

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 44th place in the QS World University Rankings (2019). 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 ranked at the 19th place in the QS World University Rankings by subject (2014). 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), 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 principle 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 at least three 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

Application Period: from Nov.1, 2018 to March 1, 2019

Application Procedure

Applicants should send 2 sets of the following application to the international office of SIRPA, Fudan University. Please sort the documents in the same order.

- (1) Original application form with the applicant's signature and photo.
- (2) Copy of identification page of the passport. The passport should be an ordinary passport and valid until Sept. 30th. of 2019.
- (3) Certificates of at least one bachelor's and one master's degree from an accredited international institution in a relevant discipline.
- (4) Transcripts of all post-secondary (after high school) education. 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. Applicant's statement of purpose should include: reasons for applying to the Ph.D. program and preparation for this field of study; research and study interests; future career plans and other aspects of applicant's background and interests which may aid the program in evaluating applicant's aptitude and motivation for Ph.D. study. The statement should not exceed 2 pages in length, single-spaced.
- (6) Writing sample (under 20 pages). Aiming at showing the ability of academic writing, the writing sample could include from previous research (published or unpublished) to future research plan.
- (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. Non-native English speaker must submit official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The program requires a minimum score of 90 on the internet-based TOEFL test or 7 on the IELTS test. This requirement can be waived only if the applicant received a bachelor's or postgraduate degree lasting for 2 years or above from an institution with English as official instructive language.

(9) Application document in item (3) and (4) must be original or notarized copy, and should be attached with notarized Chinese or English translation if the original one is not in Chinese or English.

In terms of specific requirements for documents used in the online application system or hard copies to mail to us, please follow the guideline for application on the website of International Students Office: <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuewei.htm>

4. Tuition and Scholarships

Tuition

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

Scholarships

Chinese government scholarship and Shanghai Government Scholarship

Please browse the following websites for detailed information:

<http://www.campuschina.org/>

http://www.study-shanghai.org/Scholarship_en.asp

http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi_sh.htm

Notes

Fudan University 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, under SIRPA's relevant funding policies.

5. Degree and Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 29 academic credits. In order to fulfill the course requirements, students must take all required public courses (10 credits), required courses (12 credits), and elective courses (7 credits).

Besides completing coursework, students must write a dissertation and pass the oral defense. Students should publish at least 2 academic articles in international journals or present papers of good quality at international academic conferences during their doctoral study.

Students must also successfully complete a comprehensive exam at the beginning of the third semester.

6. Curriculum

Public courses (10 credits):

EMAP620002: Political Development in Modern China (3 credits)

EMAP630096: Chinese Society: Past and Present (3 credits)

Chinese Languages I (2 credits)

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Required Courses (12 credits):

EMAP820004: International Politics and Theories (3 credits)

POLI630078: International Security and Strategies (3 credits)

EMAP820006: International Political Economy (3 credits)

EMAP820007: Research Design (3 credits)

Elective Courses (7 Credits, among which the 3 credits of 'Research Methods' is required):

POLI630016: Global Governance (2 credits)

EMAP820003: Contemporary Chinese Diplomacy (3 credits)

EMAP630052: China's Foreign Economic Policies (2 credits)

EMAP630014: China-EU Relations (3 credits)

POLI630037: East Asian Politics (2 credits)

POLI830039: Workshop on Academic Publications (1 credits)

EMAP820001: Research Methods (3 credits, Required)

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