

Application Guide for Southwest University of Political Science and Law
China-ASEAN High-end Legal Talent Training Base
SILK ROAD Elite Ph.D Program

Application Instructions

Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL), the earliest-established, largest-scale, and most prolific cultivator of legal professionals among higher political science and law institutions in New China, has been designated by the State Council as one of the first national key universities following the reform and opening-up policy.

The university hereby announces the establishment of the **SILK ROAD Elite Ph.D Program**, a specialized initiative designed to offer distinguished talents from countries along the Silk Road with the systematic academic training in Chinese legal philosophy and culture. This program seeks to advance intellectual exchanges and mutual enlightenment in legal civilization between China and Silk Road nations. Outstanding candidates from these countries are earnestly invited to apply for this prestigious doctoral program.

Qualifications

- (1) The applicant must have the nationality of countries along the Silk Road, i.e. the nationalities in Southeastern Asia, Southern Asia, Central Asia, or Western Asia.
- (2) The applicant must have a master's degree or higher, or have an academic degree equivalent to a Chinese master's degree.
- (3) The applicant should have formally held a leadership position at the county level or above in a government department, judicial branch, legislative branch, prominent university or prominent legal organization in their home country, or at least be a prominent scholar or practical expert within their home country.
- (4) The applicant should not be over 50 years old in principle, but the age limit may be flexible for particularly outstanding candidates.
- (5) The applicant for English-taught program must provide TOEFL score (80 or above) or IELTS score (6.5 or above). In case the applicant whose native or official

language is English, or who have obtained a diploma through pure-English-language teaching, or with other authority English language proficiency certificates, they shall pass an English test held by the university.

(6) An applicant should be a law-abiding citizen, without any illegal or criminal behavior, and have good moral character, physical and mental health.

Number Accepted

A total of 15-25 students will be admitted to the doctoral program for 2026.

Application Category

Full-time doctoral students

Application Period

Before May 20th , 2026

Application Method

Online registration Registration website: <https://swupl.17gz.org/>

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Application Procedures

(1) Application form for foreign students of Southwest University of Political Science and Law (to be filled out and submitted online before downloading) and scholarship application form (available at <https://sie.swupl.edu.cn/xzzq/index.htm>, submitted online if applying for scholarship).

(2) An applicant must submit scanned copies and Chinese/English translations of graduation certificate for postgraduate student (expected graduation certificate for fresh students) and certificate of master's degree (the originals will be checked at the time of reporting after being admitted), as well as transcripts during postgraduate years and Chinese/English translations. The above-mentioned graduation certificates and degree certificates need to be certified or notarized by relevant departments.

(3) Personal resume and academic research proposal for doctoral studies. The word count should be more than 2000 words, including research direction, research content, research plan, etc.

(4) Two letters of recommendation from experts (original or scanned copy), with one issued by the unit where the applicant works (signed by minister or university president), and the other issued by professors or experts in the related field.

(5) Scanned copy of passport (Regular passport) .

(6) Passport E-photo.

(7) Physical examination record for foreigners (available at <http://studyin.swupl.edu.cn/Download/index.htm>) The record must be issued by a public hospital in your country, which will be invalid if there is any missing item, if the photo is not affixed or if the photo is not stamped with a seam seal, or if it is not signed and stamped by the physician and the hospital. Return the scanned record, blood test sheet and chest X-ray to our university via email or fax after the examination, and submit the original for inspection when reporting after being admitted.

(8) An official document (in the native language and English translation) issued, signed and stamped by the competent authority of the applicant's country of nationality certifying that he or she does not have any criminal record.

(9) Proof of property guarantee or proof of income or employment.

Note: All the above written materials shall be completed in Chinese or English.

Research Direction and Program Length

Research Direction

(1) International Relations and International Law

(2) Regional Governance and Rule of Law

(3) Regional Rule of Law Research of “the Belt and Road”

(4) Judicial System

(5) International Investment Law

(6) International Financial Law

(7) International Trade Law (WTO, RCEP)

- (8) International Dispute Settlement System
- (9) Asian Business Law
- (10) Diplomacy and International Law
- (11) Comparative Procedural Law
- (12) Comparative Economic Law
- (13) Comparative Criminal Law
- (14) Comparative Civil and Commercial Law

(see the tutor's information at: <https://sie.swupl.edu.cn/sztd/dsxx/index.htm>)

Program Length

Three years, with non-school hours taught online and through other means.

Examination

The selection method for international students follows the “application-examination” system. For qualified outstanding candidates, after passing the application and qualification examination, they will enter the secondary examination.

The interview will be conducted on site or by video in English, mainly assessing the applicant's foreign language level, research foundation, research literacy and other aspects, with a full score of 100 points.

Acceptance

The proposed admission list will be determined after a comprehensive evaluation based on the candidate's application materials, examination results, supervisor group's opinion and physical examination results, provided an applicant with an overall score of less than 60 in the assessment will not be accepted. An official letter from Southwest University of Political Science and Law will be sent to the unit where the applicant works for notification to the applicant, and the university will publicize the admission results on the official website. The applicant's integrity will be an important basis for admission. Any applicant who provides false application materials, regardless of when they are found, will be Disqualified from application, admission, enrollment or academic status in accordance with relevant regulations.

Admission

The specific enrollment date shall be officially stated in the Admission Notice. International admitted students are required to complete registration procedures in strictly accordance with the schedule stipulated in the Admission Notice. Upon registration, students must present the following original documents:

- Valid study visa for China
- Official Admission Notice
- Original academic diplomas and degree certificates with notarized copies
- Original academic transcripts with notarized copies

Post-Enrollment Verification

All newly enrolled students shall undergo a mandatory institutional re-examination conducted by the university, including but not limited to health examinations. Candidates failing to meet verification standards will have their admission revoked.

Registration Compliance

Students must register punctually. Written petitions for deferred registration must be formally submitted to the university administration for exceptional circumstances. Failure to complete registration without justification for three consecutive weeks will result in automatic termination of admission status and scholarship eligibility, with all scholarship privileges revoked and any disbursed funds reclaimed.

Degree

Those who pass all the courses, defend the dissertation and meet the requirements of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees will be awarded the corresponding graduation and degree certificates.

Tuition and Scholarship

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for doctoral students is RMB 32,000 yuan per year.

Scholarship

Upon approval ,the university will provide corresponding scholarships to the admitted applicants .