

# **Doctoral Program in International Politics (DPIP)**

**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**

SIRPA has newly established an English-instructed Doctoral Program in International Politics. The principal goal of the program is preparing scholars and practitioners with a solid theoretical foundation, rigorous research skills, and profound knowledge of both history and contemporary issues in the vitally important fields of public and international affairs. The program mainly enrolls foreign students, and all its academic courses are taught in English. The curriculum and doctoral dissertation work in the program center around the following thematic areas: International Relations Theory, History of International Relations, Great-power Diplomacy, Chinese Foreign Policy, International Organization, Comparative Politics, BRICS Study, International Political Economy, Global Governance, International Security and Religion, etc.

Applicants should have master's degrees in related fields. The Doctoral Program in International Politics normally requires three to four years of work on courses and dissertation. The faculty members have diverse academic backgrounds, and many of them received their Ph.D. degrees abroad.

### **3. Application**

The program admits degree students.

Applicants should send the following application documents (2 sets, place documents of each set in right order as follows) to the international office of SIRPA, Fudan University.

- (1) Printed online barcode Application Form with personal signature and a photo.
- (2) A copy of valid passport.
- (3) Certificates of a bachelor's and master's degree from an accredited international institution in a relevant discipline. Students must submit the documents in the original language as well as an official or certified English translation for each document. Students from countries in which English is the official language of instruction need submit only the English copies.
- (4) Transcripts of all post-secondary (after high school) education. Students must submit transcripts in the original language as well as a certified English translation for each foreign language transcript. Students from countries in which English is the official language of instruction need submit only the English copies. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) equivalent to at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B grade) in undergraduate and postgraduate coursework is required.
- (5) Statement of purpose. Describe in your statement of purpose: your reasons for applying to the Ph.D. program and your preparation for this field of study; your research and study interests; future career plans and other aspects of your background and interests which may aid the program in evaluating your aptitude and motivation for Ph.D. study. The statement should not exceed 2 pages in length, single-spaced.
- (6) Writing sample. No longer than 20 pages, in English.
- (7) Two recommendation letters. The letters should be submitted online or hard copies in sealed envelopes. If the evaluators choose to mail hard-copy recommendations to our program, students are still required to enter the names and email addresses of evaluators on the online application.
- (8) Evidence of English language proficiency. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) unless they received a bachelor's or postgraduate degree from an institution in which the official language of instruction is English and he or she was enrolled in that school for at least two years. The program requires a minimum score of 90 on the internet-based TOEFL test or 7 on the IELTS test.

### **4. Tuition and Scholarships**

***Tuition:***

For foreign degree students in the program, the annual tuition is RMB 60,000.

***Scholarships:***

Students supported by Chinese government scholarship will be waived the tuition.

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. We strongly suggest applicants should apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship while applying for admissions into our doctoral program. The Chinese Government Scholarship are usually not open for applications from current students in the program. Therefore, you are advised to apply for it before coming to China.
2. The applicant should apply online (<http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/>) as a self-support student first.
3. Application documents for scholarship can be submitted together with admission documents.
4. First get acceptance from the University, then an applicant may have the opportunity to get the scholarship.
5. 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.

**5. Degree and Requirements**

The Doctoral Program in International Politics has two phases: coursework and dissertation writing. Each doctoral student must complete a minimum of 19 credit hours of coursework (minimum 9 credits of core coursework, minimum 4 credits of Chinese language coursework, minimum 4 credits of elective coursework, and minimum 2 credits of independent study coursework) and meet Fudan University's minimum GPA requirement for a doctoral degree. Besides completing coursework, each student must write a dissertation and pass the oral defense.

Students should publish academic articles in international journals or present papers of good quality at international academic conferences during their doctoral study.

## 6. Curriculum

### Doctoral Program in International Politics at a Glance

Semester	Study Requirements
1 <sup>st</sup>	Coursework
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Coursework
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Qualifying Exam at the end of the semester
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation proposal defense
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Writing,
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Writing,
7 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Pre-defense
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dissertation Defense

### Courses Available

Course	Category	Semester
International Politics and Theories	Required	Fall
Research Methods for Political Science	Required	Fall
International Political Economy	Required	Spring
International Security and Strategy	Required	Spring
Chinese Diplomacy	Required	Spring
Chinese Language	4 credits required	Fall/Spring

Studies of Chinese Foreign and Security Policies	Elective	Spring
China's Foreign Economic Policies	Elective	Spring
International Relations of Northeast Asia	Elective	Spring
Global Governance	Elective	Spring
International Relations in East Asia	Elective	Fall
Political Economy in East Asia	Elective	Fall
Sino-Russian Relations and Russian Politics	Elective	Spring
Sino-EU Relations and European Politics	Elective	Fall
Sino-U.S. Relations and American Politics	Elective	Fall
Chinese Public Policy in Action	Elective	Spring

## **Core Courses**

### International Politics and Theories

This is a required course for students in the Doctoral Program in International Politics. This course is designed to assist students in acquiring knowledge about international politics and theories. The goal of the course is to provide students with a thorough understanding of international politics from both theoretical and factual perspectives. It will mainly focus on contending theories, i.e., different theoretical perspectives, on international relations (IR). Students are required to not only understand various IR theories, as well as their relations, but also employ those theories to describe and explain international events.

### Research Methods for Political Science

This is a required course for students in the program. It offers an in-depth introduction to both quantitative and qualitative research methods in political science. It is designed to equip students with knowledge and techniques for reading scholarly articles and conducting their own academic research. The course introduces the general principles for conducting political science research, some practical techniques for writing research proposals and research papers at Fudan University, and the major research methods for political science.

### Chinese Diplomacy

This course provides students with a comprehensive introduction to contemporary China's diplomacy and its foreign policy, as well as their theoretical and historical background. This course will also investigate the decision-making system of Chinese foreign policy, China's bilateral relations with major powers, China's multilateral relations with its neighboring countries,

developing countries and international organizations. Emphasis will be placed on the period since 1978 when China entered its reform and opening-up era.

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