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The Education University
of Hong Kong



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MASTER OF LAWS IN NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

2026/27 Programme Code:
A1M127(One-year Full-time)



Academy for Applied Policy Studies
and Education Futures
應用政策研究及教育未來學院



國家安全與法律教育研究中心
National Security and Legal Education Research Centre



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.

Its debut in the QS World University Rankings 2026, placing within the top 35% globally at 530th, and also ranking 161st in Asia and 7th in Hong Kong, which highlights the University's growing recognition for its continuous improvement in academic research, research output and degree of internationalisation.

The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025, announced in March, ranked the University 12th globally in Education, 4th in Asia, and 2nd in Hong Kong. EdUHK was also been rated as a “5-star institution” in the latest QS Stars rating system.

According to the 2025-2026 Best Global Universities ranking, EdUHK has surged from 6th to 3rd globally in the field of education and educational research this year, with the Art and Humanities ranked 90th worldwide. Its overall ranking has also improved from 708th last year to 633rd this year, placing 181st in Asia and 7th in Hong Kong.



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.



... passed the Law on 1 January 2020, the Hong Kong National Security Law. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("National Security Law") was added to Annex I of the Basic Law and came into effect on 1 July 2020. The National Security Law applies in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR"). The National Security Law took effect on 30 June 2020 upon gazette. The National Security Law is a response to the 2019 chaotic situation and potential risks to Hong Kong's future.



Programme Aim



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



To fosters 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 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) (One-year Full-time) 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).

| Core Courses (12cps) | |
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| 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) | |
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| 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

The medium of instruction is mainly English.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee (2026/2027 Cohort) is HK\$198,000 (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) will need to pay a fee for extended study. The University reserves the right to make changes to tuition fee without prior notice.

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 score of 80 (internet-based test) #; 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 2026/27 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL / CET6 test must be obtained on or after 1 January 2024. 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 2026 admission are now open, with the application deadline on May 10, 2026 for non-local applicants and May 31, 2026 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



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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/lxfwzxwsfwdt2020/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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