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'LL.M. (Business Law)'

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The Chulalongkorn University campus is located on over 450 acres of land within the heart of Bangkok. It was founded in 1917 by H.M. King Vajiravudh (Rama VI) and is the oldest, and best known, university in Thailand. It was named in honor of King Chulalongkorn (Rama V), for it was during his reign that modern education in Thailand began to develop. In the succeeding years, Chulalongkorn University, or “Chula” as it is more commonly known, has become a full-sized university, with over 39,000 students.

The Phra Kieo (right) is a coronet worn by princes and princesses and had been chosen by King Rama V as his personal emblem. Subsequently King Vajiravudh permitted it to be used as the emblem of the Civil Service College, which later became Chulalongkorn University. The Phra Kieo enshrined in the Memorial Hall on campus is a replica made in 1976 of the original one housed in the Grand Palace. His Majesty the King (Rama IX) anointed the replica and graciously bestowed it to Chulalongkorn University on July 13, 1989, during a graduation ceremony.

Long before the establishment of Chulalongkorn University, or to be more exact the Royal Pages School, the huge piece of land which was to become the university’s campus was overgrown with vegetation and rain trees. These **rain trees** (*chamchuri* in Thai) have continued to be associated with the university ever since. The trees have verdant foliage in June (the start of the traditional Thai academic year) and then shed their leaves at the end of the traditional second semester (February). In the past, students came to review their lessons under the shade. With time, the number of the *chamchuri* trees decreased, partly because of their vulnerability to disease. Aware of this, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX) took the initiative in encouraging the planting of new trees and planted five on January 15, 1962, three on the right side and two on the left side of the football pitch in front of the CU auditorium. In line with the royal example, the university initiated a plan to plant 80 additional *chamchuri trees* to mark the 80th anniversary of Chulalongkorn University, thus reiterating its wish to make the tree a lasting symbol of the university. Today, several buildings on campus include in their names the word “Chamchuri,” as does the new office and shopping complex (“Chamchuri Square”) adjoining the campus on the northeast corner of Phayathai and Rama IV Roads.

The Color Pink

The color pink was first chosen by the Student Union in 1935 to be the symbolic color of Chulalongkorn University when the first traditional annual football match was held with Thammasat University. Pink was adopted as it is the Thai color for Tuesday, the day of the week on which King Chulalongkorn was born. Since that time it has also been the University's symbolic and traditional color.

The Faculty of Law

History

The study of law at Chulalongkorn University began in 1933 when King Rama VII decided that the teaching of law within the law school established at the Ministry of Justice had advanced sufficiently to justify raising the curriculum to university standards.

A Royal Proclamation was therefore issued to establish “The Faculty of Law and Political Science” at Chulalongkorn University – and as such, it became the first law faculty in Thailand. The following year, the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Chulalongkorn University was transferred to the newly established Thammasat University. As a result, legal education at Chulalongkorn University was temporarily suspended and legal education at Chula was not resumed until the Department of Law reopened within the Faculty of Political Science some years later.

After a few years of preparing a suitable curriculum, the first law students were admitted to the Department in 1958. In 1959, the Department extended its curriculum to include a graduate program. As the number of students enrolled in law began to steadily rise, along with an increasing number of law subjects being offered, the Department was finally granted Faculty status and separated from the Faculty of Political Science. In 1972, the Department of Law formally evolved into the Faculty of Law of Chulalongkorn University.

Program at a Glance

The LL.M. (Business Law) International Program is the first international graduate law program to be offered in Thailand and has since produced a number of outstanding graduates currently pursuing unique legal careers in Thailand and other ASEAN countries. Prospective students to the LL.M. (Business Law) International Program include Thai and foreign legal practitioners, graduate students, and exchange students. One of the most distinctive aspects of the LL.M. (Business Law) International Program is the active participation by our two partner universities, as well as our collaborative efforts in accommodating visiting professors from each



partner university teaching selected law courses and broadening opportunities for students to participate in an exchange program among leading international universities.

Student Life in the Program

With Faculty of Law's central location in the heart of Bangkok, our LL.M. students can benefit from convenient public transportation to/from their classrooms. Faculty of Law is within minutes by walk from MRT Samyan Station, Charnchuri Square, and Samyan MitrTown. Moreover, Chulalongkorn University provides students with a full range of social welfare services and benefits, including the use of libraries, sport centers, Wi-Fi computer access, a campus shuttle bus service, book discounts from the University Bookstore, and healthcare service from the health clinic and, in a more serious case, Chulalongkorn Hospital. Students can also use the co-working spaces which are scattered around the campus. While most LL.M. students choose to arrange their own accommodation, Chulalongkorn University International House (CU iHouse), which is a new 26-storey on-campus residence, remains an attractive option if a student wishes to live on-campus. All rooms are equipped with adequate facility including Internet Wi-Fi and TV, and students are advised to apply early to secure a room at <https://www.chula.ac.th/en/academics/life-at-cu/accommodation/>

International Partners & Legal Practitioners

One of the most distinctive aspects of the LL.M. (Business Law) Program at Chulalongkorn University is the active participation by visiting professor from our two partner universities. The remaining courses are taught by a combination of professors from the Chula Faculty of Law and highly qualified local and foreign legal practitioners. Consequently, the level of academic instruction is very high.

Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan

Kyushu University was founded in 1911 as one of seven Imperial Universities in Japan. In the intervening years, the University has grown to meet the increasingly challenging needs of Japan's society to reflect its changing role in the world community. Today, Kyushu University is a national university with over 18,000 students and approximately 2,100 faculty members.

Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, BC, Canada

The Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria (UVic) was established in 1974 and is consistently ranked as one of Canada's leading law schools. With its high ratio of faculty to stu-

dents, UVic Law has earned a reputation for providing educational excellence in a supportive learning environment. As a leader in legal education and programming, UVic is proud of its innovative curriculum, which includes strong emphases on experiential learning and interdisciplinary study. It is home to several of Canada's best clinical programs. Its cooperative legal education program, unique in English Canada, combines academic and professional education on campus with relevant and productive work experience in government, public, and private sector arenas. <http://www.law.uvic.ca/>

Program Structure

Thesis Track

- 2 year program
- Reduced coursework (8 courses for 24 credits)
- Second year devoted primarily to the completion of a 12-credit thesis

The thesis track requires 2 years of full-time study. The first year is dedicated to coursework and the second year to focus on the completion of a thesis, from June to July of the following year (24 ½ months). After all coursework and thesis is completed, the student will be required to defend their thesis in front of the thesis committee.

To obtain the basic LL.M. degree, students must complete 36 credits, with a grade point average of 3.0—the equivalent of a “B” average. Twenty-four of the credits are to come from coursework, consisting of 48 classroom hours each. The remaining 12 credits are earned by the completion of a thesis.

A thesis-track student is required to publish his/her academic paper in a national or international journal or in an academic conference proceedings in accordance with the Notification of the University.

Non-thesis Track

- 1 year full-time study (June to July)
- Coursework (10 courses for 30 credits)
- Independent research paper (6 credits)
- Comprehensive examination

The non-thesis track (basic program) requires one year of full-time study and research, from June to July of the following year (about 12 and a half months). Course study is followed



by time for completion of a research paper and public presentation of the student's research findings.

To obtain the basic LL.M. degree, students must complete 36 credits, with a grade point average of 3.0—the equivalent of a “B” average. Thirty of the credits are to come from coursework, consisting of 48 classroom hours each. The remaining 6 credits are earned by the completion of an independent research paper.

A non-thesis track student is required to publish his/her academic paper in an accessible source.

Courses offered

- **Securities Regulation**
- **Advanced Labor Law**
- **Law of International Commercial Transactions**
- **Law for Tax Planning**
- **Negotiation**
- **Transnational Law: Theory and Practice**
- **Advanced Intellectual Property Law**
- **Law relating to Business Organization and Management**
- **International Economic Law and Institutions**
- **Law relating to Corporate Crime**
- **Business and Investment Law in ASEAN Countries**

Tuition and Fees

Tuition payments are due at the beginning of every semester.

Thesis track costs

- The cost for the two-year thesis track is 456,000 THB
- The cost for the two-year thesis track + an optional all-inclusive overseas trip is 546,000 THB

Non-thesis track costs

- The total cost for the one-year non-thesis track is 416,400 THB

- The cost for the one-year thesis track + an optional all-inclusive overseas trip is 506,400 THB

Examinations

At the end of each course, students are required to take an examination, the format and the grading of which are up to the individual professor. Exams may be written or oral. In addition, pursuant to university regulations, non-thesis students are required to pass a comprehensive examination after completion of all coursework in order to be entitled to the LL.M. (Business Law) degree.

Grading

Courses taken will receive a letter grade and equivalent grade point as follows:

Grade	Meaning	Score	Grade	Meaning	Score
A	Excellent	4.0	I	Incomplete	-
B+	Very Good	3.5	P	In Progress	-
B	Good	3.0	S	Satisfactory	-
C+	Fairly Good	2.5	U	Unsatisfactory	-
C	Fair	2.0	V	Visitor	-
D+	Poor	1.5	W	Withdrawn	-
D	Very Poor	1.0	M	Missing	-
F	Fail	0.0	X	No Report	-

Individual Research Paper

Submission of an individual research paper is required to obtain the LL.M. degree in the non-thesis program. The paper earns 6-credits in the course “Individual Study in Business Law,” and the prescribed length is between 35 and 50 double-spaced pages (approximately 9,000 to 13,000 words). The result should be of publishable quality. Students must choose a legal topic within the scope of business law, and, on an announced date, submit their proposed topics and preliminary outlines to a committee for review and suggested improvement. Final approval to proceed is by the program’s Executive Committee. Each student must be



supervised by a selected faculty advisor, and each year the program will publish a list of names of qualified persons. Should a student wish to conduct his or her research under the supervision of a legal scholar whose name is not on that list, the student must first seek and receive official approval by the program's Executive Committee. The deadline for submission of the final independent research paper is on an announced date, generally near the end of June of the same academic year. Students are also required to present their research findings in public, normally around the middle of July. The paper itself will be graded primarily by the student's advisor, but is subject to review and approval by the program's Executive Committee. The public presentation of the research constitutes 20% of the overall final grade and will be judged by a committee composed of at least 3 professors appointed by the Executive Committee.

Academic Calendar (Trimester System)

- **First Semester** **June – November**
- **Second Semester** **December – March**
- **Third Semester** **April – July**

Class

Each class consists of 3 hours per half day, 5 days a week, Mon-Fri, generally held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a 15 minute break around 10:30 a.m. In the event of any scheduling conflict and or holidays during the course, instructors may request or be required to teach an afternoon session (1-4 p.m.), separated by an hour lunch break

Applications Requirements

Because the LL.M. (Business Law) International Program leads to a graduate degree in law, applicants must already possess a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) or other recognized first degree in law. Applicants are responsible for assembling and submitting all required documents by the application deadline of the term for which they are applying. Subject to applicable notification and/or announcement of the faculty of law, the application must include the following:

1. A completed application form via online
2. Official transcripts or mark sheet from universities previously attended.
3. A 1 to 2–page personal statement.

4. Two signed and sealed letters of recommendation in English from referees able to evaluate the applicant's academic abilities. Materials for this purpose are in the application package.

5. Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or CU-TEP [Chulalongkorn University Test of English Proficiency]) unless applicant uses English as a mother tongue.

6. One of your ID Photo, taken no longer than 6 months

7. One photocopy of home registration (for Thai citizens), or information page of passport or official ID card for international students

8. The application fee cost 1,000 Thai baht

English Proficiency

For non-native speakers of English, all applicants who are accepted into the Program with a minimum English proficiency scores are as follows: Chulalongkorn University Test of English Proficiency (CUTEP) score of 80, TOEFL Internet based score of 79, or IELTS score of 6.0.

Visas

Each non-resident applicant approved for admission will receive a formal acceptance letter. The letter may be used to apply for a short-term non-immigrant visa from the Thai Embassy closest to the applicant. This visa will allow the approved student to enter the Kingdom of Thailand as a non-tourist. Once in Bangkok, and after registering with the university, the Program will assist the student to obtain a one-year student visa. Thereafter, students wishing to leave Thailand but return, such as for a home visit, will be required to also obtain a Re-Entry Permit, as departure from Thailand without a Permit will cancel the visa.

Program Administration



Program Director

Dr. Piti Eiamchamroonlarp holds an LLB degree from Thammasat University and LLM and PhD degrees from University of Aberdeen (UK).



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Alumni Comments



Mr. Rahat Alikhan
, Legal and Financial Consultant
, Lighthouse Asia Limited

This LL.M. program offered by Chulalongkorn University gave me great insight about developments in the legal field that impact how our clients carry out their business and prepared me well on how to advise such clients.

The lecturers came from all over the world and students got to hear first hand about issues faced by legal practitioners in other jurisdictions, as well as how to handle such issues. I highly recommend this program to both those already in and those intending to enter legal practice as this program will broaden their understanding of business law.



Mr. Lei Zeng

The Chulalongkorn L.L.M. (International Business Law) program offered me special courses combining western wisdom and Asian practice. I learn from this program how to practice law in diversified Asian environments, not merely as a Chinese lawyer, but one with cross-border thinking. It taught me new skills for supporting Chinese

investment across Asia and beyond, which is highly appreciated by enterprises and professional firms that intend to explore opportunities for the ever-growing Chinese business. This program paves a new path for my career.

朱拉隆功(国际商法)法律硕士课程的教学内容结合了西方智慧和亚洲实践, 别具特色。通过这个课程, 我学到了如何在多样化的亚洲环境中从事法律工作。我不再是单纯的中国律师, 而是具有跨境思维的法律实践者。我掌握了能够帮助中国企业在亚洲和更宽阔的地区开展投资的技能, 而这些技能正是那些希望在持续增长的中国业务中发掘机会的企业和专业服务机构所特别看重的。这个课程为我打开了职业发展的新道路



Zeyar Nyunt Oo
, Assistant Director
, Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar

The LL.M. Program at the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, has greatly enhanced my knowledge and understanding of business law. In particular, the course has enabled me to develop the ability to draft and amend legal instruments and regulations that would provide a greater harmonization in the face of the challenges in socioeconomic sectors, and a better compliance with the international and ASEAN's legal practices. Expert in their respective fields, the kind faculty always provided the students with valuable guidance. This, coupled with extensive academic resources in the law library, allowed us to tackle any research obstacle. I would like to strongly recommend the research route of the LL.M. Program, which allowed me to delve into socioeconomic issues of my country in order to figure out the best solution, in the supportive academic environment of the Faculty of Law.

Main Campus Facilities

A recently completed 5-story **Sports Center**, together with its subsidiary facilities, includes an outdoor stadium, two indoor stadiums, tennis courts, a football field, two swimming pools, a fitness room, golf putting practice, a beach volleyball court, a sports complex, and outdoor fitness areas. The Center is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A **Health Clinic**, located on the 2nd floor of the new Chamchuri 9 building, provides free out-patient medical care for faculty, staff and students. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students having more serious medical needs are referred to the nearby Chulalongkorn Hospital, located at the corner of Henri Dunant and Rama IV Roads.

The **University Bookstore** operates on a non-profit basis and provides a wide range of magazines, periodicals, educational equipment, textbooks, and professional books. The on-campus store, located in the Sala Phra Kieo building, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



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