

2025 Master of Economic Development

Program Description

The purpose of the Master of Economic Development program is to cultivate high-level comprehensive professionals who not only have solid basic economic theoretical knowledge and applied knowledge of the major, but also understand the economic development theory and practice of both developing countries and China, and can grasp and analyze the current economic situation and its future development. After graduation, students can work in international organizations, government departments, international enterprises, financial organizations, teaching and research departments related to economic development. All courses offered in this program are taught in ENGLISH. Each student in the program conducts research in his/her area of particular interest under the guidance of a RUC faculty member.



Eligibility

Foreign citizens who do not hold Chinese passports must demonstrate to be good natured individuals who have the necessary degrees and language capabilities.

In principle, the applicant must hold a degree that is equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited Chinese university.

According to Section 5 of the Citizenship and Immigration Laws set forth by The People's Republic of China, the individual in consideration cannot have Chinese citizenship if this person has a non-Chinese passport, has both parents who are Chinese foreign residents, or has one parent who is a Chinese foreign resident.

Applicants who were born in China or residents of Chinese Hong Kong, Macau, or Taiwan citizenship or those who possess foreign citizenship due to immigration must demonstrate to be in

possession of their foreign citizenship for a minimum time of at least four years.

Deadline

Self-financed applicant:

December 3, 2024 - May 31, 2025

Chinese Government Scholarship (Type B: High-level Program and Silk Road Program) applicant:

December 3, 2024 - February 15, 2025

Admission Procedure

We strongly suggest you go through our website (<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn>) to read the overall introductions of our *Enrollment Guide on Master Program in English*, before you start to apply, applications are accepted only for the fall term. The application fee is RMB 800. Please pay the application fee through the online payment in the system. The application fee will not be refunded.

To begin your application to Renmin University of China, please access the online application found on the website of the International Student Office of Renmin University of China and register through the online registration system. (<http://international.ruc.edu.cn/application>)

After successful registration, please fill in the personal information truthfully, upload the application materials, submit them and pay the application fee online in the system. After submitting, the application form will be generated and printed. Applicants should print the application form and sign it.



Application Materials

Within one week after online registration, we request that you submit the following items as paper materials (hard copies) to the International Student Office of Renmin University of China by EMS, DHL or SF express for qualification examination.

1. International Student Application Form of Renmin University of China.

After online application, the system will automatically generate an application form. The form should be printed and signed.

2. Certificate of highest education.

3. Academic transcript (original or notarized).

Transcript must include a list of all completed courses up to graduating year. If the score is not in centesimal system, an explanation of the grading scale is needed.

4. Copies of the Information Page of the Passport.

The applicant must hold an ordinary passport. The validity of the passport must be later than **March 31, 2026**. If the applicant is currently in China, please provide the copy of the visa page (if any).

Notes:

- 1) The university does not accept applicants who hold the following documents to apply as international students: "Travel Permit of the People's Republic of China", "Exit Entry Permit of the People's Republic of China", "Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents", "Mainland Travel Permit for Taiwan Residents", "Residence Permit for Hong Kong, Macao/Taiwan Residents of the People's Republic of China", etc.
- 2) Applicant is not allowed to change the passport or personal information from the date of application until 3 months after onsite registration. The personal information includes name, gender, date of birth, nationality, passport number, and etc. If it was unavoidable to change your passport or personal information due to extremely special circumstances or force majeure, a written application should be submitted to the University for the Consent from the university. If the identity documents and personal information submitted by the applicant did not match the personal information provided during the application and admission process, the university will turn down the enrollment procedures.

5. Two letters of recommendation are required, from two professors or associate professors written in Chinese or English.

6. Personal statement and Study Plan

7. Foreigner physical examination form

The Foreigner Physical Examination Form should be the original document in English or Chinese. The template of Foreigner Physical Examination Form can be downloaded on the website of International Students Office (<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Download/ApplicationDocuments/index.htm>). The applicant should go to local authentic hospital for physical examination in strict accordance with the items specified in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. A physical examination form missing items, photo, cross-page seal, signature of the doctor, and the seal of the hospital is considered invalid. The validity of The Foreigner Physical Examination Form is 6 months.

8. Proof of language ability.

The overall score of IELTS must be 6.0 or above, or TOEFL score must be 90 or above. Applicants who have obtained an English-taught degree should provide a certificate of language instruction issued by their previous universities. Applicants who are native English speakers (including those of Chinese descent born in foreign countries) are not required to submit English

proficiency certificate.

9. Proof of economic capability (choose one of the following).

1) The Employment & Income Certificate of the applicant or the guarantor

2) The Bank deposit of applicant or the guarantor should be no less than RMB 30,000.

10. Statement of Guarantee (Original)

The template of the State of Guarantee can be downloaded from the website of the International Students Office (<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Download/ApplicationDocuments/index.htm>). The Statement of Guarantee should be signed by the economic guarantor.

11. Certificate of no criminal record (original or notarized copy).

1) Applicants who are currently not in Chinese mainland should offer the certificate issued by the local public security department.

2) Applicants who are currently in Chinese mainland should offer the certificate issued by entry and exit administration departments of China.

The Renmin University of China Commitment Letter for Non-Criminal Record on International Students Office website is not for the Master Programs in English, and it cannot be used as the Certificate of No Criminal Record.

12. Copies of published academic papers, awards or other research results may be attached if necessary.

The published academic papers shall be attached with search certificates, employment notice or other relevant publication proof materials.



Tuition

The current tuition rate is 60,000 RMB (around US \$8800) per academic year. This does not cover costs of room and board, books and course materials, medical care services, field trip related

expenses and other personal expenses.

Core Courses with Credits

A total of 34 graduate credits are required to complete the program, including a thesis. The program is comprised of 7 credits of required basic courses, 21 credits of required core courses, 4 credits of elective courses, and 2 credits of social practice. The requirements are as follows:

Required Basic Courses	
Contemporary Chinese Politics	3 Credits
Chinese Language Study	4 Credits
Required Core Courses	
Development Microeconomics	3 Credits
Development Macroeconomics	3 Credits
Institution and Transformation	2 Credits
Applied Microeconomics	3 Credits
Applied Macroeconomics	3 Credits
Contemporary Chinese Economy	3 Credits
Academic Standards and Thesis Writing	1 Credits
Statistics and Econometrics	3 Credits
Elective Courses	
Innovation Economics	2 Credits
Studies on The Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era	2 Credits
An Introduction to Chinese Excellent Traditional Culture	2 Credits
Open Economics	2 Credits
Behavioral and Experimental Economics	2 Credits
Studies on Xi Jinping Major Discourses on Education	2 Credits
Featured Topics of the Historical Development of Socialism	2 Credits
Featured Topics of the CPC History	2 Credits

The Outline of Xi Jinping Thought on the Rule of Law	2 Credits
Studies on Xi Jinping's Thought on Diplomacy	2 Credits
Introduction to Xi Jinping Thought on Ecological Civilization	1 Credits
Social Practice	2 Credits



Campuses

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

Scholarships

Applicants who want to be considered for a scholarship can refer to programs of Chinese Government Scholarships and Renmin University of China Scholarships.

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