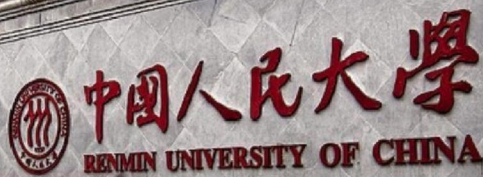


Program Overview



Master of Science in Urban Governance

Programme description

Why Choose MUG Program at the School of Public Administration and Policy, Renmin University?

The School of Public Administration at Renmin University of China **ranked 10th in the 2025 QS World University Rankings** for Social Policy and Public Administration. In 2024, SPAP-RUC was ranked No. 9 worldwide in public management by the Shanghai Ranking of World Universities and was accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The MSc in Urban Governance (MUG) program is the **1st English-taught Urban Governance program in Mainland China**.



Tuition

The tuition for this program is 82,000 yuan per academic year, with the possibility of full funding through the Chinese government scholarship.

Programme Highlights



👉 Distinguished Faculty & Holistic Curriculum on Urban Governance.

All faculty members hold Ph.D. degrees and deliver a comprehensive curriculum exploring urban governance, including environmental planning, economic development, transportation, housing, land use, and sustainability.

👉 Interdisciplinary Training

The program integrates critical fields such as public administration, city planning, geography, sociology, and urban economics.

🌍 Global Comparative Perspective

Students study urban governance practices in China alongside global innovations, fostering a comparative understanding.

👉 Hands-On Practical and Technical Skills

Emphasizes hands-on urban experience and learning through on-site visits and technical training in GIS, big data, research design, and academic writing to tackle real-world challenges.

Course 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	Methodology courses	GIS Application and Methods in Urban Studies
		Research Design and Methods in Urban Studies
		Academic Norms and Writing
	Compulsory courses	Contemporary politics in China
		Chinese Language
		Urban governance: Global and comparative reflections
		Urban and regional development in contemporary China
		Public administration: Theory and practice A
	Electives	Global Course: Institutional Design and Spatial Planning
		Planning in urban China
		Public Management: Theory and Practice
		Urbanization and Industrialization
		Urban Transportation Governance
		Urban Environmental Planning
		Introduction to Urban Development History in China
Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy		
Land Tenure, Housing Policies, and the Real Estate Market in China		
Legal System and Environment in China		
The Public Finance of Central and Local Governments in China		
Nation and Nationalism in Asia		
And so on.....		



Students' Voice

The curriculum is meticulously structured, combining **theoretical knowledge with practical applications**. The commitment of our professors is truly inspiring. They are not only experts in their fields but also deeply invest in our growth. Their **passion for teaching and dedication to nurturing our potential make every class a rewarding experience**.



Allysious Ibrahim Musa
Class of 2024



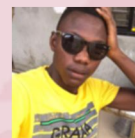
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Class of 2024

The MUG Program at Renmin University has profoundly **expanded my understanding of urban governance**, particularly strategies for sustainable development, effective policymaking, and community engagement. Case-study approach analyzing international contexts enhanced my ability to **identify solutions for diverse challenges**. Peer interactions with global professionals fostered invaluable **cross-cultural perspectives on governance**.

This program changed my perspective on development; it now emphasises people as much as policies. I've developed **the courage to spearhead equitable planning ideas through practical projects** like reviving rural transit networks and co-designing urban green spaces with community stakeholders. **My career has changed significantly** as a result of the faculty mentorship and the opportunity to present my research findings at international conferences.



Duramany Kamara
Class of 2023



Alhaji Khalid Jalloh
Class of 2023

The Master's in Urban Governance (MUG) at Renmin University sharpened my expertise in **policy analysis, urban-rural planning, and governance frameworks**. Supportive professors and field trips to China's development projects enriched my practical understanding of policy implementation. This program solidified my readiness to bridge academic research and public service.

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