

Program Overview : 2026 Master in Chinese Philosophy and Culture

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 and Culture (CPC). 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 Qufu, Xi'an, as well as

famous historical sites, such as the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and Lama Temple.

2. 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.

3. Core Professors and Research Areas

Professors	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

4. Tuition per academic year

CNY 40,000 per academic year

5. Contact

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