



# Master of Contemporary China Studies

School of International Studies

## About the program

Since 2006, the Contemporary China Studies Program (CCSP) has offered overseas students not yet proficient in Chinese language the opportunity to study Chinese governance and foreign relations while living in China's capital city. CCSP draws 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 economy, politics, law, society, and foreign policy 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 get a Master's degree, as recognized by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

The language of instruction and administration for CCSP is ENGLISH. CCSP resides within the School of International Studies at Renmin University (Renda), China's premier institution of higher learning in the humanities and social sciences. Renda's tradition of research and teaching excellence provides an unmatched foundation for educating top foreign students in the fundamentals of Chinese politics, society, and foreign relations. The university's vibrant academic community enriches students' experiences well beyond the classroom.

CCSP has no academic prerequisites other than that all matriculating students must already hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Although a background in the humanities or social sciences is useful, CCSP welcomes applicants from all disciplines.



## Degree Requirements

CCSP is comprised of three components:

I. Courses – students must complete 12 courses. In general, courses are arranged such that students complete all 12 in their first three terms, leaving the final term open for thesis research and writing.

II. Visits

III. Thesis

### Courses

CCSP's courses vary year to year. Each semester, students will enroll in all substantive courses offered. First year students will also attend a weekly lecture series each term. Finally, although no Chinese language proficiency is required to enter the program, all students must take at least one semester of Chinese language class.

All courses are taught in English.

CCSP's courses have included:

Contemporary Chinese Politics

Contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy

Contemporary Chinese Culture

Contemporary Chinese Society

Methodologies in Social Science Study

Methodologies in China Studies

Sino - US Relations

Contemporary Chinese Economics and Finance

Investing in China

China's Reform (lecture series)

China's Grand Strategy (lecture series)

Basic/Intermediate Chinese Language

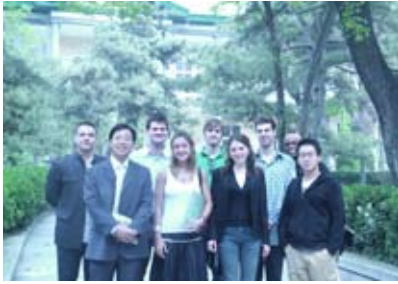
### Visits

Each spring semester first-year students visit approximately ten government organizations, research institutions, enterprises, and sites in the Chinese countryside to gain a greater appreciation for contemporary Chinese life. Previous destinations have included the China Institute of International Studies, the Shougang Group, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, SINA Corporation, and Zhongguancun Hitech Zone in Beijing.

### Master's Thesis

In the second year each student conducts independent research and defends a dissertation of roughly 10,000 words in length before a faculty committee. Students work closely with their faculty mentors to define a focused topic and research process.





## Application Process

We strongly suggest you go through our website (<http://english.ruc.edu.cn/en> or [http:// iso.ruc.edu.cn](http://iso.ruc.edu.cn) ) to read the overall introductions of our Master Programs in English, before you start to apply.

For students seeking to enter the program, we will begin accepting applications since November. All application materials must be received no later than May 31, 2011.

All application materials should be mailed to the following address. Please include both the English and Chinese addresses to ensure timely delivery.

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School of International Studies  
Room 850, Mingde Guoji Building  
Renmin University of China  
59 Zhongguancun Dajie  
Beijing 100872 CHINA

Notification letters will be sent to all applicants in mid-late June. Admitted students must respond to the offer of admission by June 15. Students who respond after that date cannot be guaranteed a place in the program.

## Application Requirements

1. Completed application form  
Complete Online Application on the website of the Graduate School, RUC (click “Online Application for Master Programs in English” on <http://pgs.ruc.edu.cn> to register), then print the Application Form. Please send hard copy, including photo and signature.
2. Academic credentials (official transcripts)  
Applicants are required to hold a B.A. or B.S. degree (or equivalent) from an accredited college or university and a strong undergraduate record. Transcripts must be sent to CCSP in sealed envelopes and must bear the granting institution's official seal. CCSP requires one (1) transcript from each post-secondary institution attended.
3. Copy of undergraduate diploma (if available)  
For applicants who have not yet finished their undergraduate program, the offer of admission will be contingent on successful completion of their degree prior to entry.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation  
Recommenders should mail their letters directly to CCSP.
5. Four 2-inch recently-taken photos
6. Proof of English language proficiency  
Students for whom English is not their native language and who have not received an undergraduate degree from an institution in an English speaking country must submit scores from an internationally recognized standardized test of English language proficiency (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, etc.).
7. Non-refundable application fee of 600 CNY  
Please read the overall English Programs' information on the University Website to find out how to pay the application fee. DO NOT send cash or check inside your application materials.
8. Copy of Passport
9. Personal Statement  
Personal academic and working experience, research achievements, research plan, personal aim after graduation, etc.
10. Scholarship form (Optional)  
Applicants who want to be considered for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form with their application materials. Please contact us to get the form. See the 'Finances & Aid' section for more information.

## Fees

Tuition for the Contemporary China Studies Program is 60,000 CNY per academic year. Students must pay their tuition prior to the start of classes each term.

In addition to tuition, students are responsible for paying for their course materials (~300 CNY per term), accommodations, and living expenses.

## Scholarships

Every year CCSP offers a limited number of scholarships to help cover a portion of students' tuition expenses. For first-year students, scholarships are awarded based on demonstrated financial need. In the second year, the School of International Studies (SIS) Academic Committee will also consider academic performance when allocating financial awards. Scholarship recipients may be asked to assist SIS faculty with academic research and English composition.

Please note that under no circumstances will the value of a scholarship exceed the cost of tuition. ALL students are responsible for covering the costs of accommodations, course materials, and other living expenses.

Applicants who want to be considered for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form with their application materials. Applicants selected for scholarship will be informed in their admission notifications.



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