



MASTER OF CHINESE CLASSICS

School of Chinese Classics

About

The School of Chinese Classics at Renmin University of China is the first institute which specializes in research and teaching programs on the traditional Chinese learning in the history of China's cultural tradition. Since its establishment in 2005, it has earned considerable reputation and rich experience in research and education on the advanced studies of cultural traditions of China.

The School of Chinese Classics offers young scholars and students worldwide an opportunity to receive the holistic education of Chinese traditional culture. They will receive interdisciplinary training so that their understanding of the traditional culture and spirit of humanity of China will be reinforced. Meanwhile, they will also be trained with a solid fundamental knowledge and skills to do further research in a specific academic field.

Master's Degree Program

In order to enhance the status of education of the Chinese classics, and to push forward the international academic exchange, the Master Degree Program has been designed in a welcome circumstance.

Referring to the educational system, our school provides two kinds of M.A. programs to students hitherto. The one-year program is designed for the doctoral candidates who are major in all different disciplines of China Studies from American and European universities. It offers students a comprehensive training of Chinese learning with supporting materials and academic guidance for their doctoral dissertation. The two-year program differs in that the students will get their M.A. degree from RUC upon finishing the graduate courses.

Currently our faculty offer courses in multiple areas of specialization, which include: Pre-modern Chinese History, Pre-modern Chinese Literature, Pre-modern Chinese Philosophy, Languages in China, Inner Asia Studies.

Thesis

The M.A. candidates in the two-year program are required to finish the relevant thesis on a timely fashion. After completing the course work with satisfying grades, the students should start their research and writing. Under the supervision of a professor in the student's major field, graduate student must complete the thesis in either Chinese or English independently. The thesis ought to fulfill the requirements for a Master degree and represent the academic quality. All students must abide by the academic ethics and regulation. The department will not tolerate any forms of plagiarizing. No thesis is required for the students who are in the one-year program. No M.A. degree will be awarded to those students either.



Degree Requirements

Courses

The students who are in the one-year program will enjoy the benefits of taking a number of courses for free. They will also get the opportunity to do individual research with faculty who have strong expertise in that field. The two-year program requires that every student complete a total of 32 credits of course work to obtain the M.A degree, including 28 credits for required courses and 4 credits for elective courses at least.



Public Courses

The Course of Marxism Theory: History of Chinese Revolution
Language Training: Chinese

Required Courses

Pre-modern Chinese Literature
Modern Chinese Literature
Pre-modern Chinese History
Modern Chinese History
Intellectual History of China
Chinese Religion
Chinese Cultural Traditions and Society

Elective Courses

History of Cultural Interactions between the East and West
History of Chinese Classics
Western Missionaries and Chinese Studies
History of Central Asian Civilizations
Readings of Chinese Literary Classics
Readings of Chinese Historical Works
Readings of Confucianism Classics
Readings of Buddhist Texts
Readings of Daoism Texts

Lectures on Traditional China Studies

The worldwide well-known scholars will be invited to give lectures, regularly once half a month.

Individual Research

The faculty consists of the professors mainly from School of Chinese Classics, and partially from School of Literature, School of History and School of Philosophy. Based on the student's academic interests, the advisor directs and helps the student with textual research.





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.

1. Fill out 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 out the completed Application Form.
2. In conjunction with the online application, the applicants must provide:
 - a. Completed application form (Electronic Version accepted) for expediency in processing and Statement of purpose, including education and working experience, scholarly outcomes, research projects, etc.
 - b. Certified copy of undergraduate transcripts and the copy of Bachelor’s degree
 - c. Two letters of recommendation by professors
 - d. Four recent bareheaded and full-faced photos of the applicants
 - e. Copies of published academic articles, certificate of award or other academic publications
 - f. Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or other internationally recognized standard tests). This applies only to the applicants whose Bachelor’s degree was completed in a language other than English.
 - g. Copy of Passport
3. The department organizes the admission committee to evaluate and assess the application materials.
4. The applicants who have passed the assessment will take interviews through phone or long-distance video conference.
5. After the interview, the department will submit all the required materials to the Graduate School and International Cooperation and Exchange Office to determine the final admissions.



Non-refundable application fee: 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.

Tuition:

RMB 40,000 per academic year for one student. This does not cover costs for an accepted student’s room and board, textbooks, medical care, organized visits, or other personal expenses.



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