

Semester Exchange in China Information Sheet

This document provides information regarding the background of the student exchange program with Renmin University of China School of Law (“Renmin”), courses offered at Renmin as well as requirements and funding information for Vermont Law School (“VLS”) students interested in participating in the exchange with Renmin.

Background

In June 2011, VLS has signed a student exchange agreement with Renmin, which is considered China’s premier law school. This is the first student exchange agreement between VLS and a Chinese academic institution, and it will allow our students the rare opportunity to be exposed to Chinese legal system and Chinese legal education. Renmin’s location in China’s capital city, Beijing, will also give students access to the rich history and culture of China that can help add perspective to their legal studies. Starting in spring 2012, three VLS students will be accepted for one semester of study each academic year. The students will be enrolled full-time and take all courses for credit.

Courses Offered at Renmin

■ Students will be eligible to enroll in courses in Renmin’s Master of Chinese Law program (taught in English) and courses in the Juris Master, LL.B. and LL.M. curriculum (taught in Chinese). Given the differences in academic calendars, VLS students will likely participate in the spring semester of Renmin’s academic year. The 2012 spring semester at Renmin begins on February 20 and ends on June 29, 2012. A list of the courses offered in spring 2012 by the Master of Chinese Law program (taught in English) and the number of credits for each course can be found below.

Name of Course	Instructor	Number of Credits
Chinese Constitution Law	Prof. Zhang Yongfan	3
Introduction to Chinese Environmental Law	Prof. Zhu Xiao	2
Chinese Criminal Procedure Law	Prof. He Jiahong and Wei Xiaona	3
Chinese IP Law	Prof. Wang Chunyan	2
Introduction to Chinese Jurisprudence	Prof. Yu Lvxue	2
Civil Dispute Resolution Mechanism in China	Prof. Zhao Xiuwen	3

■ In addition, students may be able to take for credit courses offered by the comparative law program at Renmin (these courses are taught by non-Chinese professors) and Chinese language courses. Students may also be able to earn credits by doing an independent research project under the supervision of a Renmin faculty.

■ Renmin University also has a separate international summer program taught in English. The program is four weeks long and usually held in July. It offers a diverse array of China-specific courses on its economy, politics, the legal system and culture as well as general courses on sociology, political science, management, humanities, science and engineering. Chinese languages courses are also offered in this program. In the 2011 international summer program, two Chinese law related courses are offered: Chinese Labor Law, and Criminal Justice and Crime Control. The international summer program is not a part of our exchange with Renmin, and interested students will need to apply directly to Renmin and pay for tuition and fees directly to Renmin. Information regarding the international summer program can be accessed at <http://iss.ruc.edu.cn>.

Requirements

- The exchange program is limited to VLS students in the last two years of their J.D. program, and students must be in the upper half of their class at the time of application.
- Mandarin Chinese language proficiency is not required for semester exchange with Renmin because students will be eligible to enroll for credit in courses taught in English at Renmin. However, if students have sufficient proficiency in Mandarin Chinese, they will be eligible to enroll for credit in courses offered by Renmin's Juris Master, LL.B. and LL.M. programs that are taught in Chinese.
- Exchange students shall, insofar as possible, take courses that are not offered at VLS, and in general are not permitted to participate in internship or externship opportunities at Renmin.
- Exchange students are subject to the same regulations about admission to and performance in classes, academic advising, and course selection as those pertaining to matriculated students at Renmin.

Funding

- Students participating in the exchange with Renmin will pay tuition and fees to VLS, including a student exchange program administration fee.
- Exchange student must pay for all of his/her travel expenses, domestic and foreign, and food costs at Renmin. The expenses incurred to pay for a passport, visa, telephone service on site, books, other personal expenses, the cost of living during and between semesters and independent travel are to be borne by the student.
- Neither Renmin nor VLS is responsible for tuition, fees, room and board, books, supplies, social and medical or any other expenses of any student.
- It is the responsibility of all exchange students to ensure that they and, if applicable, their dependents, have adequate medical coverage for the period of exchange. Each student must purchase medical insurance to cover medical treatment in China, and must pay for the coverage him or herself. Hospital and other medical expenses are the responsibility of the student. Renmin will provide administrative assistance in identifying appropriate coverage if needed.
- While in Beijing, exchange student may be placed at Renmin's on-campus housing for international students. We will provide more information regarding housing once it is available.

Finally, completed applications are due to Casey Stevens before noon on Friday, October 14, 2011!