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LLM in Asian Legal Studies: The program focuses on the legal systems, institutions and legal traditions of South, Southeast and East Asia. All instruction is in English.



Program Dates	You will be expected to arrive in Singapore in time to attend the orientation program for
	the fall semester.
	Fall Registration: Late July
	Fall Orientation: Early August
	Fall Semester: Early August
	Fall Exam Period: Late November- Early December
	Spring Registration: Early January
	Spring Semester: Early January – Early May
	Spring Exam Period: Late April - Early May
Important Links	The National University of Singapore Law School's Web site is http://law.nus.edu.sg .
	Asian Legal Studies course descriptions:
	http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/course_listing/courses_disp2.asp?MT=LL5&Sem_
	=ALL&M GC=2.
	-ALLXIVI GC-2.
Academic Requirements	The NUS LL.M. degree requires a total of 40 credits of subjects (generally earned
for LLM in Asian Legal	through 10 courses), at least 24 credits of which must be in the Asian law specialization.
Studies	Students must thus take at least 6 subjects (24 credits) from a list of specialized
	subjects, including a compulsory overview course on Asian Legal Systems (Comparative
	Legal Asian Traditions). The awarding of the NUS LL.M. in Asian Legal Studies degree is
	at the discretion of NUS based on the student's satisfactory completion of NUS's LL.M.
	degree requirements.
BU Law Academic	BU Law students will be expected to take a minimum of 10 courses for 40 NUS credits, in
Requirements	order to earn 24 credits towards their BU Law degree.
BU Law Credits Awarded	Students will receive 26 credits towards the BU Law J.D. degree. They will receive 12
	credits for each semester of NUS coursework for a total of 24. In addition, all students
	will be required to pursue a two-credit independent study with a BU Law faculty
	member, to commence in June - September prior to the student's departure. The paper
	must be completed by the end of the academic year. It may (but need not) be on a topic
	related to Asian law. This two-credit independent study is required in order for students
	to meet BU LAW's 26 yearly minimum credit requirement. Students may not substitute
	journal work or other credits to meet this requirement.

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Housing

Most past participants have lived in their own private apartments off campus. Exchange students at NUS are welcome to apply for on-campus housing. Due to the number of requests they receive, however, BU Law students are not guaranteed to be granted a place in on-campus housing.

The following link provides information on the student residences at NUS:

http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/General/options.html.

On-campus housing is handled by the Office of Student Affairs (OSA): http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/. Details of matters relating to accommodation:

http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/nongraduating/index.html. You may wish to contact OSA directly on your housing matters.

Living in one of the six Halls of Residence will be similar to living in an undergraduate dorm. Students will be required to participate in social activities including sporting events and community service. Students living in the Halls of Residence are also required to have a meal plan. Living in the Prince George's Park Residences will afford students more of an independent lifestyle. Single and double rooms are in a cluster and there are shared kitchens and bathrooms. Taking part in social activities within the Residence is not compulsory and meal plans are not available for those students.

Living Costs

NUS informs us that students can expect to pay the following:

- On Campus Housing: \$240 \$610/month
- Off Campus Housing: \$900/month
- Meals: \$350 \$700/month
- Public Transportation & Personal Expenses: \$225 \$300/month
- Books and Supplies: \$175 \$250/semester

Participating students living in on-campus dorms should budget at least \$1,650 per month for expenses, while students living off-campus should budget at least \$1,875. Please be advised that if you plan to travel while abroad, your personal expenses will exceed \$300 per month. In addition, you will need to obtain a multiple entry visa, which costs an additional \$23.

In addition, BU Law students will be asked to pay the following fees during their time at NUS:

Student Service Fee: \$200Health Service Fee: \$92

Total Fees: \$292

Information on Accommodation and Living Expenses can be found here:

http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/accom_living_exp.html

It is advisable to take up travel insurance to cover things such as lost luggage or trip cancellation. The NUS Group Medical Insurance Scheme does not cover travel to and from Singapore. If you have queries about the Health Insurance, you can email: uhc_health@nus.edu.sg

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Host School Deadlines	NUS deadline for LLM program: March 31 OGIP will facilitate the application process for selected students.	
Participant Cap	Up to two students may participate in the LLM Program.	
Timing Considerations	This is a full year program which will commence in early August and run through mid-May. There is one week break in September, a winter recess from early December – early January and a one week break at the end of February. While Singapore will send a certified letter confirming that 3L participants passed all of their courses prior to Commencement, final transcripts will not be available until late July. This certified letter meets the criteria for BU Law's commencement requirements and for the bar certification requirements of some, but not all, state bars.	
Visas	U.S. citizens do not require a formal visa to study in Singapore, but all international students must hold a valid Student's Pass issued by the Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority for their studies in NUS. The International Students Office will apply for a Student's Pass on a student's behalf, once a student's application has been approved. The following link provides details on procedures for applying for a Student Pass: http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/international/svcs/spass.html. All information on obtaining the student's pass will be provided by NUS after admission into the exchange program. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to obtain the Student's Pass. For more information on immigration-related matters, students may visit the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority website: http://www.ica.gov.sg/index.aspx	
Contacts	The Program Director is Professor Joel Lee, Vice Dean of International Programs. Professor Lee can be reached via email at lawleej@nus.edu . Professor Lee is supported by Ms. Grace Lam, Assistant Dean and Ms. Rahima Hussain, Management Assistant Officer. Ms. Lam is the main contact for exchange student enrolled in the LL.M. in Asian Legal Studies Program and handles all of the orientation and student affairs related issues. Her contact information is: Ms Grace Lam, Assistant Dean Faculty of Law c/o International Programmes National University of Singapore 469G Bukit Timah Road Eu Tong Sen Building Singapore 259776 Email: lawllcg@nus.edu.sg ; Telephone: (65) 6516 6631 Facsimile: (65) 6779 0979 URL: http://law.nus.edu.sg/student_matters/student_ex.html In addition, the National University of Singapore has an International Relations Office, which offers assistance to all international students. The contact information is: National University of Singapore, 3rd Storey, Unit 03-03, Shaw Foundation Alumni House, 11 Kent Ridge Drive, Singapore 119244 Phone: (65) 6516 4356 Fax: (65) 6778 0177 Web: http://www.nus.edu.sg/iro The Student Services Advisor for incoming students at the International Relations Office is Ms. Teng Lim, who can be reached via email at iroltt@nus.edu.sg .	