



Program Overview 2026

International Master of Public Administration and Policy

Program description

Why choose the International Master of Public Administration at Renmin University of China?

The **International Master of Public Administration and Policy (IMPA)** program, offered by Renmin University of China's School of Public Administration and Policy (SPAP), is China's foremost institution for public administration and policy education. In 2025, the discipline of Social Policy and Administration at Renmin University of China ranked 10th in the QS World University Rankings. In 2024, SPAP-RUC was ranked No. 9 worldwide in public management by the Shanghai Ranking of World Universities. In addition, SPAP-RUC has been accredited by both the Network of Schools of Public Policy Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Chinese Accreditation of MPA Education (CAMPA).



Since its establishment in 2010, the **IMPA** has trained public administration professionals from every continent, Cultivate foreign talents who are interested in in-depth study and research on Chinese public administration and public policy.

Tuition

60,000 RMB per academic year for the regular study period of two years.

Program Highlights



- **Global Standards & Learning Flexibility**

Accredited by NASPAA since 2017, the program combines rigorous academic training with digital and online platforms, enabling access to quality education worldwide.
- **Distinguished Faculty & Specialized Tracks**

All of our faculty members hold Ph.D. degrees, offering expertise across ten key tracks, including Governance, Public Policy, and emerging areas like Big Data in Governance.
- **Cutting-Edge Curriculum**

The curriculum emphasizes analytical thinking, ethical awareness, and practical engagement, preparing students to solve real-world governance challenges.
- **Strong Practical Engagement**

Students gain hands-on experience through partnerships with public organizations and participation in high-level competitions, cultivating leadership, teamwork, and adaptability.

Degree Requirements

All students are required to complete a minimum of **34** credit hours of coursework and a **thesis** to obtain the degree in two years.

Course Design	Prerequisite Courses	Contemporary China's Politics
		Chinese Language
	Compulsory Courses	The Making of Modern China
		Academic Standards and Thesis Writing
		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
	Electives	Land System and Housing Policy in China
		China's Healthcare System
		Public Finance in China's Central and Local Governments
		Social Security Policy in China
		Urban and Regional Development in China
		China's Public Security Environment and Policy
		Social Organizations in China
		Public Finance and Management of Public Projects
	And so on.....	

In Their Own Words



THAN PANHA, IMPA' 2020

Cambodia

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.



HALEY DONOVAN, IMPA' 2023

Canada

The IMPA program at Renmin University is a two-year professional graduate program that equips international students with the knowledge necessary to navigate China's system of government and the strategic reasoning behind a wide range of public policy decisions. Taught by China's top policy experts and seasoned government professionals, the program gives students an unparalleled grasp of how public, private, and societal forces shape decision-making.



SELLO TUMISANG ENIVA, IMPA' 2024

Botswana

Being part of the IMPA program at Renmin University of China has truly been a life-changing experience. It's not just about studying public administration, it's about growing as a person and seeing the world through new eyes. Learning from brilliant professors and classmates from other parts of the world has challenged me to think differently and lead with empathy. Exploring China's governance system and culture firsthand has been both eye-opening and inspiring. Every day in RUC has strengthened my passion for public service and my commitment to making a positive impact wherever I go.



MESSMORE COELHO FRAGA SILVA ISRAEL, IMPA' 2025

Brazil

The IMPA course gave us much more than insight: it gave us actual knowledge about the historical, economical, political and cultural background of one of the biggest economies in the world, and one that is ever changing. Understanding the role of the state and public policies in those terms is very rewarding, and doing that in such an international environment really gives the idea of "Citizen of the World" a much deeper meaning.

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