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GUANGDONG UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE & ECONOMICS

**Regulations and Syllabuses for the Degree of Master of
Jurisprudence(J.M.)Programme**

Programme Title	<u>Juris Master for LL.B Holder</u>
Programme Code	<u>035102</u>
Teaching Institution	<u>School of Law</u>
Year of Admission	<u>2015</u>
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Signature of Programme Director:

I. Aims of the Programme

The degree of Master of Jurisprudence programme is offered by The Law School to meet the increasing demands for legal professionals, who combine professional ethics with intelligence, and versatility with the basic knowledge of law and legal profession; who are legal talents and have a firm belief in the rule of law in a socialistic society. This programme equips candidates with following abilities:

1. To master the theories of Marxism, comply with Constitutional Law and regulations, possess a righteous political mindset and the attributes of social citizen, contemplate the rule of law in a socialist society and strictly follow the professional ethics;
2. To comprehend legal theories, legal reasoning, specialist legal terminology, legal rules and professional skills at an advanced level;
3. To develop legal and related techniques, the capacity to work independently in legal practice and to serve as a legal practitioner working in commercial and corporate business;
4. To demonstrate a good command of a foreign language, proficiency in translation, listening, writing and reading materials in a language other than Chinese.

II. Basic Skills and Professional Techniques

The teaching format varies depending upon the basic skills and professional techniques that are possessed in the legal practice, including legal reasoning, “language” of legal professionals (communication and literacy skills), a wide range of law knowledge, general office skills, interpersonal skills of legal professionals, whose abilities will be facilitated as follows:

1. To observe, analyse, adjudicate and solve social issues (including issues arising from factual situations) with critical thinking skills and legal theories;
2. To make accurate and effective use of specialist legal terminology;
3. To master knowledge in law and other disciplines;
4. To develop communication and literacy skills that deduce arguments lucidly and logically in specific cases;
5. To comprehend the criminal and civil procedures in which the investigation and collection of evidence are undergoing;
6. To engage in legal consultancy and advocacy, alternative dispute resolution (consultation, negotiation and drafting contracts), organizational skills in a legal office;
7. To draft the regulations and legal documentation.

III Period of Study

The curriculum for J.M. requires two years of study. Candidates 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. Under 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 Teaching Methods and Programme Structure

- 1.The programme provides students with professional training that cultivates the ability to apply legal rules to factual situations.
- 2.Each Candidate will be assigned a supervisor for research and thesis writing after the admission, and placed in a study group conducted by a group of supervisors from the Law School and honorable legal professionals.
- 3.Seminars and workshops provide opportunities for involvement of experts and legal practitioners in order to bridge the gap between teaching and practice.
4. The compulsory courses of this programme encompasses two means of assessment: formal written examination that shall account for more than 80 percent of total courses in the syllabuses, and the examination of extended essays and thesis.

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. Professional Practice Workshop

The period of a professional practice workshop shall be no less than one year in court, procuratorate, law firm, Bar Pro Bono, notary office and legal departments of government offices, and shall be no less than six months in business. For those candidates who are funded by the People's Procuratorate of the Guangdong Province, the period of practice workshop shall be no less than one academic year.

VII Alternative Assessments

1. Academic Attendance

The LL.M Students shall engage intensively in academic activities held by the University or the Faculty, and attend no less than five academic symposiums organized by the Faculty or other Universities.

2. Literature Reviews

A candidate shall read relevant materials either in Chinese or in other languages, and submit no less than five literature reviews to the supervisor during the probation period, who will review and score the literature reviews depending on their level.

VIII 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.

IX .Completion of the Curriculum

To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall satisfy the examiners with at least 57 credits including 28 credits for compulsory courses.

X. Dissertation and Award of Degree

The title of dissertation shall address the arising issues from the practice by means of in-depth studies on the legal theories and applying legal rules to factual situations. The dissertation shall represent his or her own original and innovative ideas, research skills, methodology and perspectives on the subject in applying legal theories to practice. A candidate shall discuss the topic of dissertation with the supervisor, who is assigned by a group of supervisors.

To be eligible for the degree of Master of Jurisprudence, a dissertation must comprise of a research on legal practice ranging from 15,000 to 20,000 words. The Faculty Higher Degrees Committee, may permit a candidate to undertake written projects of case analysis (at least three cases focusing on one common subject), case report and specialist survey, other than a dissertation.

For a candidate who is funded the People's Procuratorate of the Guangdong Province, the Higher Degrees Committee, may permit he or she to submit a research survey(research report) other than a dissertation.

To ensure high quality of dissertation or written project, three honorable examiners will be appointed, including one or two external examiners who are professors or honorable legal professionals.

To be eligible for the degree and certificate of Master of Jurisprudence, a candidate shall complete the curriculum, pass the final oral defence of dissertation, and satisfy the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee in accordance with the regulations set out above.