

MA in Chinese Philosophy, Religion, and Culture

(CPRC)

RUC, Beijing, China

1. Program Description

The School of Philosophy at Renmin University of China is one of the largest institutes for philosophical studies in China and the world, with an international reputation for academic excellence. The School has 80 full-time faculty members, roughly 400 graduate students, and 300 undergraduate students. It offers courses on all aspects of philosophy.

The School of Philosophy proudly offers a two-year M.A. program in Chinese Philosophy, Religion, and Culture (CPRC). All courses for this program (except Chinese language) are taught in English. It offers overseas students who are not proficient in Mandarin a valuable opportunity to study Chinese philosophy, religion, and culture whilst living in China. It also provides opportunities to study Chinese and experience intercultural communication with professors and classmates of diverse cultural backgrounds and experiences.

This program covers a wide range of topics on Chinese philosophy (mainly Confucianism and Daoism), religion (mainly Buddhism, sociology of religion, and folk religions), and culture (both ancient and contemporary). After fulfilling all course requirements, the students will conduct an independent study with a supervisor to write a master thesis. Upon completion, students will earn a Master's Degree of Philosophy, recognized by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, which further helps with the pursuit of a Ph.D. or work in a related field.

In addition to academic studies, this program also conducts social activities for students to learn more about China. For example, the program provides opportunities to visit famous cultural cities, such as Qu'fu, Xi'an, as well as famous historical sites, such as the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Lama Temple.

Eligibility

The applicant should have obtained a Bachelor's Degree by August 31, 2024, and prove their English proficiency (TOEFL score of 98 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or certificate of graduating from a program taught in English)

Deadline

The application period is open from November 15, 2023 to May 30, 2024.
Application process

- * To begin your application for Renmin University of China, please access the online application found on the website of the International Student's Office of Renmin University of China and register through the online registration system, <http://international.ruc.edu.cn/application>
- * Scan all the application documents, and send them to Prof. Li Jifen (lijifen@ruc.edu.cn; lijifen87@163.com)
- * Mail all the application documents to the School of Philosophy by May 30, 2024
- * Academic committee review all the applications
- * On-line or in-person interview
- * The result of admission will be announced by June 30 2024
- * The result of scholarship will be announced by June 30, 2024

Application materials

1. Application Form for Master Programs in English at RUC
2. Copy of Bachelor's Degree or higher degree certificates, or expected graduation certificate (documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by official Chinese or English translations)
3. Original Academic Transcripts (Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be accompanied by Chinese or English translations)
4. Two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English by associate professors or professors
5. Two recent 2-inch photos (white background)
6. One photocopy of the main page of passport (Passport should not expire before September 10, 2023)
7. Foreigner Physical Examination form (download at <http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Download/index.htm>)
8. English proficiency (TOEFL at least 98 or IELTS at least 6.0) or certificate of graduating from a degree program taught in English
9. A Personal Statement indicating education and working experience, research achievements, and also the plans and personal development objectives for this graduate program
10. The finance supporting documents of guarantee (Employment & Income certificate or bank statement, etc.)
11. Receipt of the application fee payment
12. Others: Please check the additional documents required by each program

2. Tuition per academic year

CNY 40,000 per academic year

3. Scholarships

Renmin University of China, and the School of Philosophy provide various scholarships to a number of students of the CPRC program, including: Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC), University Scholarship, etc. Different scholarships have different coverage in regards to tuition, partial tuition, on-campus accommodation, living allowance, etc. Applicants who would like to

be considered for scholarship should consult Prof. Jifen Li and complete a separate Scholarship Application Form.

4. Core Courses with Credits and Semesters

Semester	Course Titles	Credits
1 st	Introduction to Chinese Philosophies Introduction to Chinese Religions Contemporary Chinese Society and Politics	3 3 3
2 nd	Tradition of Ethics and Globalization Religious Sociology Buddhist Classics	3 3 2
3 rd	Comparative Philosophy Studies in Confucianism Chinese Aesthetics and Arts	3 3 2
4 th	Master Thesis	5

* Actual courses offered each semester may vary

5. Core Professors and Research Areas

LI, Jifen. Ancient Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy.
 LI Kelin. Comparative Aesthetic Studies.
 LIU, Wei. Ancient Greek Philosophy, History of Ethics and Political Philosophy.
 SCHILLING, Dennis. Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy, Sinology.
 WANG, Junqi. Philosophy and Buddhist Philosophy.
 WANG, Yujie. Islamic Studies.
 WEI, Dedong. Buddhism, Sociology of Religion.
 WEI, Shan. Buddhist Philosophy and Culture.
 WEN, Haiming. Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy.
 YAO, Xinzhong. Ethics, Comparative Philosophy, Religious Studies.
 YUAN, Li. Philosophy of Management, Business Ethics.
 ZHANG, Xuesong. Religious Studies.
 ZHONG, Zhifeng. Religion and Politics, Christianity in China.

6. Contact

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