

Program Overview : 2026 Master of Development and Governance

【Program Overview】

The English-taught Master's Program in Development and Governance at Renmin University of China fully implements the national development strategies of the new era, actively supports *the Belt and Road Initiative*, unites the strength of the *Global South* in fostering solidarity and cooperation among developing countries, and contributes to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Relying on the School of Economics' strong academic foundation in the field of development economics, the program integrates a core curriculum system, high-level academic lectures, and diverse research and fieldwork activities. It is committed to cultivating high-level interdisciplinary professionals with international vision, solid theoretical grounding in economics, and strong analytical and practical abilities. The program is taught entirely in English, providing systematic instruction in the core theories and analytical methods of development economics, closely integrated with China's development practices since the Reform and Opening-up. It helps students gain a deep understanding of the economic development and governance challenges facing developing countries around the world.

The curriculum of the Development and Governance program is comprehensive and well-structured, with a strong emphasis on the integration of a solid theoretical foundation and practical skills. Required courses include Development Microeconomics, Development Macroeconomics, Institution and Transformation, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics, Contemporary Chinese Economy, and Statistics and Econometrics.

【Program Highlights】

Unites the strength of developing countries in the Global South to contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Cultivates international vision and comparative thinking, fostering creative application of China's development experience to address global challenges in governance and development.

【Program Duration】

The standard duration of the program is two years. Students are required to complete 34 academic credits and submit a master's thesis to fulfill graduation requirements.

【Tuition Fees】

The tuition fee is RMB 60,000 per academic year, excluding expenses for accommodation, textbooks, medical care, field trips, and other personal costs.

【Student Testimonials】

Darlington Daniel Favour George (Officer, National Civil Registration Authority of Sierra Leone):

Studying at Renmin University of China has been one of the most valuable and life-changing experiences in my academic and professional journey. The specialized courses have laid a solid foundation for my academic competence, enhanced my research and analytical skills, and broadened my academic horizons. I hope to apply the knowledge I have gained to play a more strategic role in policy formulation and implementation in Sierra Leone.

Mai Zun Sabai Phyo Wai (Officer, Budget Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Myanmar):

The Master's Program in Development and Governance at RUC has been the most rewarding experience of my academic career. I've had the privilege to learn from professors with deep policy experience, gaining both a solid theoretical foundation and the ability to apply economic thinking to policy analysis. The program's international learning environment and rich experiential activities deepened my understanding of China's development experience.

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