

MA in Chinese Philosophy, Religion, and Culture

(CPRC)

RUC, Beijing, China

I. 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 communications 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.

II. Scholarships

Renmin University of China, and the School of Philosophy provide various scholarships, including:

(1) Full scholarship of High level from Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC-TYPE B) via Renmin University of China.

- (2) Full scholarship of Silk Road from Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC-TYPE B) via Renmin University of China.
- (3) Full scholarship of Bilateral Program from Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC-TYPE A)
- (4) Full scholarship from International Confucian Association Scholarship (ICAS) via Renmin University of China.

Besides the three scholarships mentioned above, there are also other scholarships are provided for the excellent international students to apply while they are studying in RUC.

- (5) Beijing International Students Scholarship: The scholarship will provide tuition reduction to the students for the first academic year accordingly. The full scholarship is the reduction of 30000 yuan, half scholarship is the reduction of 15000 yuan.
- (6) University Scholarship from RUC, such as “RUC International student’s scholarship,” ranging from 2000 to 5000 RMB each academic year/person.

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.

III. Core Courses with Credits and Semesters

Semester	Course Titles	Credits
1 st	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy	3
	Introduction to Chinese Religions	3
	Chinese Philosophy and the Modern World	3
	Sociology of Religion	3
2 nd	Studies on Confucianism	2
	Studies on Daoism	2
	Buddhist Classics	2
3 rd	Comparative Philosophy	3
	Chinese Aesthetics and Arts	2
	Chinese Ethics	2
4 th	Master Thesis	5

* Actual courses offered each semester may vary

IV. 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.

V. Application

(1) Eligibility

The applicant should have obtained a Bachelor's Degree by August 31, 2024, and prove their English proficiency (TOEFL score of 90 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or certificate of graduating from a program taught in English)

(2) Deadline

The application period is open from December 3, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

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 Jin Yumeng (jinyumeng@ruc.edu.cn) or Prof. Li Jifen (lijifen@ruc.edu.cn).

* Mail all the application documents to the School of Philosophy by May 31, 2025

* Academic committee review all the applications

* On-line or in-person interview

* The result of admission will be announced by June 30 2025

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(3) 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. One photocopy of the information page of passport (Passport should not expire before March 31, 2026)

6. Foreigner Physical Examination form (download at (<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Download/ApplicationDocuments/index.htm>)).
7. English proficiency (TOEFL at least 90 or IELTS at least 6.0) or certificate of graduating from a degree program taught in English
8. A Personal Statement indicating education and working experience, research achievements, and also the plans and personal development objectives for this graduate program
9. The finance supporting documents of guarantee (Employment & Income certificate or bank statement, etc.)
10. Statement of guarantee
11. Certificate of no criminal record
12. Others: Please check the additional documents required by each program

(4) Tuition per academic year

CNY 40,000 per academic year

(5) Campuses

According to the university charter, our institution operates across the Zhongguancun Campus and the Tongzhou Campus.

VI. Contact

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