

**EMA Program in Chinese Philosophy and Culture**  
**Fudan University**  
**Shanghai, China**

**I. Academic Programs**

**Overview**

These programs are aimed to offer opportunities of learning Chinese and studying Chinese philosophy to overseas postgraduates or college juniors and seniors who have not yet been able to master the Chinese language. In addition to Chinese language classes, these programs offer courses on Chinese philosophy as well as other related courses in English at Fudan University. Fudan University is a leading institution of higher education in China, and is experienced with and renowned for educating overseas students. The School of Philosophy at Fudan is a top philosophy program in China. The university is located in Shanghai, the most dynamic city of China that belongs to a region that is rich in Chinese traditions and cultures. It has been six years since these programs were launched in 2011, and 68 students have been enrolled in either the M.A. program (56 students) and the visiting student program (12 students). They are from the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, the U.K., Sweden, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Ireland, Iceland, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, Montenegro, Russia, Israel, Turkey, India, Indonesia, and Gambia, and many of them are top students in their classes, majoring in philosophy, classics, and/or East Asian or Chinese studies. The above facts make these programs simply the most successful of their kind (English-based post-graduate programs in Chinese philosophy) in mainland China.

**M.A. Program**

This is a two-year degree program. The students who apply for the program should have a college degree from an accredited institution upon entering the program. The students are required to get at least 31 credits (6 credits for 3 courses in Chinese Language, 15 credits for five required major courses and 8 credits for 4 elective courses) in order to graduate. A master's thesis is also required for obtaining the master's degree. Other than

the above courses, students are also allowed to take courses that are offered by other departments at Fudan University (up to 6 credits per semester).

### **Visiting Student Program**

This is a one-year program. The students who apply for the program should be postgraduate students or students who will be in their junior or senior years upon entering the program. The students must complete 3-4 major courses, and 1-2 courses of Chinese. Upon the completion of the program, the students will be given a certificate. Other than the above courses, students are also allowed to take courses that are offered by other departments at Fudan University (up to 6 credits per semester).

### **Audit Program**

This program is based upon individual courses. The students must have a college degree, or a proof of active enrollment in an accredited college and the completion of their junior year of studies. A transcript of courses taken in this program will be offered upon request. If the students decide to pursue either of the above two programs later, these courses may be carried over.

## **II. Requirements for Master's Degree Program**

### **Chinese Language Courses**

3 courses, and maximum of 6 credits will be counted toward your degree. If students take a 4-credit language course, only 2 credits out of the 4 will be counted toward the degree requirements. For students whose Chinese is so good that they don't consider taking Chinese Language courses necessary, these courses can be replaced with Chinese philosophy courses offered in Chinese.

### **Required courses**

3 credits/course \* 5 courses = 15 credits

Pre-Qin Confucianism and Legalism (Fall Semester)

Pre-Qin Daoism and Mohism (Fall Semester)

Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy (Fall Semester)

Confucian Classical Studies (Spring Semester)

Neo-Confucianism (Spring Semester)

**Electives for philosophy majors**

2 credits/course \* 3 courses = 6 credits

Some elective courses offered in the past:

Chinese Spiritualities

Modern Chinese Political Philosophy

Indian Philosophy

Issues in Chinese Buddhism

Wei-Jin *Xuanxue*

Selective readings in Neo-Confucianism

Chinese aesthetics

Other non-Chinese-philosophy courses offered by the School of Philosophy

**Elective from other disciplines**

2 credits/course \* 1 course = 2 credits

Students can choose any course from other departments.

IMPORTANT NOTE: for students in the MA program, all courses should be finished by the end of the third semester.

**Scholarly activities and practical training**

4 credits

Students in the program are required to participate in lectures offered by visiting scholars and arranged by the program

**Classical Chinese Tutorial**

0 credit

One Chinese tutor will be assigned to every two foreign students in the program who have similar Chinese level. The tutor will meet with the two students for 2 hours every

week during the semester, studying classical Chinese together. The tutors are selected from Chinese graduate students at the School of Philosophy.

### **Thesis**

Around 20,000 words and up with a 5,000 Chinese character summary

Students will discuss their thesis proposal at the end of their first year of studies. They will be required to defend their proposals at the end of September in the second year.

The mid-term exam of their thesis will take place in the middle of December in the second year. The complete draft of their thesis will be submitted in the middle of March in the second year. The final defense takes place in June in the second year.

### **III. List of Faculty Members Who Regularly Teach Major and Elective Courses**

- Prof. BAI Tongdong (program director) holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University, and was a tenured associate professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati before he joined Fudan University in the rank of full professor. He was the first and so far the only tenured philosophy teacher from the U.S. who has returned to China as a full time faculty member. His research interests include Chinese philosophy and political philosophy, especially the comparative and contemporary relevance of traditional Chinese political philosophy. He has published many articles in some prestigious journals in these areas, and has a book out in Chinese by the Peking University Press, *A New Mission of an Old State: the Comparative and Contemporary Relevance of Classical Confucian Political Philosophy*. The English and revised version of this book is now under review for its publication in the English-speaking world. He has also published a book in English, an introduction to traditional Chinese political philosophy that is presented from a comparative perspective, showing its contemporary relevance (*China: The Political Philosophy of the Middle Kingdom*, Zed Books). He has been invited to speak at many academic institutions all over the world.
- Prof. CAI Qinghua holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Her research interests include Daoism and Wei-Jin *Xuanxue*.

- Prof. Eberhard Guhe studied Indology, logic and mathematics at the University of Münster as well as at the University of Vienna, where he passed his MA and PhD in Indology with a thesis on Indian logic. His teaching interests include Indian philosophy (especially logic).
- Prof. Lawrence Lau studied at various institutions in Hong Kong, mainland China, and Canada before he obtained his Ph.D. from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has published widely in the studies of Buddhism.
- Prof. LI Tiangan holds a Ph.D. from Fudan University under the supervision of Prof. ZHU Weizheng, one of the leading scholars in Confucian classical studies (*jingxue*) in China. He has been a visiting scholar to academic institutions all over the world. He has published both in Chinese and English, and has regularly taught courses in English. His research interests include *jing xue* (Confucian classical studies) and the cultural exchanges between China and the West.
- Prof. Benoit Vermander holds M.A., Ph.D., and Th.D. from a few leading academic institutions from France, the U.S., and Taiwan. He has taught at Fordham University in New York, among other places. His research interests include political philosophy and Chinese spiritualities and religions.
- Prof. CHANG Tzu-li holds a Ph.D. from National Chengchi University. His research interests include Neo-Confucianism and comparative philosophy.
- Prof. CHEN Jia holds a Ph.D. from UIUC, and her research interests include Chinese aesthetics, aesthetics, and philosophy of education.
- Prof. YU Zhejun holds a Ph.D. from the University of Leipzig, and his research interests include the sociology of religion, Chinese popular religions, and the philosophy of social sciences.

#### **IV. Tuition and Living Expenses**

Tuition for the M.A. and Visiting Students Programs is RMB 50,000 per year. Students are also required to cover other expenses while living in Shanghai. Rooms are available in on-campus International Students Dormitories, and the monthly rent for a single room (with a shared bathroom) ranges from RMB 1,350 per month to 2,700 per month. Meals at an on-campus dining facility cost less than RMB 1,000 per month.

## V. Scholarships

Various types of scholarships are available. 1) Government Scholarships through Fudan. The Chinese and Shanghai governments' fellowships will cover either the tuition only or the tuition and accommodation on-campus, as well as some living expenses. We have a great track-record of securing these fellowships for our applicants for the MA program. Please note, if you also apply for another MA program from another mainland Chinese university, and apply for full scholarship through it, the Chinese government will give you scholarship to go to one MA program decided by the Chinese government, and this scholarship cannot be carried to the program of your own choosing. That is, if you apply for two or more MA programs in mainland China, and apply for scholarships through them, you can only get governmental scholarship to one of the programs and you cannot control which program you can enroll with the scholarship. 2) Government Fellowship applied independently. The applicant, especially if he or she applies for the one-year visiting program (so far, no full scholarship is available to one-year visiting students through Fudan), can also apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS, <http://en.csc.edu.cn>), Confucius Institute Scholarships (through Confucius Institutes or the Chinese consulates in the applicant's home countries), or other scholarships on his or her own. However, if you apply for the CGS on your own, the Ministry of Education may assign you to an institution not of your choosing, while applying for the CGS through Fudan (which is now only available to applicants for the MA program) will guarantee that you will come to Fudan. 3) Fudan University also offers Fudan Student Fellowships annually to second-year International Students based on a campus-wide competition that can cover part of the tuition, ranging from RMB 5,000 to 15,000/year. 4) The School of Philosophy offers RMB 5,000/semester to students who pay tuition out of their own pockets, take a full-course load (4 courses/semester), and maintain a B+ average. No separate application is needed. 5) Yan Zhuping Fellowship. RMB 5,000. Only students who pay for the tuition are eligible, and no separate application is needed. 6) Fotile Scholarship. RMB 5,000. Only students who pay for the tuition are eligible, and no separate application is needed. 7) Other forms of fellowships may also become available in the near future. 8) In addition, help will be offered to students who wish to

find part-time jobs (such as instructor for spoken English) to support their studies in these programs.

## **VI. Application**

For students who wish to enroll in the Fall semester in any given year (so far, no Spring admission is available), the start date for applications is early December of the previous year. The priority deadline is February 19 of the same year as that of enrollment. Applications that are submitted after February 19 and before May 1 may be considered, but government fellowships (through Fudan) won't be available for students who fail to submit their applications before the priority deadline. The official admission results will be announced in late June or early July on this website: <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn>, and an admission package will be sent out after the announcements. A confirmation email can be sent to you earlier by request.

Application materials to be mailed:

- 1) Register on-line and fill out the on-line form: <http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/>  
Upon approval, pay the application fee of RMB 800 (MA program) or RMB 400 (visiting and audit programs). Then, print out the application form, attach a photo to the form, and sign.
- 2) A copy of passport.
- 3) Mail the above materials to: Admission Office, Room 101, International Students Office, Fudan University, 220 Handan Road, Shanghai 200433, China

Application materials to be uploaded to the on-line application system (no need to mail them):

- 4) Official Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (notarized English translations are needed if they are not originally in English, and the meaning of grades needs to be explained if it is different from the system commonly used in American colleges).
- 5) Notarized copy of diploma(s) from all post-secondary institutions attended if applicable (notarized English translations are needed if they are not originally in

- English). For college seniors applying for the MA program, a letter from the university that claims that the student in question will graduate by September is needed, and the student needs to bring the diploma to Fudan upon registration.
- 6) Two (2) letters of recommendation.
  - 7) Proof of English language efficiency if the student's native language is not English and the student hasn't attended college(s) in which courses are taught in English. An IBT score of 90 or higher or an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher is required. (If it is not the original copy, it needs to be notarized.)
  - 8) A personal statement of less than 1,000 words (study and work experiences, academic achievements, research proposal, and career plan after the Fudan programs, etc.).
  - 9) A writing sample of less than 5,000 words.
  - 10) A list of scholarly works if applicable.

Scholarship application through Fudan:

- 11) After your application is received and reviewed, a preliminary decision will be made on whether you will be admitted. If preliminarily admitted, you will be notified and will be allowed to go on to fill out your scholarship application. The notice will be emailed to you in early March, and you need to submit your scholarship application by April 10. For scholarship application, please check the website [http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi\\_sh.htm](http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi_sh.htm) for procedures. Pay particular attention to scholarships for new students. Only the Chinese Government Scholarship, Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS) Class A, and Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS) Class B are applicable to the incoming (new) students. To apply for ALL OF THE THREE fellowships will increase your chance to get a fellowship.

Notice to be sent:

- 12) Please send an email informing us about your application to Prof. BAI, Tongdong [baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn), Prof. CAI, Qinghua [caiqinghua@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:caiqinghua@fudan.edu.cn), Pro. CHANG, Tzuli [tzeli@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:tzeli@fudan.edu.cn) AND Mr. YU, Mingzhi



[yumingzhi@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:yumingzhi@fudan.edu.cn) when you start your application, so that we can track the progress of your application from our side and offer you whatever help necessary

For more information about these programs, please write to Mr. YU, Mingzhi, the graduate registrar at the School of Philosophy ([yumingzhi@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:yumingzhi@fudan.edu.cn)), Prof. BAI, Tongdong ([baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn)), the program director, Prof. CAI, Qinghua [caiqinghua@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:caiqinghua@fudan.edu.cn), AND Pro. CHANG, Tzuli [tzeliph@gmail.com](mailto:tzeliph@gmail.com)

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For general information about the application procedure and other related issues, please also check with the International Student office: International Students Office, Fudan University, 220 Handan Road, Shanghai 200433, China,

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