



**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>	Procedural Law
<b>Programme Title</b>	LL.M
<b>Year of Admission</b>	2015
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	School of Law
<b>Date</b>	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**

Referring to the Specifications of Conferment of Degree and Disciplinary Programme, and Protocol of Conferment of Master and Doctoral Degrees of Academic Discipline, this programme is aiming to meet the demands of legal professionals in the development of society, as well as the development of skills and attributes of postgraduate students in consideration of the facilities and scholarship of the University, and to advance the programme in essences and features of Procedural Law. The programme in Procedural Law supplies the candidates with fundamental theories and a wide ranges of legal knowledge, who shall present the research in specific areas of law with excellent skills and methodology, and be versatile in techniques of political ideology, academic ethics, mental health, and proficiency in a foreign language.

## **II. Programmes**

1. Civil Procedure
2. Criminal Procedure
3. Law of Evidence

## **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 a dissertation. In exceptional circumstances, a candidate who has completed the curriculum and shown exceptional merit at 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 the final teaching date of the fourth semester, in which, the candidate must demonstrate a 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 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 found satisfactory by examiners and 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 credits 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 on the level of the paper.

## **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 practice report; for disciplinary electives, the means of assessment is by written examinations,oral examinations,essays,written paper + integrated practical report or their equivalent, 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 in Jurisprudence, Criminal Law, Civil Law, 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 36 credits, in the manner specified as follows:

(1)33 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 award of 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 title 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 probationary period, a candidate shall submit a research report and pass the oral defence in the fourth semester after the topic has been chosen via 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 satisfies the supervisor.

To be eligible for the degree of Master of Laws, a candidate shall complete the courses in the curriculum(compulsory and elective courses ) with at least 37 credits, 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 Protocol Governing the Format, Binding and Presentation of Dissertation for the Master Degree.