

# **Master in Comparative Politics (MCP)**

School of International Relations and Public Affairs  
Fudan University, Shanghai, China

## **1. Introduction of SIRPA**

Fudan University is a comprehensive university based in Shanghai, China's most internationalized metropolitan city. It is a top university in the world, ranked at the 43rd place in the QS World University Rankings (2016-17). Its campus hosts the biggest group of foreign students in China.

The School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) is a leading school in political and public affairs. Its Politics and International Studies ranked at the 36th place in the QS World University Rankings by subject (2016). Supported by its interdisciplinary structure, strong international publications and exchanges, faculty resources and frontier research, SIRPA has been running several English-taught MA programs, including Chinese Politics and Diplomacy, Europe and Asia in Global Affairs (double degree with Science Po Paris), Chinese Government and Governance, Comparative Politics and international public policy, as well as one English-taught Ph.D. program in International Politics.

## **2. Introduction of the Program**

Master in Comparative Politics (MCP) is a two-year international master program that prepares students to familiarize and analyze various polities around the globe from a comparative perspective. Taught by renowned comparativists and area specialists from Fudan and possibly other prestigious universities, this program offers theoretical resources, analytical skills and practical knowledge not only of Chinese politics, but also of major countries in North and South. Students are expected to leave the program with cross-national insights on 1) state organizations and political institutions; 2) political culture; 3) process and major actors of state governance. This program distinguishes itself by offering an invaluable research perspective to understand the world from China's vintage point and observe how China is interacting with the world. Students of this program can pursue a variety of potential careers, including doctoral-level training, national governments, think-tanks, international organizations and corporations.

## **3. Admission**

The program admits both degree and non-degree students.

For application procedures, please refer to the notice of International Students Office of Fudan University [<http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuewei.htm>]

### ***Application Procedure***

1. Log in to the website (<http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/>) to register and complete the application form online, upload the application documents and submit the application. Please check the list of electronic application documents to be uploaded at [http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/downloads/yjszsjz\\_en20161128.pdf](http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/downloads/yjszsjz_en20161128.pdf).

2. Pay application fee RMB 800 (Degree) / RMB 400 (Non-degree) online after preliminary review. Afterwards any application information cannot be modified.
3. Send the following paper application documents (2 sets, place documents of each set in right order as follows) to the International Office of SIRPA, Fudan University. Mail address: Room 609, Liberal Arts Building, Fudan University, No. 220, Handan Road, Shanghai 200433 P.R.China.

Application documents should include:

For Degree students

- One original of the application form with the applicant's signature and photo.
- One official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program or proof of impending graduation (for applicants in their final year of study)
- One official copy of transcript for each previous college-level degree program
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member of your previous academic program (applicants who have submitted the electronic recommendation letters online should also submit originals of both two recommendation letters.)
- Official copy of TOEFL (minimum 90) or IELTS score (minimum 6.5) (Applicants from countries where English is the official language are exempt from this requirement.)
- Resume
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample (approximately 2000 words)
- Copy of valid passport identification page, and it should be an ordinary passport and be valid until Sep. 30. 2017.

Non-degree students

- One official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program
- One official copy of transcripts for each previous college-level degree program
- Official copy of TOEFL or IELTS scores if applicable
- Resume
- Statement of purpose

***Admission Schedule***

Degree students are admitted for fall semester only. The application for 2017 academic year opens from Nov. 28, 2016 to April 30th, 2017.

Non-degree students are admitted for both fall and spring semesters. Applications should be submitted by April 30th, 2017 for the 2017 fall semester and by Nov 30, 2016 for the 2017 spring semester.

**4. Degree Requirement**

- (1) Two years of full-time study
- (2) 15 credits in required courses and 15 credits in selective courses
- (3) Thesis should be written and defended in English and at least twenty thousand words

- (4) Students have to pass proposal defense scheduled at the end of the third semester and final defense scheduled during the fourth semester
- (5) Students have to finish all the course work and thesis within five years
- (6) After the second year, the students have to pay full tuition for every semester they have stayed in the program until they have defended their thesis, except in cases of sick leave, emergencies and other circumstances approved by the Vice Dean. Students with outstanding balance cannot graduate.

#### Requirements for Proposal Defense

- (1) Average GPA of 2.0 and above
- (2) No “F”s at the time of defense
- (3) Double -spaced, twenty-page proposal approved by advisor and the defense committee

#### Requirements for Thesis Defense

- (1) Average GPA of 2.0 and above
- (2) No “F”s at the time of defense
- (3) Passing the blind review
- (4) Double-spaced, (at least) sixty-page thesis draft approved by advisor and the defense committee

#### Drop-out

- (1) After the first academic year, students with one “F” are required to submit formal explanations to the program director.
- (2) SIRPA reserves the right to ask the students with two “F”s or more after the first academic year to drop out.

## **5. Tuition and Scholarships**

### ***Tuition:***

Foreign Degree student: 50,000 RMB per year (100,000 RMB for two years)

Foreign Non-degree student: 25,000 RMB per semester

### ***Scholarships:***

Students supported by Chinese government scholarship are entitled to tuition waiver.

Students may be qualified for Chinese government scholarship and/or Shanghai Government Scholarship. Please browse the following websites for detailed information:

<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Laihua/scholarshipdetailen.aspx?cid=97&id=2052>

[http://www.study-shanghai.org/Scholarship\\_en.asp](http://www.study-shanghai.org/Scholarship_en.asp)

[http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi\\_sh.htm](http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi_sh.htm)

Notes:

1. The applicant should apply online (<http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/>) as a self-support student first.
2. Application documents for scholarship can be submitted together with admission

documents.

3. First get acceptance from the University, then an applicant may have the opportunity to get the scholarship.

Fudan University also offers Fudan Student Fellowship annually to second-year and third-year foreign students based on a campus-wide competition. SIRPA also presents Excellence in Study Scholarship and awards to student each year in October. In addition, SIRPA provide financial support for students to participate in international academic conferences and other activities, subject to SIRPA's relevant funding policies.

### ***Accommodation at Fudan Campus***

An on-campus International Students Dormitory is available. Please check the website of International Student Office for further information.

## **6. Curriculum**

### **Required Courses**

Courses	Credit	Semester
Comparative Politics	3	Fall
Empirical Political Theory	3	Fall
Research Methods of Political Science	3	Fall
Chinese Politics	3	Fall
Chinese Public Administration	3	Spring

### **Selective Courses**

Sino-US Relations and American Politics	3	Fall
Sino-Russian Relations and Russian Politics	3	Fall
Sino-EU Relations and EU Politics	3	Fall
Comparative Politics of East Asia	2	Fall
International Relations of East Asia	2	Fall
Chinese Diplomacy	3	Spring
Chinese Society	2	Spring

Chinese Modern History	2	Spring
Chinese Foreign Economic Policies	2	Spring
Global Governance	3	Spring
Chinese Security Policies	2	Spring
International Politics and Theories	3	Fall
Qualitative Research Methods	3	Fall
Quantitative Research Methods	3	Fall
Public Economics	3	Fall
Chinese (level 1-4)	2	Fall/Spring
Traditional Chinese Political Thoughts	2	Spring

Note: Students can take 4 credits of selective courses in 2 years from the English Master Programs of the following institutions: Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Department of Philosophy, School of Social Development and Public Policy, School of Journalism and School of Economics. SIRPA will pay for 4 credits in maximum. Beyond that, the students have to pay extra credits by themselves. There are no limits for the language courses students can take, but no more than 4 language credits can be accepted for graduation.

### Program Calendar

Month	Year One	Year Two
Sept.	Orientation and welcome party (optional) First two weeks of the semester: course registration (drop)	Student Registration First two weeks of the semester: course registration (drop)
Oct.	Moon Festival get-together (optional) National holiday	Application for University scholarship Submit thesis advisorship agreement
Nov.		Submit thesis proposal to advisor
Dec.	Christmas party (optional)	The first two weeks of Dec.: proposal defense
Jan.	New Year Holiday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> : Final exam or course paper due; Winter break begins	New Year Holiday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> : Final exam or course paper due; Winter break begins
Feb.	Spring semester Begins Course registration (drop)	Spring semester Begins Course registration (drop)

March		
April	Memorial Day Holiday Fill in student book	Pre-defense Submit thesis for blind review
May	Labor Day Holiday Dragon Boat Day Holiday	Graduation procedure Graduation trip The last week of May: final defense
June	Talk to thesis advisor and specify thesis topic June 15 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> : Final exam or term paper due	Complete graduation procedure Commencement and farewell party
July	Summer Break begins	

## 7. Contact Information

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