

2025 International Master of Public Administration and Policy (IMPA)



<Program description>

The School of Public Administration and Policy at Renmin University of China (SPAP -RUC) is one of China's leading institutions of public administration and policy education. In 2024, the Shanghai Ranking's Academic Ranking of World Universities ranked SPAP-RUC as No. 9 worldwide in public management. In July 2018, it was awarded with A+ in the Professional Degree Level assessment conducted by the Degree Center of the Ministry of Education of China. The IMPA program was started in 2010 and now has 13 years of training experience. The MPA program was successfully certified by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) in July 2024 once again, ***The program is adhering to the principles of "vision, truth-seeking, innovation, and dedication leaders" designed.*** The program suitable for foreign applicants who work related to China, especially related to Chinese public sectors. The faculty consist of the most experienced professors with both Chinese and Western cultural backgrounds from Renmin University of China and other top universities.

Do you want to understand China's rapid development better? Do you want to get

a profound insight on this new economic giant? How to understand China's public governance system and policy process? What kind of experiences can be learned from Chinese path to modernization? Welcome to SPAP-RUC !



<Application Qualifications>

Applicants should:

1. NOT have Chinese nationality; Hold a valid ordinary passport;
2. Be physically and mentally healthy; Not have criminal record;
3. Have acquired a bachelor degree or above;
4. Have a good command of English: 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 are not required to submit English proficiency certificate.
5. Be subject to the additional nationality regulations of Ministry of Education of People's Republic of China.

<Application Time>

self-financed applicant:

December 3, 2024- May 31, 2025

Please note:

(1) Chinese Government Scholarship (Type B: High-level Program) applicant:

December 3, 2024- February 15, 2025

(2) International Students Office (ISO) of RUC will review the application materials during the application period. Applicants who do not pass the preliminary online review shall resubmit the application materials before the deadline. Late application will not be accepted after the deadline.

<Admission Procedure>

1. Online Application (click: <http://international.ruc.edu.cn/application>)
2. Qualification Review
3. Mail Documents
4. On-line or in-person interview.
5. Admission and Enrollment: Official Admittance Letter sent to applicant
(For more information, please refer to the website:
<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/ENGLISH/Apply/MastersprogramsInEnglish/index.htm>)



<Application Documents >

1. Application Form for International Students of Renmin University of China (Original)
2. Final Education Certificate
3. Transcript (original or notarized)
4. Copies of the Information Page of the Passport
5. Two Recommendation Letters
6. Personal Statement and Study Plan
7. Foreigner Physical Examination Form (Original)
8. English Proficiency Certificate

9. Proof of Economic Capability
10. State of Guarantee(Original)
11. Certificate of No Criminal record (original or notarized copy).
12. Nationality Proof
13. Copies of published academic papers, awards or other research results may be attached if necessary.

(For more information, please refer to the website:

<http://iso.ruc.edu.cn/sqlx/MasterinEnglish/index.htm>)

Please send all the required materials (e-copies) to mpazhaosheng@ruc.edu.cn. Besides, paper materials (hardcopy) to the MPA Education Center by EMS, DHL or SF express for qualification examination.

<Tuition>

The tuition for the International Master of Public Administration and Policy Program is RMB 60,000 per academic year for the regular study period of two years.

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



<Core Courses with Credits>

All students are required to complete a minimum 34 credit hours of course work and a thesis to obtain the degree in about two years' time.

Courses and Degree requirements

The courses consist of prerequisites, required cores and free electives. Students need to complete all the prerequisites, cores and selected electives. Each course counts 2 credit hours except Academic Standards and Thesis Writing with 1 credit hour, Contemporary China's Politics with 3 credit hours and Chinese Language with 4 credit hours.

Prerequisite Courses

Contemporary China's Politics(3 credit hours)

Chinese Language (4 credit hours)

Compulsory Course

The Making of Modern China: Historical and Social Perspectives
Academic Standards and Thesis Writing (1 credit hour)

Introduction of China

Core Courses

- Institutions and Public Administration
- Research Methods in Public Administration
- Public Management: Theory and Practice
- Economic Analysis for Public Policy
- The Chinese Economy
- Chinese Culture and Chinese Philosophy
- Chinese Political System and Government Management
- The Legal System and Legal Environment of China

Electives

Public Policy

- Land System and Housing Policy in China
- China's Healthcare System
- Educational Policy and Education Markets in China Public Finance in China's Central and Local Governments
- Public Finance and Management of Public Projects
- Social Security Policy in China and the Market Opportunity
- Social Security Policy in China
- Media Policy in China
- Non-Profit Organizations in China
- China's Policy for International Relations
- China's Public Security Environment and Policy
- Logistics Policy and Management in China
- Studies on The Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era
- An Introduction to Chinese Excellent Traditional Culture
- Selected Topics of the CPC History
- Labor Markets and Labor Policy in China
- Financial Markets of China
- Trade Policy of China
- The Tax System and Company Law of China
- Investment Environment and Policy in China
- Urban and Regional Development in China
- Industrial Policy and Industrial Organization in China
- Operations of FDI Enterprises in China

<Scholarships>

1. Chinese Government Scholarship Type A: Bilateral Program

The applicant should first apply to the dispatching authorities for overseas study of your home country, such as Chinese embassies and consulates abroad or other organizations. Applicant should log in to the Chinese Government

Scholarship Information System (<https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>), and fill out the application form and choose Type A. The first choice of the university should be Renmin University of China.

The dispatching authorities will send the application information to the university to decide whether the application can be approved by qualification and interview.

2. Chinese Government Scholarship Type B: High-level Program and Silk Road Program

The applicant should apply to the university and the Chinese Scholarship Council at the same time while applying for the master program. Applicant should log in the Chinese Government Scholarship Information System (<https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn>) and fill out the application form by choosing Type B, High-level Program or Silk Road Program. Agency number of Renmin University of China is 10002. The final list will be issued by the China Scholarship Council.

The application period and enrollment guide will be further notified.

3. Beijing Municipal Government 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. If the basic tuition is lower than the amount of the reduction, the reduction will be considered the factual situation. The application requirements and procedure will be further notified.

<Voices of Students>



Steven (USA) IMPA 2019

This university has given me many unique opportunities. I've had the chance to be taught by well renowned experts in my field of study. The professors working in the public administration department are constantly producing new work that is impactful on a national level. The professors working in the School of Public Administration & Policy are constantly producing new work that is impactful on a national level.



Panha (Cambodia) IMPA 2020

This university broadened my perspective on China, enriched my cross-cultural understanding, and fostered adaptability. It emphasizes academic excellence, offers innovative research opportunities, and builds international connections. Exposure to diverse cultures and systems enhances personal growth, equipping students with skills for global careers and future challenges.



Rodrigo (Brazil) IMPA 2022

The IMPA teaches us in a deep way to better understand public issues and practices within the Chinese government, its politics and public administration, with the intersectionality of other countries and the comparison of our own enabling us to share and collect best practices in public administration.



Haley (Canada) IMPA 2023

The IMPA at Renmin University is a two-year program offering international students insights into China's policy-making for economic, social and development goals. Taught by top policy scholars with government experience, it equips graduates with a strong foundation in Chinese public policy to excel in government, business, and

international organizations.

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