

BEIJING WINTER SCHOOL – 2009

LAWS2123 Chinese Legal System (8uoc) Enrolment in Summer Term 2009 at UNSW

This course will be offered in Beijing from **5 -16 January 2009**. It will be taught in English by law professors from the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), a leading law school located in Beijing.

Course description

The course provides an introduction into the legal system of the People's Republic of China with particular reference to modern developments in contract and commercial law. China opened up its economy to market forces thirty years ago. When it did so, law and the legal system lost the pariah role under which they had been cast during the Proletarian Cultural Revolution. The course examines the role law is playing in modern China by reference to its historical antecedents. The course examines particular areas of development for their own sake but also as indicators of the changing role of law in Chinese society. Areas which are the subject of particular attention include

- the elements and institutions of Chinese legal system
- constitutional law
- contract law
- intellectual property law
- foreign investment law
- corporate and securities law
- foreign trade law and
- mediation, arbitration and civil enforcement procedures.

Lectures will be held at the Beijing campus of CUPL from 8.30am – 12.30 pm from Monday – Friday for each of two weeks. In addition, there will be field trips organised for some afternoons including a visit to the Great Hall of the People, a Chinese court, a Chinese law firm, and the Australian Embassy in Beijing. There will also be some travel activities organised to sites such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Sacred Road, the Temple of Heaven, the Ice Lamp Park and the Yonghe Lamasery.

Text and course materials

Some class materials and a set of readings will be available prior to the commencement of the course.

Support for students in Beijing

Students will be accompanied in Beijing by Dr Gao Xiang, an associate member of the academic staff of the UNSW Faculty of Law.

Climate and clothing

January is mid-winter in Beijing where temperatures can reach as low as minus 20°C. So you will need to take plenty of warm clothing.

Attendance Requirements

100% attendance at courses and field trips is compulsory. Students will not be permitted to sit assessment for the program unless attendance has been satisfactory.

Assessment

Due: 5 March 2009

The course will be assessed on a graded basis by a research paper of 4,000 words to be submitted by 5pm, 5 March 2009. A UNSW associate academic will grade the papers. Results will be released at the end of March. Please submit your assignment at Level 2 Student Services Counter with the usual assignment coversheet.

Note for Final Year Students

If you are using the Beijing Winter School to finish off your degree requirements, you should request the lecturer to give priority of marking your paper in order to be confirmed for graduation and join the main ceremony in May. You may opt to submit your essay earlier than deadline if you will be applying for Honours, as its result needs to be finalised in mid February.

Cost

Including hotel

Australian students enrolled as Commonwealth Supported students in the undergraduate law program will be charged **the Student Contribution Charge** for the course. Australian and International students will be charged Tuition fees for the course. In addition, there will be an **additional charge** of **A\$2000** which covers the cost of accommodation, two daily hotel meals, welcome and farewell banquets, transportation for field trips and visits, CUPL tuition and administration costs and additional administrative expenses incurred by UNSW.

Excluding hotel

Students are free to organize **their own accommodation in Beijing**, especially if they have family or friends living in that city, or if they prefer to choose their own hotel. The cost (in addition to the Student Contribution Charge or Tuition fees) for the course, participating in banquets and field trips, but not staying at the organized hotel will be **A\$1400**.

Note: These figures do not include airfares, departure taxes, medical and travel insurance, and telephone and other communication charges.

Application, Enrolment and Payment Procedure

Eligibility

In order to enroll in this Summer Term elective, students should have completed 60uoc of their compulsory core Law courses and are proceeding into the fourth year of a combined degree program. In assessing applications priority will be given to (1) students in their final year, (2) students in their penultimate year, and (3) order of application receipt.

Note: Academic credit will not be given at UNSW for the course if students have already received credit for the course *Chinese Law and Legal Systems* offered by the University of Sydney in Shanghai.

Application form (plus transcript)**Due: 5 September 2008**

Application forms and information sheets will be available on the Law website at http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/current_students/forms/index.asp and from Level 2 of the Law Student Services Self Help Area from Friday 22 August. The application form, together with an academic transcript should be returned by the Friday 5 September. Late applications will be subjected to the availability of places. Students who are eligible to enroll will be notified by email by Tuesday 16 September.

Deposit Payment**Due: 26 September 2008**

Payment forms will be available at Student Services Counter to eligible applicants on Monday 15 September. To secure enrolment a refundable **deposit of A\$300** must be paid by Friday 26 September. Payments are made at the University Cashier at Treasury office. The cashier will accept cash, cheques (made out to "UNSW") or credit cards (except for Diners and American Express). After making the payment you should return to the Level 2 Student Centre, Faculty of Law with your deposit receipt for your enrolment to be registered.

Final Payment**Due: 31 October 2008**

The same procedure applies for the payment of **the balance**: namely, obtain a payment form from the Level 2 Student Centre, pay the cashier and return to the Level 2 Desk with your receipt for recording. In order to secure your place in the course, the full cost must be paid before Friday 31 October.

Refunds

Refunds of final payments are available if you withdraw prior to the commencement of the course due to special circumstances. In order to obtain a refund you must provide us with full details of the circumstances, including medical receipts (where appropriate) and the original receipt.

Travel

Students are required to make their own travel arrangements. However, it should be noted that there will be a welcome banquet on Sunday evening, 4 January 2009, so please organize your arrival time so that you are able to attend this function. Flights to and from China in January are busy and so it is advisable to book your airline tickets early.

We are currently discussing with CUPL the feasibility of organizing a limited number of airport pickups. However, most students may be required to catch a taxi from the airport to the organized hotel. A taxi trip will take about 45 minutes and should cost about A\$30. Use only official taxis which are outside the terminal. Do not negotiate a taxi ride with anyone inside the airport terminal.

Students are free to organize their own tours of China (as individuals or in groups) before or after the course dates.

Travel Insurance

You should obtain travel insurance as soon as your flight bookings have been arranged.

Visas

CUPL have instructed us to inform students that they should apply for a **tourist visa** (NOT a student visa). When completing the form, you should write the name of the hotel (or the contact details and address of the accommodation that you will be arranging on your own) as your contact in China, and "tourism" as the purpose of the journey.

Application forms for Visas can be obtained from your travel agent or from the Chinese Consulate, 39 Dunblane Street, Camperdown, NSW 2050. Their contact details are available at: <http://sydney.chineseconsulate.org/eng/lgj/t93924.htm>

You should bring your UNSW Student Card and an ID photo with you for the purposes of entrance fees on field trips.

Accommodation & Meals

Accommodation will be at *(to be confirmed again in September)*

High-Tech Mansion BUPT

10.Xitucheng Road , Haidian District, Beijing ,China

Phone: 0086 10 62258866

Fax: 0086 10 62281969

The hotel is within walking distance of the CUPL campus, and approximately 40 minutes by public transport from the centre of Beijing. This hotel has often been used for foreign study programs at CUPL and is recommended by Australian academic visitors to CUPL. The \$2000 charge includes hotel accommodation, breakfast and lunch at the hotel. Evening meals are available at the hotel but are not covered in the price. Students are free to organize evening meals in a venue of their choice.

A standard room at the BUPT Hotel will be shared by two students of the same gender.

The charge covers accommodation for **15 nights (Sat 3 Jan to Sat 17 Jan inclusive)**. For students who require hotel accommodation prior or subsequent to these dates, an extra cost (approximately A\$50 per night, to be confirmed) will apply and this should be paid in Beijing through the UNSW staff representative. Please provide Anna Nguyen, Student Services Officer, the dates for the extra accommodation at BUPT before 2 November.

Telephone and other communications charges remain the responsibility of individual students and will not be paid by UNSW. Since you are sharing the room with another student, please be sure that you have a clear understanding with each other about the use of the telephone and the allocation of expenses between you. Mini bar and other hotel charges beyond those stipulated above are also the personal responsibility of individual students.

Administrative Communication

All administrative correspondence in preparation for the course will be via your official UNSW student email address. Please ensure that you check this address regularly for updates and important information.

A Facebook entry has been created for students who wish to apply for this course as "UNSW Beijing Winter School 2009". Regular updates and information about this course will be posted there. To join the network of Beijing Winter School 2009's students, you must also create your own Facebook account and search for Group's name "UNSW Beijing Winter School 2009"

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