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# 1 Faculty's Commitment

With a rich heritage spanning over 50 years, the NUS Faculty of Law is one of the finest law schools in the world, and is widely regarded as Asia's leading law school. We believe in creative and independent learning. Research opportunities, continuous assessment, tutorials, presentations and seminar-style teaching are emphasised, bolstered by the finest law library in all of Asia.

Home to an outstanding permanent faculty with law degrees from more than a dozen jurisdictions, the Law School is an institution dedicated to building a community and an environment in which faculty and students can discuss and reflect on the fundamental legal issues that affect societies in today's globalised world.

Whether you pursue a four-year Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree, a three year Graduate LL.B. (GLB) Programme or any of our Double or Concurrent Degree Programmes, you will be assured of a quality legal education at Asia's Global Law School. Curriculum-wise, around half of the required subjects in the LL.B. programme are compulsory common law courses that are critical for legal practice. There are also skills courses in the Legal Skills Programme that foster creative thinking and independent learning. There is thus a good balance between compulsory and elective modules. With most compulsories completed by Year Two, there is flexibility for you to craft your own menu of elective modules in Years Three and Four. You can opt for electives in areas such as Asian Legal Studies, Corporate & Financial Services Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, International & Comparative Law, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, Maritime Law, Law & Society, Research and Skills (or to do any of these while on overseas student exchange). Such flexibility and course diversity are unparalleled and are made possible only because of the excellent and diverse teaching staff at the Law School!

For more information, please visit: <http://www.law.nus.edu.sg>

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### **3 Undergraduate Education**

The Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) Degree is not only an undergraduate honours degree; it is also a professional degree that is recognised for admission to practice in Singapore. Our graduates have also been admitted to practice in Malaysia, in several Commonwealth jurisdictions such as Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom, and some states in the United States such as California and New York. The programme is open to both Singaporean and international students.

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### **3.1 Degrees Offered**

There are two programmes in the Faculty of Law, available on a full-time basis, leading to the LL.B. (Hons.) degree:

#### **Admission to the Four-Year LL.B. Programme**

The detailed requirements for admission can be found on the NUS Office of Admissions website at: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus.html>. Admission requirements vary, depending on the qualifications presented for admissions. Shortlisted candidates are required to sit for a written test and an interview. Selection shall be solely based on the discretion of the University and will depend upon the number of places available in the Faculty.

#### **Singapore-Cambridge 'A' Level**

- Applicants presenting the Singapore-Cambridge A level results should have good overall 'A' level results, including at least B grade in H1 General Paper (GP), or a good pass in H2 Knowledge & Inquiry (KI); or SAT Critical Reading / Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 700 accompanied by a minimum E grade for GP/KI.
- An improved GP grade of B or better or a good pass in KI from another sitting can qualify one for application to Law, but only the GP or KI grade obtained in the same sitting as the other main 'A' level content papers can be used for computation of the admission score.

#### **Polytechnic Diploma**

- Applicants presenting an acceptable diploma from a Polytechnic in Singapore should possess excellent 'O' level results, a minimum grade of A2 in English Language at 'O' level and preferably a Certificate of Merit (COM).

#### **NUS High School Diploma**

- Applicants who present the NUS High School Diploma must present at least B+ grade for English modules EL5101 AND EL6103 or SAT Critical Reading / Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of at least 700, with at least C grade for English modules EL5101 AND EL6103.

#### **International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma**

- Applicants presenting the International Baccalaureate (IB) qualification should possess good IB results, including a grade 5 or better in SL English or SL Literature & Performance, or a minimum SAT Critical Reading / Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 700 accompanied by a minimum grade 4 for SL English or SL Literature & Performance. Those completing IB in the year of admission to NUS may apply based on their projected results.

#### **International Qualifications**

- A good IELTS score of minimum 7.0 or TOEFL score of minimum 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) is required if students possess equivalent high school qualifications which are in the non-English

medium.

- Please refer to the section on the NUS Office of Admissions website at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/apply-to-nus/International-qualifications-admissions-req-to-NUS.html> for the detailed admission requirements and application procedures. Please note that different application deadlines apply to different applicant category and high school qualifications.

## **Admission to the Three-Year Graduate LL.B. Programme**

The objective of this programme is to inject multidisciplinary talent into the legal profession, as the demands of the profession become more sophisticated and technical in certain areas like patent law, environmental law and computer law. This Programme is open to University graduates with a first degree. Applicants must be prepared to do the course full-time for three years and complete a minimum total of 120 credits. Shortlisted applicants will be required to sit for a written test and attend a formal interview. Selection shall be solely within the discretion of the University and will depend upon the number of places available in the Faculty.

- Applicants should possess a university degree, preferably in a non-law discipline, or are completing their first degree by June of the year of admission (August intake).
- Two academic referees will be required. If you have left school for some years and are unable to submit academic referees, 2 recommendation letters from employers will be accepted as an alternative.
- International applicants whose university degree is in the non-English medium are required to submit proof of their proficiency in the English language, for example, a minimum TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based) or IELTS score of 7.0.
- Applicants who have work experiences may wish to furnish a curriculum vitae.

More information are available at [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb\\_prog.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb_prog.html)

## **3.2 Degree Requirements**

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### 3.2.1 Bachelor of Laws

The LL.B. degree is an honours degree. Students in the four year LL.B. programme must complete a minimum total of 160 credits in four years. Students in the Graduate LL.B. Programme must complete a minimum total of 120 credits in three years.

Successful completion of the LL.B. course leads to the award of the following classes of degrees:

- First Class Honours
- Second Class Honours (Upper Division)
- Second Class Honours (Lower Division)
- Third Class Honours

All LL.B. students are required to take the same compulsory core law modules during the first two years of their studies, as well as one compulsory module in the third year of their studies. For their remaining modules in the LL.B. programme, students may choose from a wide variety of elective modules, allowing them to pursue their interest in a particular field of law. One formidable strength of NUS Law is the broad and diverse range of elective modules that we offer. Students choose modules from many clusters including Asian Legal Studies, Civil Law, Corporate & Financial Services Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, International & Comparative Law, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, Maritime Law, Law & Society, Research and Skills.

#### Compulsory Core LL.B. Curriculum

<b>Year One</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Criminal Law	Year-Long	8
Law of Contract	Year-Long	8
Law of Torts	Year-Long	8
Legal Analysis, Research & Communication	Year-Long	8
Singapore Law in Context	1	4
Introduction to Legal Theory	2	4
Total		40
<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Credits</b>

Company Law	1	8
Legal Systems of Asia	1	4
Principles of Property Law	1	8
Corporate Deals OR Trial Advocacy	2	4
Constitutional & Administrative Law	2	8
Equity & Trusts	2	8
Pro Bono Services	-	0
Total		40
<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Evidence	1	8

For more information, please visit: [https://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb\\_prog.html](https://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb_prog.html)

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### **3.3.1 Concurrent Degree Programmes with Law**

The concurrent degree programme in Law and Public Policy offers law students, particularly those interested in a career in the legal, civil, or foreign service, the opportunity to complete in four-and-a-half years, two degrees that normally take six years to complete if pursued separately. The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy helps its students to understand the complex issues that challenge policymakers daily and offers a strong curriculum anchored firmly within an Asian context. The Faculty of Law, on the other hand, offers rigorous training in public law, international law, and governance, and has a long history of placing its graduates in leading positions in government and public service.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/prog/mpplaw/>

### **3.3.2 Double Degree Programmes with Law**

The Faculty of Law offers Double Degree Programmes, jointly offered with the Business School, the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Yale-NUS College.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/cdp\\_ddp\\_sp.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/cdp_ddp_sp.html)

### **3.3.3 Exchange Plus Programmes**

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### **3.3.3.1 NYU-NUS LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

#### **Exchange Plus Programme [LL.B. (Hons) / Graduate LL.B. (Hons)] & Masters of Law (LL.M.)**

The LLB-LLM programme allows current NUS Law students in the four-year LL.B. programme to seek early admission to the Masters in Law (LL.M.) at New York University (NYU) School of Law and commence the LL.M. in their fourth year of studies at NUS, before graduating with the LL.B. The credits read at NYU towards the LL.M. will count towards the NUS LL.B. degree. Upon completion of the LL.M. requirements, students will receive the NUS LL.B. (Hons) and the NYU LL.M. Students on the three-year Graduate LL.B. programme can also seek admission and commence the LL.M. in their second semester of their third year of studies to receive both degrees. They will complete two and a half years at NUS and one year at NYU to fulfill the programme requirements.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/nyu\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/nyu_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.3.2 NUS-Boston LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

NUS-Boston University Law School (Boston) LLB-LLM Exchange Plus programme is available to students on the four-year LL.B. programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete three years at NUS and then go to Boston to read an LL.M. in American Law for one year, on a tuition fee waiver basis. Upon successful completion of the LL.M. at Boston, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.B. (Hons) from NUS and an LL.M. in American Law from Boston.

For more information, please

visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/boston\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/boston_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.3.3 NUS-Erasmus LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

NUS-Erasmus University School of Law (Erasmus) LLB-LLM Exchange Plus programme is available to students on the four-year LL.B. programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete three years at NUS and then go to Erasmus to read an LL.M. for one year, on a tuition fee waiver basis. Upon successful completion of the LL.M. at Erasmus, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.B. (Hons) from NUS and an LL.M. from Erasmus.

For more information, please visit:

[http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/erasmus\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/erasmus_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.3.4 NUS-King's College London LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

NUS-King's College London (KCL) LLB-LLM exchange plus programme is available to students on the four-year LL.B. programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete three years at NUS and then go to KCL to read an LL.M. for one year. Upon successful completion of the LL.M. at KCL, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.B. (Hons) from NUS and an LL.M. from KCL.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/kcl\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/kcl_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.3.5 NUS-University of Melbourne LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

NUS-University of Melbourne (Melbourne) LLB-LLM exchange plus programme is available to students on the four-year LL.B. programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete three years at NUS and then go to Melbourne to read an LL.M. for one year. Upon successful completion of the LL.M. at Melbourne, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.B. (Hons) from NUS and an LL.M. from Melbourne.

For more information, please visit:

[http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/melbourne\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/melbourne_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.3.6 NUS-University of Toronto LLB-LLM Exchange Plus Programme**

NUS-University of Toronto (U of T) LLB-LLM exchange plus programme is available to students on the four-year LL.B. programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete three years at NUS and then go to U of T to read a coursework LL.M. for one year. Upon successful completion of the LL.M. at U of T, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.B. (Hons) from NUS and an LL.M. from U of T.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/ut\\_nus\\_llb\\_llm.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/ut_nus_llb_llm.html)

### **3.3.4 Special Programmes**

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### **3.3.4.1 University Town College Programme (UTCP)**

The University Town College Programme (UTCP) is a multidisciplinary academic programme offered in the College of Alice & Peter Tan, Residential College 4 and Tembusu College at University Town. This unique programme offers students an opportunity to read prescribed electives outside their majors, and pursue other subjects of interest while living and learning with the College community. Through this programme, students will develop strategies for clear and impactful writing skills, to chisel their inquiry and critical reasoning skills. It also grooms them to be able to clearly articulate their ideas on issues that are of global and Asian concern.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb\\_utrp.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb_utrp.html)

### **3.3.4.2 Special Programmes - University Scholars Programme (USP)**

The University Scholars Programme is an interdisciplinary academic programme for NUS undergraduates housed within the USP residential college. The NUS Law-USP partnership seeks to add a deeper dimension to the classroom and curricular experiences to further enhance intellectual inquiry beyond the disciplinary boundaries. Students who study in USP and NUS Law will follow a curriculum that combines the rigorous aspects of both the USP's and the NUS Bachelor of Laws' (LL.B.) curricular. Students of the NUS Law-USP can also look forward to an enhanced and informal learning opportunity through residential living.

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb\\_usp.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/llb_usp.html)

### **3.3.5 Minor Programmes**

Students may choose to do a non-law minor programme from other faculties and count the non-law modules towards the credit requirement of the LL.B. However, where the student has read more than 12 credits outside the Faculty of Law, the student's non-law credits will be aggregated and pro-rated so as to accord them a weighting of 12 credits in calculating the Class of Honours.

For the list of minor programme, and the detailed requirements of each Minor, please refer to the relevant sections under each Faculty/School in the NUS Bulletin.

### **3.3.6 Student Exchange Programme**

The Student Exchange Programme offers an excellent opportunity to study the laws of a foreign legal system up close. Exchange students experience different cultures and lifestyles, make new acquaintances, and of course, travel.

The Programme enables NUS law students to spend either one or both semesters of their third year in one of the partner law schools. Students in the concurrent degree programme may spend one semester of their third year and students in the double degree programme may spend one semester of their fourth year in one of our partner universities. The Faculty of Law also hosts incoming exchange students from our partner universities, adding to the vibrancy of the law school.

For more information, please visit [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/student\\_ex.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/student_ex.html)

### 3.3.7 International Mooting and other Competitions

One of the most intense and valuable educational experiences a student can have at the Faculty is to represent NUS in an international competition. NUS Law has an unparalleled track record in international mooting competitions.

Here are some of NUS's achievements in international competitions:

NUS Law won the prestigious **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** a record four times (1982, 1985, 1994 and 2001) and has been a finalist on 11 occasions. This competition attracts more than 500 law schools from over 80 countries. Many former Jessup mooters from NUS now occupy the upper echelons of the legal fraternity in Singapore in both the public and private sectors.

When NUS Law first participated in the **Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot** in 2002, it became the first Asian law school to win the competition. This competition is probably the most prestigious private law international moot worldwide.

In 2013, NUS beat over 290 law schools to win the Werner Melis Award for Best Respondent Memorial. The team's Claimant Memorandum also received an Honourable Mention prize.

The following are other competitions that NUS Law has participated in.

NUS Law won the **Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot Competition** in Hong Kong twice, in 2004 and 2008.

NUS Law won the **Oxford International Inter-University Intellectual Property Mooting Competition** twice, in 2006 and 2008. In 2017, the team from NUS Law won the award in Best Written Submissions. The finals of the competition are assessed by judges of the High Court and Court of Appeal of England.

In 2009, NUS Law won the 4th **International Chamber of Commerce International Commercial Mediation Competition** with a team of undergraduates, competing against post-graduate law students from around the globe such as, United States, Europe and South America.

In 2009, NUS Law also won the **Copenhagen Competition** on the Protocol on Climate Change.

In 2017, NUS Law was crowned the overall winner in the Grand Finals of the **International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot**, and the fifth win that NUS Law has achieved in this competition. NUS Law also won the competition in 2001, 2002, 2010 and 2015.

NUS Law has won the **International Negotiation Competition** twice – first in 2011 when it was held in Copenhagen and then again in 2012 at Belfast. NUS Law came in first runners-up in 2013 (USA) and then again in 2016 (Switzerland).

NUS Law won the Asia-Pacific Regional Round of the **Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition** four times – 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2011, and won the World Finals in 2001. This is the only competition in which the World Finals are judged by sitting judges of the International Court.

In 2015, NUS Law won the 16th e D.M. **Harish Memorial Government Law College International Moot Court Competition** in 2015.

The team from NUS Law emerged overall champion at the 2015 edition of the **Jean-Pictet Competition**. This was NUS's first win after multiple appearances in the finals.

In 2015, NUS Law won the inaugural **Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot** that was held at King's College London.

NUS Law was also international champions of the 2015 and 2016 editions of **International Air and Space Law Academy (IASLA) Space Law Moot Court Competition**, as well as winning the Best Memorials and Best Oralist awards in 2015. The 2017 team won the Asia-Pacific Regional Rounds.

In 2016, NUS Law won the **Nuremberg Moot Court Competition** which took place in the historic Nuremberg Courtroom 600, Nuremberg, Germany. One of the team members was also awarded the Best Speaker for the Final Round.

In 2017, NUS Law emerged overall champion for the second consecutive year in the **Asia Cup Moot Court Competition**. In addition to taking home the cup, NUS also won the award for the third best memorial. Two other members were also named joint Best Oralist in the competition. The 2016 team also won the Best Overall Team, Best Memorial and Best Oralist – a rare feat in the competition's 19-year history.

In 2016, a team of first-year students from NUS Law won the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Japan Chapter Award in the **Intercollegiate Negotiation Competition**.

NUS Law emerged as champions in the 8th **Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition** in 2017.

NUS Law won the Best Overall Team at **Lex Infinitum** in 2017. Lex Infinitum is an international Mediation and Negotiation Competition.

In 2017, NUS Law emerged as champions at the inaugural **Blackoak Transactional Competition**. One of the team's member also clinched the Best Oralist Award.

NUS Law emerged winners at the **Allen & Overy Private Law Moot Competition** in 2017, and a member of the team also won the Best Oralist Award. This was a first time that a team from Singapore had won this prestigious university moot competition.

NUS Law took top position at the inaugural **Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition** in 2017. This was the regional round leading up to the annual Paris ICC Mediation Competition.

In 2017, the team from NUS Law emerged Champions at the **Tun Suffian International Human Rights Moot Court Competition** held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

### **3.3.8 Internship Programmes**

The Law School encourages our undergraduates to acquaint themselves with legal work through vacation internships with local and foreign law firms, companies and institutions, the Legal Service and other government authorities. Around 85-90% of students do an internship during their time at the Law School and there is no lack of internship places available. As such, the Law School has made a conscious decision not to make internships a compulsory part of the curriculum, preferring to give our students the flexibility to use their vacation time to pursue other interests, including doing voluntary work.

For more information, please visit: <http://law.nus.edu.sg/cfglaw/vi.html>

### **3.4 Financial Assistance and Awards**

NUS offers a variety of scholarships and awards in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities and special talents. We are also committed to a needs-blind merit-based admission policy that ensures no deserving student is denied a university education because of financial difficulty. To fulfill this commitment a Student Financial Aid Unit has been set up within the Office of Admissions to provide a visible and integrated approach to assist students with financial difficulties or concerns. Various bursaries and loans are available for our undergraduates.

For more information, please visit: [www.nus.edu.sg/oam/scholarships](http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/scholarships), [www.nus.edu.sg/oam/financialaid](http://www.nus.edu.sg/oam/financialaid) and [https://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/llb\\_prog/scholarships\\_bursaries.html](https://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/llb_prog/scholarships_bursaries.html).

The Faculty also has a list of medals and prizes awarded to students who have achieved high academic performance. The top students in the respective LL.B. cohorts, and several subject prizes, will be awarded after the semester two examinations.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/medals\\_prizes.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/medals_prizes.html)

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## **4.1 Research Programmes**

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Close and regular supervision will be provided by members of the academic staff of the Faculty of Law, whose research interests vary across many fields of law. In particular, the Faculty's research strength lies in the areas of international and commercial law.

The Faculty offers the following research degree:

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

As Asia's Global Law School, the Faculty of Law is committed to fostering excellence in research by building a strong core of doctoral research students.

The NUS PhD comprises: (i) coursework (up to 6 graduate courses, taken in the first year), followed by (ii) a thesis of not more than 80,000 words. Successful applicants will commence their candidature as probationary PhD students and will work under the supervision of a Faculty member at NUS Law. Within 12-18 months of their candidature, probationary PhD students must orally defend an outline of the proposed PhD thesis at the Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination. Candidates who succeed at the DCQE will have their PhD candidature confirmed and may proceed to write the thesis.

The Ph.D. is awarded on the submission of a thesis of not more than 80,000 words that is a substantial piece of original research in a particular field of law, or a critical interpretation worthy of publication, written under supervision by a Faculty academic member.

Most PhD candidates complete their thesis within three to four years. The minimum period of candidature is two years, and the maximum five years.

For more information, please visit: [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/research\\_prog.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/research_prog.html)

## **4.2 Coursework Programmes**

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## **4.2.1 Degrees Offered**

In our flagship Master of Laws (LL.M.) by coursework programme, a wide variety of elective modules are available, taught by an internationally distinguished academic faculty.

In order to obtain a specialisation, students will have to complete 24 credits or generally, 6 modules (out of a possible 40-44 credits or generally, 10 modules) in a relevant specialisation. These students will then have the option of graduating with an LL.M. degree with the specific specialisation indicated on their degree scrolls, or an LL.M. degree with no specialisation indicated. Alternatively, students may opt from the outset to take any 40-44 credits of modules and graduate with an LL.M. degree with no specialisation. The latter option affords maximum flexibility in course selection according to the student's individual preferences and interests.

## 4.2.2 Degree Requirements

4.2.2.1 [Master of Laws \(LL.M.\) by Coursework](#)

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4.2.2.3 [Master of Laws \(International Business Law\)](#)

4.2.2.4 [Master of Laws and Master in Public Administration/Master in Public Policy](#)

4.2.2.5 [NUS Master of Laws \(International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution\)-Geneva Master of Laws in International Dispute Settlement \(MIDS\) Double Degree Programme](#)

### **4.2.2.1 Master of Laws (LL.M.) by Coursework**

Applicants must possess a good Bachelor's degree in Law. In addition, a minimum internet-based TOEFL (iBT) score of 100 is required. Candidates with an iBT score of 92-99 may also apply, but may be required to undertake intensive English language training prior to commencing law studies. Other TOEFL paper-based score of 600-603 or minimum IELTS 7.0 will be considered, but we strongly prefer the TOEFL iBT.

The programme is conducted on a full-time basis over a period of two semesters and is fully by coursework.

The minimum period of candidature is one year (two semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

For more information, please visit: [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework\\_deg.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework_deg.html)

## 4.2.2.2 Specialised Master of Laws (LL.M.) by Coursework

The Faculty offers the following specialisations:

- Master of Laws (Asian Legal Studies)
- Master of Laws (Corporate & Financial Services Law)
- Master of Laws (Intellectual Property & Technology Law)
- Master of Laws (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution)
- Master of Laws (International & Comparative Law)
- Master of Laws (Maritime Law)

Candidates must possess a good LL.B. Honours Degree from a reputable university. A candidate is required to read a total of 40-44 credits of modules, whereby 24 credits of modules must be from the relevant module grouping. Candidates may opt to do a directed research paper in lieu of 4 credits of modules.

The programmes are conducted on a full-time basis over a period of two semesters, except Master of Laws (Maritime Law) which may be pursued on a part-time basis over four semesters. The programmes are fully by coursework.

The minimum period of candidature for full-time programmes is one year (two semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

The minimum period of candidature for part-time programmes is two years (four semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

For more information, please visit: [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework\\_deg.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework_deg.html)

### **4.2.2.3 Master of Laws (International Business Law)**

Since 2005, NUS Law has offered a specialised LL.M. in International Business Law which is taught at NUS in Singapore and the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) in Shanghai. This programme is taught entirely in English, and is offered partly in Singapore, and partly in Shanghai. It is the first overseas degree programme to be offered by NUS Law. Students who successfully complete the degree requirements will obtain an LL.M. (International Business Law) degree conferred solely by NUS (this is not a joint degree).

Candidates must possess a good LL.B. Honours Degree from a reputable University. Candidates will spend the entire first semester in NUS, and spend the second semester in Shanghai at premises set aside for the NUS Faculty of Law within ECUPL's campus. Candidates will read a total of 40-44 credits of modules in the programme.

The programme is conducted on a full-time basis over a period of two semesters and is fully by coursework. The minimum period of candidature is one year (two semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

For more information, please visit: [http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework/llm\\_ibl.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/coursework/llm_ibl.html)

#### **4.2.2.4 Master of Laws and Master in Public Administration/Master in Public Policy**

NUS Law and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy offer two double degree programmes. An LL.M. and Master in Public Administration (MPA) and an LL.M. and Master in Public Policy (MPP). These aim to provide students of law and public administration and public policy broad exposure to the issues and challenges that lawyers and leaders of public institutions face.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nus.edu.sg/prog/lawspp/llmmpmpa/index.htm>

#### **4.2.2.5 NUS Master of Laws (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution)-Geneva Master of Laws in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) Double Degree Programme**

The NUS Master of Laws (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution)-Geneva Master of Laws in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) Double Degree Programme (DDP) is available to students in the NUS LL.M. (International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution) programme. Under this arrangement, students will complete the curriculum for the LL.M. (IADR) at NUS and then go to Geneva to read the LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) for one semester. Upon successful completion of their studies at Geneva, NUS law students will graduate with an LL.M. (IADR) from NUS and LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) from Geneva.

For more information, please visit:

[http://law.nus.edu.sg/student\\_matters/grad\\_prog/nus\\_geneva\\_ddp.html](http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/grad_prog/nus_geneva_ddp.html)

### **4.2.3 Graduate Diploma in Maritime Law & Arbitration**

This programme is designed for master mariners and non-lawyer professionals working in the maritime industry.

Candidates in the programme are required to read 32-36 credits of modules. 12 of these credits may be taken from the modules offered in the Faculty's Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration programme, with the remaining 20-24 credits of modules drawn from modules in the Maritime Law grouping.

Overseas candidates accepted into the programme will pursue it full-time within two semesters. Candidates working for companies based in Singapore who are supported by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore will normally pursue the programme part-time and complete it within four semesters. The programme is fully by coursework.

The minimum period of candidature for full-time programme is one year (two semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

The minimum period of candidature for part-time programme is two years (four semesters) and the maximum is three years (six semesters).

### 4.3 Financial Assistance and Awards

The following scholarships and financial aid scheme are available to eligible Graduate students:

- Research Scholarship
- Lee Kong Chian Graduate Scholarship
- President's Graduate Fellowship
- Commonwealth Scholarship
- Graduate Scholarship for ASEAN Nationals (NUS GSA)
- Kwa Geok Choo Graduate Scholarship
- Faculty Graduate Scholarship (FGS)
- Scholarship for Young Asian Academics
- Ella Cheong LLM (Intellectual Property & Technology Law) Scholarship
- Tuition Fee Loan Scheme (TFL)

For more information, please visit: [http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/sch\\_requirements.html](http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/sch_requirements.html)