

The 4th Flinders University Legal Summer School Shanghai, China, 4—14 January 2012



“Studying in Shanghai was by far the best experience of my law degree and I recommend any student regardless of whether they wish to practice law or not to make the journey and experience a world and learn about a legal system that differs dramatically.” **Luke Corletto, 2011 cohort**

The Flinders Legal Summer School is an intensive 12 day introduction to the Chinese law and legal system. It is jointly offered by Flinders Law School and the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL). Classes are held in Shanghai, China on the ECUPL campus. ECUPL is a prestigious university in China and the leading law-oriented university in Shanghai. Shanghai is China's leading financial and commercial centre and the perfect location to study the law and legal system.

Intensive Topic Description

LLAW 3270 Introduction to China's laws and legal system (4.5 unit topic)

China has emerged as a major economic power over the last 20 years. What is less well known is that China has also reconstructed its legal system. This topic will introduce you to the history of China's legal system as well as the main institutions of its contemporary legal system. The topic will examine the role and structure of the court system, and the recruitment, training and role of the judiciary, procuracy and legal profession. China's lawmaking process as well as a number of important laws, including civil, criminal, administrative and constitutional laws, will also be examined.

Note that a Flinders University senior academic will be in residence at ECUPL for the duration of the Summer School.

See Appendix A for the proposal Summer School Teaching Schedule

Assessment (to be confirmed)

For those wishing to enrol in the topic for credit towards their degree, the assessment will consist of:

- 50% examination in Shanghai at the conclusion of the Summer School
- 50% research assignment examining an aspect of China's laws and legal tradition to be submitted by Friday 24th February 2012.

Content

The topic will be taught in English by Chinese professors from ECUPSL and a Flinders University lecturer with extensive experience in China over the past 30 years. You will be provided with English language materials in Shanghai to complement the lectures.

The content of the topic may include:

- China's legal history
- Constitutional law
- Administrative law
- Intellectual Property law
- Criminal law and procedure
- Civil law and procedure
- Chinese legal personnel, including judges, procurators and lawyers
- Law making
- Company and contract law

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Eligibility

Enrolment in the Summer School is available to current undergraduate and postgraduate law, legal studies, commerce, business, arts and international studies students at Flinders. Students currently studying at other universities are welcome, as well as graduates and professionals with appropriate tertiary qualifications.

Preparation before the Summer School

Once accepted students will be advised about the enrolment procedure. You will be contacted via email to advise you about different aspects of the organisation and travel/study program.

There will also be a Briefing Session in early December at Flinders (for students from interstate universities, individual or group Skype/conference briefing sessions can be arranged). You will be provided with background reading materials prior to departure.

Class Dates

Class dates are Wednesday 4th January to Saturday 14th January 2012 inclusive. You will need to arrive in Shanghai by Tuesday 3rd January. Accommodation will be available on the ECUPL Guest House on campus only from the morning of Tuesday 3rd January, so if you intend to arrive earlier, you will need to find your own accommodation prior to that date (well-priced, good-standard hotel accommodation is available nearby). You will be free to leave the ECULP accommodation anytime from Sunday 15th January.

Visits and Tourism

The Flinders Legal Summer School includes visits to a court, a law firm, a legal aid centre, and a tourist trip to Hangzhou or other nearby cities. Hangzhou is widely regarded as the 'most beautiful city in China'. Students are free to arrive early or stay on in China after the topic to enjoy travel and tourism in China but are reminded that trains, planes and hotels will be increasingly crowded in the lead up to Chinese New Year over the weeks after the topic ends.

Fees and Costs

Including campus accommodation, food and group activities:

Australian students enrolled as commonwealth supported students in their undergraduate law or other degree course will be charged the student contribution amount for the topic. International students would be charged their normal tuition fee. In addition, there will be a charge of A\$1,400 which covers the cost of ECUPL campus twin-share accommodation, three meals each day, farewell banquet, transportation for field trips and visits to legal bodies/law firm in Shanghai and additional administrative expenses directly incurred.

Excluding campus accommodation, food and group activities:

The topic has been negotiated with ECUPL and costs determined for a minimum number of students choosing to enjoy the full benefits of the experience of living in Shanghai. Participating students would be immersed in a practical group-learning environment for two weeks with access to experienced legal practitioners and academic staff from Australia and China outside of the normal lecture timetable and are encouraged to stay on campus in order to participate in all group activities. However, this is not compulsory and students are free to organize their own accommodation in Shanghai if they do not want to participate in the meals together

with other students and the other scheduled group activities. If any student chooses not to live on campus and therefore participate in the group activities, that student should make it known at the time of application for a place in the topic so that the direct on-costs to ECUPL and Flinders, if any, as a result of their non-participation in those pre-arranged activities can be determined.

Note: The above cost does not include airfares, departure taxes, medical and travel insurance, and telephone and other communication charges you may incur. Please read the cost information carefully.

Travel, Visa and Airfare

You will need to organise your own travel booking. You will require a current passport with 6 months validity or more and including two blank pages for your visa which you will need to arrange yourself from the Chinese Embassy in Canberra or other diplomatic mission. We recommend that you arrive in Shanghai by at least the evening of 3rd January with either Qantas or Cathay over Hong Kong (connections with Cathy or Dragon Air) or Singapore Airlines so that ECUPL can arrange airport transfers. If you arrive at another time we cannot guarantee airport transfers, however, the Shanghai subway and taxi systems are cheap and effective and quite convenient for experienced travelers. Alternatively, you may wish to begin your in-country experience by catching the Maglev train from the airport to the business centre of Pudong then taking a taxi or the subway to ECUPL in Puxi. This is only slightly more expensive but a worthwhile experience.

Accommodation

You will learn, eat and sleep in the Guest House of the International Exchange Centre on the ECUPL campus. Rooms are shared (although single rooms are sometimes available at an extra cost) and have heating, linen, blankets, and television. The rooms are serviced each day. A basic laundry service is available at low cost. The building also has wireless access to the Internet.

If you want to go to Shanghai earlier or stay after the topic, this can sometimes be arranged with ECUPSL at an additional cost of about 180 RMB per night (about \$30) but there is also well-priced, good-standard hotel accommodation available nearby at about the same price. One such hotel is the Jinjiang Inn near Zhongshan Park at No.546 Changning Rd (Phone +86 21-62131717). Bookings will be subject to availability of rooms and are to be negotiated yourself.

Communication

The primary means of communicating with you over the next few months will be by email. So please ensure that your contact details are correctly entered on the Application Form.

Weather in Shanghai

January is winter in Shanghai. The temperature is cold but rarely gets below 5 - 10°C during the day and rarely snows. But it can get down below freezing at night and be very windy so warm winter clothing is required, including a long warm coat. For those people who feel the cold intensely, you should bring a pair of long underwear for going outside on the very cold days.

Next Steps

Deposit

If you wish to enrol or participate in the topic you will be required to pay **a deposit of \$500** initially. The deposit will be returned if you are not successful in gaining a place in the topic, or if the topic is cancelled for reasons beyond the control of Flinders University. Please note that either a cheque/money order (payable to Flinders University) or a Credit Card authorization (as per the application form) are the accepted methods.

Please complete the **Application Form** at the end of this notice by **ASAP**. You will need to return the Application Form to the Law School Student Services Area, Rm 2.42, Law & Commerce Building (Flinders Law School, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide, SA 5001) or scan it and forward it to chris.haas@flinders.edu.au

The balance of the cost of the topic (\$900) must be paid by Friday 18th November 2011.

Additional enquiries

Please contact chris.haas@flinders.edu.au for further details and queries.

Proposed 2012 Summer School Teaching Schedule

Date	AM	Professor	PM	Professor
Tues Jan 3	Arrival		Arrival	
Wed Jan 4	Chinese Legal System	XIA Fei	Chinese Legal System	XIA Fei
Thur Jan 5	Chinese Constitutional Law	LI Jianyong	Law Firm Visit	
Fri Jan 6	Chinese Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law	ZHENG Wei	Foreign Investment Law	Yao Jianlong
Sat Jan 7	Intellectual Property Law	Zhu Lanye	Own activities in Shanghai	
Sun Jan 8	Optional day-trip to Hangzhou			
Mon Jan 9	Chinese Civil Law and Civil Procedure Law	SI Pingping	Topic discussion with ECUPL students Visit to Students Legal Aid Center	
Tues Jan 10	Lawyer System	GU Baizhong	Court Visit	
Wed Jan 11	Corporations Law	JIA Xiling	Exam Review and Preparation	
Thurs Jan 12	Optional day-trip to Nanjing			
Fri Jan 13	Examination		Certificate Ceremony and farewell banquet	
Sat Jan 14	Own activities in Shanghai or beyond			
Sun Jan 15	Own activities in Shanghai or beyond			
Mon Jan 16	Final Students Depart			

Application for Flinders University Legal Summer School, January 2012

Your Personal Details (please use block letters)

Title:Flinders ID#.....

Given Name:

Family Name:

Your Contact details (please write in clear block letters)

Email address:

Postal Address:

Telephone No Home: Work: Mobile:

Credit Card Number: Type:

Expiry Date:..... Name on Card:.....

Amount: Signature.....

Additional information:

What degree are you enrolled in?

What year level?

What university are you enrolled at?

*Please return this form with payment to: Student Services Area, Room 2.42,
Law & Commerce Bldg, Flinders Law School, Flinders University, GPO Box
2100, Adelaide SA 5000 or Mrs Chris Haas (chris.haas@flinders.edu.au).*