

**Admission
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MASTER OF LAWS IN NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

2027/28

Programme Code:

A1M127 (One-year Full-time)

C2M055 (Two-year Part-time)



The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK)

The Education University of Hong Kong is a publicly funded tertiary institution dedicated to the advancement of learning and teaching, through a diverse offering of academic and research programmes on teacher education and complementary social sciences and humanities disciplines.

EdUHK has achieved a significant advancement in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2027, climbing 124 places to 406th globally - a substantial improvement from 530th in 2026 when the University first entered the rankings. In only its second year of participation, EdUHK now ranks within the top 30% of universities worldwide, underscoring its rapid progress in academic reputation, research performance and international standing.

In this ranking compiled by QS, EdUHK recorded notable gains in research, sustainability as well as academic and employer reputation, among QS's nine key performance indicators spanning academic reputation, citations per faculty, employer reputation, employment outcomes, faculty-student ratio, and international faculty and student ratios.

In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2026, the University debuted at 195th globally, placing it in the top 10% of over 2,000 institutions and 6th in Hong Kong. Earlier this year, the University also attained its best-ever performance in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026, ranking 7th worldwide and 2nd in Asia in Education.



National Security and Legal Education Research Centre (NSLERC)

EdUHK has a responsibility to develop and implement projects and courses that assist future teachers, students, and others in developing a sound understanding of the National Security Law and related legislation. The “National Security and Legal Education Research Centre” was established and embark on the following initiatives:

- Effectively integrating national security and legal education into university courses.
- Inviting local or mainland experts and scholars to provide academic or professional advice or conduct evaluations of national security and legal education projects.
- Collaborating with relevant local or mainland experts or scholars to develop training materials for national security and legal education and provide self-financed courses for staff members of local schools or public institutions.
- Organising regular national security education sharing sessions or seminars.
- Hosting an annual “National Security Education Day” event.
- Developing and organising other legal courses or legal training programmes.



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Programme Aim



To prepare students to critically assess legal issues related to national security and apply appropriate legal instruments and policy solutions



To foster students capable of shaping responsive legal frameworks, enhancing institutional resilience, and contributing to regional and international dialogue on security governance

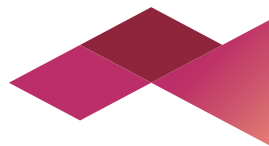


To develop students' curiosity and creativity in exploring the potential of legal reasoning and strategic decision-making, within government, the private sector, or civil society

Upon completion of this programme, graduates will be able to:

- Acquire a comprehensive understanding of legal systems and governance models relevant to key domains of national security (including technology, biosafety, cultural preservation, counter-terrorism, and institutional resilience) and apply appropriate legal frameworks across domestic and cross-jurisdictional settings.
- Demonstrate the ability to offer strategic legal advice aligned with the regulatory needs and constitutional values of China (including Hong Kong), while adhering to international legal principles and promoting cross-border legal cooperation in security-related matters.
- Design legal and policy innovations that contribute to the advancement of public legal awareness, institutional reform, and rights protection to enhance national resilience and legal capacity across multiple sectors of society.
- Develop advanced research, writing, and analytical skills for participation in legislative practice, comparative legal analysis, and international dialogue on national security law, enabling graduates to engage with global legal institutions, think tanks, and academic communities at the forefront of security governance.





Programme Features

Prospective Students

This programme aims to attract candidates who aspire to engage in national security legal practice, compliance management, government and international affairs, as well as academic research in fields related to national security law. It is designed to shape professionals who will advance the rule of law and strengthen institutional governance at the national and global levels.

Future Career Development

- **National Security & Legal Policy Professionals**

Working in governmental organizations, public institutions, and relevant enterprises, applying legal theories and national security strategy-related skills to national legal development and public strategy formulation.

- **Legal Advisory & Diplomatic Professionals**

Serving in law firms, professional consulting agencies, and international organizations, providing legal advisory services to meet domestic and transnational legal compliance requirements, and undertaking diplomatic roles related to national legal and security affairs.

- **Regulatory & Legal Implementation Specialists**

Employed in government regulatory departments and public institutions, responsible for implementing policies aligned with national comprehensive security strategy, supervising legal compliance in related fields, and promoting legal innovation across domestic and transnational settings.

- **Academic or Further Education**

Those who may choose to pursue a PhD in public administration, international relations, law and other related fields, and work as a teacher or researcher at a university to advance academic research on national legal development, security strategy, and transnational legal issues.

Disclaimer: This Master of Laws programme is primarily designed for applicants with a prior law background and aims to provide advanced academic training in national security law for legal professionals. This programme should NOT be interpreted as a shortcut or alternative pathway for non-law graduates seeking to qualify for China's national judicial examination. Eligibility for the judicial examination is determined solely by national regulations and is not directly related to obtaining this degree. Prospective applicants should consult relevant authorities regarding examination eligibility requirements.

Programme Structure

The LLM(NSL) is a 24-credit-points (cps) programme. Students need to complete 24 credits in order to graduate. Students need to complete 4 core courses and 4 elective courses (or two elective courses and one Independent Research course). Participants can take one year (full-time) or two years (part-time) to complete the whole programme.

Core Courses (12cps)	
3cps	Foundations of Comparative National Security Law
3cps	International Law and National Security
3cps	Economic and Financial Security Law
3cps	Hong Kong National Security Legal System
Elective Courses (12cps) (Choose from the following 9)	
3cps	National Security and Informational Security
3cps	Cyber Criminal Law and Practice in Hong Kong
3cps	Seminar on Protecting Cultural Diversity and Cultural Security
3cps	Counter-Terrorism Law and Human Rights
3cps	Biosecurity, Environmental and Climate Security Law
3cps	International Trade and Investment Security Legal Systems
3cps	Cross-Border Law Enforcement and Judicial Procedures
3cps	National Security Law Practice and Advocacy
6cps	Independent Research

Medium of Instruction

English

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee (2027/2028 Cohort) is HK\$207,900 (24 cps) for the whole programme, which is provisional and subject to adjustment. Tuition fees paid are normally not refundable or transferable. Students who still need to take courses to meet graduation requirements beyond the regular study period (one year for full-time / two years for part-time) will need to pay a fee for extended study.

The University reserves the right to make changes to tuition fee without prior notice.

**For information on whether a non-local student can study a full-time or part-time programme, please refer to Taught Postgraduate Programmes - FAQs webpage.*

Study Location

Classes in the same or different semester(s) may be scheduled on weekday daytime/evenings, weekends and/or during long holidays at the Tai Po Campus / Tseung Kwan O Study Centre / North Point Study Centre / West Kowloon Study Centre / Kowloon Tong Satellite Study Centre and/or other locations as decided by the University.



Entrance Requirements

General Requirements

- Recognised Bachelor's Degree or other equivalent qualifications.
- Applicants who obtained degrees from universities in Chinese Mainland are required to provide:
 - i. Degree Certificate and Online Verification Report of Higher Education Degree Certificate issued by the CHSI with a validity period of six months;
 - ii. Graduation Certificate and Online Verification Report of Higher Education Qualification Certificate issued by the CHSI with a validity period of six months; and
 - iii. Final Transcript

English Language Proficiency Requirements

- Applicants whose entrance qualification is obtained from an institution in a non-English speaking system should normally fulfil one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:
 - i. Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (academic version) #; or
 - ii. TOEFL (internet-based test)#: score of 80 (for tests taken before 21 January 2026)/ score of 4.0 (for tests taken from 21 January 2026 onwards); or
 - iii. Band 6 in the College English Test (CET) # with a total score of 430; or
 - iv. Grade C or above in GCSE/GCE O-Level English; or
 - v. Other equivalent qualifications

The test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years. For example, if you are applying for 2027/28 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL / CET6 test must be obtained on or after 1 January 2025. TOEFL Home Editions, TOEFL MyBest Score, IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, IELTS One Skill Retake, Duolingo and National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (全國碩士研究生招生考試) are NOT acceptable.

Work Experience

- Preference will be accorded to individuals boasting over two years of experience, particularly those who have refined their expertise in mid-level to senior management positions.

Interview

- Shortlisted applicants are required to attend an admission interview.

Application Method



Online Application

- Interested applicants please submit your application via EdUHK Online Application Systems:
<http://www.eduhk.hk/acadprog/online/>
- Prior to your submission, please visit:
<https://www.eduhk.hk/acadprog/postgrad/index.html> for detailed application and admission information.
- Applications for September 2027 admission are now open, with the application deadline on May 10, 2027 for non-local applicants and May 31, 2027 for local applicants.

Supplementary Documents

- Applicants are also required to submit supplementary documents through online application system:
 - i. Two Referee's Reports
Applicants are required to invite two referees to complete the Referee's Report through the "Confidential Report/References" section in the online application system, or to write a Reference Letter.
 - ii. A Personal Statement of 800 words in English

Contact Us

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Programme Enquiry

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Website :

<https://nslerc.eduhk.hk/study/prospective-students/academic-programmes/llmns1>



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Website : <https://nslerc.eduhk.hk/>



Important Notes for Students from Chinese Mainland on Overseas Credential Evaluation

- Students who have fulfilled the programme requirements will be conferred the degree upon the approval of the University's Academic Board. The University bears no responsibility for the evaluation of its degrees outside of Hong Kong. Students are advised to consult with the relevant authority(ies) for the prevailing rules/regulations.
- Individuals who would seek qualification certification in Chinese Mainland after graduation should contact the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) 中國(教育部)留學服務中心 (<https://www.cscse.edu.cn>) for updated details.
- The certification in Chinese Mainland is an independent process from the conferral of academic qualification in Hong Kong by the University. For the avoidance of doubt, no warranties are given in respect of individual graduate's qualification certification or recognition in Chinese Mainland or any other professional qualification or license outside Hong Kong.
- CSCSE takes a very prudent approach in evaluating each application, including the students' residential period in Hong Kong during the entire study period. When evaluating graduates' credentials, the full border entry and exit records of individual applicants will be examined.
- Students who would pursue credential recognition should be aware that short stays in Hong Kong during the study period may not fulfil the CSCSE residential requirements, leading to possible uncertainty and risks to their credential recognition. Students are seriously advised to consider the above when making personal plans, such as accommodation and travel plans from Hong Kong, etc. and make necessary arrangements where appropriate.
- It is the responsibility of the students to be familiar with and comply with the University regulations and guidelines governing the Taught Postgraduate Programmes. Students should refer to the Graduate School website for the General Academic Regulations and the Code of Practice for Taught Postgraduate Programmes for details.
- Students should consult with CSCSE if they have any enquiries.



Disclaimer

The University is committed to upholding the educational quality and standard of the programmes it offers. The University, being funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC), is one of the nine self-accrediting institutions in Hong Kong. In addition, the quality of the educational experience in all programmes offered by the UGC-funded universities is subject to the quality assurance process administered by the Quality Assurance Council of the UGC. Individuals who wish to apply for qualification certification in Chinese Mainland after graduation should contact the CSCSE (website : <https://zwfw.cscse.edu.cn/cscse/lxfwzxsfsfwdt2020/xlxwrz32/index.html>) directly for updated details and confirmation. The certification in Chinese Mainland is an independent process from the conferral of academic qualification in Hong Kong by the University. For the avoidance of doubt, no warranties are given in respect of individual graduate's qualification certification or recognition in Mainland or any other professional qualification or license outside Hong Kong.

In the event of inconsistency between information in English and Chinese versions or where an interpretation of the programme content is required, the decision of the University shall be final.

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Any aspect of the courses and course offerings (including, without limitation, the contents of the course and the manner in which the course is taught) may be subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the University if necessary. Without limiting the generality of the University's discretion to revise the courses and course offerings, it is envisaged that changes may be required due to factors including staffing, enrolment levels, logistical arrangements, curriculum changes, and other factors caused by change of circumstances. Tuition fees, once paid, are non-refundable.

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