

## **Program Overview : 2026 Contemporary China Studies Program**

### **1. Program Description**

**The Contemporary China Studies Program (CCSP)** resides within the School of International Studies. It is the first English-taught program established at Renmin University of China and it offers overseas students who are not yet proficient in Chinese the opportunity to study governance and foreign relations while living in China's capital city.

The CCSP recruits students from all over the world, fostering a unique multidisciplinary and multinational environment in which diverse backgrounds and experiences enhance rigorous academic study.

The two-year master's program provides a comprehensive introduction to the politics, economy, society, foreign policy and law of contemporary China. In the second year, the program supports students as they conduct independent research on a topic of their choosing. Upon completion of the program, graduates will earn a Master's degree as recognized by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.



## 2. Course Information

Types	Courses
Mandatory Courses	Chinese Language
	Contemporary Chinese Politics
	Chinese History and Culture
	Academic Writing
Core Courses in China Studies	Contemporary Chinese Society
	Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy
	Approaches to China Studies
	Contemporary Chinese Foreign Economic Policy
	The Political Economy of China-Developing Countries Relations
	Investing in China
	China-US Relations Topics in China studies (lectures and visits)
Core Courses in International Affairs	Asia-Pacific Security and Strategy
	Asia-Pacific Energy Cooperation
	Theories of International Relations and Asian-Pacific Cooperation
	Nations and Nationalism in Asia
	Methodologies in Social Science
Elective Courses	The Political Economy of Southeast Asia
	Overseas Chinese and International Migration
	Territory and Maritime Rights
	China and Europe in World Politics
	Intermediate/Advanced Chinese Language
	Any other graduate-level course

## 3. Double Degree Options

We currently offer three joint programs in partnership with universities outside China:

- Double MA in Asia and International Affairs with King's College London
- Double MA in Global Management and Politics with LUISS Guido Carli University
- Double MA in International Development Cooperation with Kyung Hee University

#### **4. Tuition**

RMB 60,000 per academic year

#### **5. Voice from the Program**

##### **ROBERT FENG, Class of 2024**

My time at Renmin University of China was an unforgettable journey for me, which fostered my strong relationship with fellow students from all over the world, and with friendly academics at Renmin University of China. I gained a deep understanding of China's political, economic, and cultural landscape through rigorous academic coursework and immersive experiences. Through close engagement with fellow students and faculty, I developed strong cross-cultural communication skills and analytical abilities, which have been invaluable in my post-graduate career at the Public Sector, where such skills are vital. The program's emphasis on teaching contemporary Chinese affairs, China's interaction with the world, and first-hand exposure to local perspectives equipped me with the knowledge and adaptability to navigate international environments effectively. The research and analytical expertise gained through my studies at Renmin University of China contributed to my current work by equipping me with the critical evaluation of things. The insights and connections I built during the program have absolutely played a key role in shaping my professional trajectory.

##### **BARBERINE CLOET, Class of 2025**

This master's program has been a wonderful experience for me, where I got to strengthen my knowledge of China and International Relations in every aspect I was hoping for. My time in Beijing has been great, the staff at school has always been extremely helpful and kind, and some of my classmates have become my closest friends. However difficult the master's may have been given the quantity of work we had to deal with and how stressful the first weeks were given all the administrative work we had to deal with, it was absolutely worth it and I am really grateful for everything I learnt during my time spent in Beijing and London.

## **ANITA MARSIGLIA, Class of 2026**

My experience at RUC has been highly rewarding. While adapting to the new academic environment was challenging at first, I was impressed by the professionalism and support of the professors and faculty staff members throughout the year. Being part of the CCSP program allowed me to gain in-depth knowledge of China's contemporary political, economic, and social landscape, as well as its foreign policy. Studying international relations in Beijing also gave me the opportunity to experience many of the topics we discussed in class firsthand. The courses encouraged engaging discussions with professors and classmates from around the world, and the lectures and visits added a lot to my understanding of China. I also really appreciated the convenience of living on the RUC campus, with its excellent facilities for studying, sports, and daily life.

### **6. Contact**

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