law 0301
<b>Sub-disciplines</b>	Civil and Commercial Law
<b>Programme Title</b>	LL.M.
<b>Year of Admission</b>	2015
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	School of Law
<b>Date</b>	26 June 2015

**This programme specification is made and approved by The Graduate School of GDUFE**

**Signature of Programme Director:**

**Signature of the Head of Supervisors:**

## **I.Aims of the Programme**

The degree of Master of Laws programme in Civil and Commercial Law is offered by The Law School to meet the increasing demand for legal professionals, who are versatile in the basic theories of Civil and Commercial Law and in a combination of professional ethics, intelligence and mentality; legal professionals who engage in legislature, law enforcement, judiciary, legal services, legal research and teaching. This programme provides candidates with the following abilities:

- 1.To uphold Constitutional Law and the Parties' Policy, show loyalty to the people and their country, follow the principle of *bona fide*, develop cooperation skills, ethics of legal professionalism, strong commitments and selfless contribution to the development of society;
- 2.To master fundamental legal theories, with which analysis and examination on legal issues and legal phenomenon can be used, comprehend the knowledge in Civil and Commercial Law, identify the trends and developments in the field, develop the research methodology in law and research independently on related subjects, adjudicate, analyze and locate social practical issues, possess a capacity for research, skills for teaching and techniques for participating in other legal and social services;
- 3.To command no less than one foreign languages(one inclusive), reading materials in a language other than Chinese

## **II Programmes**

- 1.Theory and Practice of Civil Law
- 2.Theory and Practice of Commercial Law
- 3.Intellectual Property Law

## **III Period of Study**

The curriculum for LL.M. requires three years of study. Candidates will 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 the dissertation. In 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 with 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 for 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 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 a social survey, tutoring to 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 will 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 them one credit depending on their overall level.

## **VII Means of Assessment**

The basic means of assessment for a 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 are 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 score 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 Private International Law, Criminal Law, Chinese Legal History and Constitutional Law for 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 35 credits, in the manner specified as follows:

(1) 32 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 the 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 semesters after the admission.

A candidate shall discuss the topic of dissertation with the supervisor or choose the subject directly assigned 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 the probationary period, a candidate shall submit a research report and pass the oral defence in the fourth semester after the title has been chosen via a thorough research. In the fifth semesters, a draft of dissertation and progress report shall be addressed to the supervisor. Under no circumstances will a candidate be approved to proceed into the final oral defence of the dissertation, unless he or she completes the whole dissertation and satisfy the supervisor.

To be eligible for the award of 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.