

EMA Program in Chinese Philosophy and Culture

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 in China that belongs to a region that is rich in Chinese traditions and cultures. It has been 10 years since these programs were launched in 2011, and 105 students have been enrolled in either the M.A. program (87 students) and the visiting student program (18 students). They are from 35 countries (the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Australia, the U.K., Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Russia, Israel, Turkey, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Bangladesh, and Gambia, with student from North America and Europe forming the majority of the student body), 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 36 credits (4 credits for 2 courses in Chinese Language, 15 credits for five required major courses, 8 credits for 4 elective courses, 3 credits for scholarly activities, and 6 credits for two university-wide required courses) in

order to graduate. All courses should be finished by the end of the third semester. 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).

II. Requirements for Master's Degree Program

Chinese Language Courses

2 courses, and maximum of 4 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 your degree. 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. Please discuss with the department before you consider a replacement course.

Required major 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

2-3 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

Issues in 20th Century Chinese Philosophy

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

Elective from other disciplines

2 credits

Students can choose any course from other departments.

University-wide required courses

3 credits/course * 2 course

China Panorama and Chinese Politics (This arrangement is based on requirement from No.42 Order of Ministry of Education of China, 2017).

Scholarly activities and practical training

3 credits

Students in the program are required to participate in lectures offered by visiting scholars and arranged by the program. Students in the master program are also allowed to take an internship (no more than six months), if it is related to students' research. The internship should be finished before the beginning of the Spring semester of the second year.

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.

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 (Ph.D., Boston University) is the program director. He is the Dongfang Chair Professor of Philosophy at Fudan University in China, and a Global Professor of Law at NYU's Law School. His research interests include Chinese philosophy and political philosophy. His book, *China: The Political Philosophy of the Middle Kingdom* (in English), was published by Zed Books in 2012. His new book, *Against Political Equality: The Confucian Case*, is forthcoming by Princeton University Press.
- 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 Tiangang 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 Vermader 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 in Taiwan. His research interests include Neo-Confucianism and comparative philosophy.
- Prof. CHEN Jia holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champion, 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.
- Prof. XU Bo holds a Ph.D. from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. His research interests include 20th century Confucianism and Buddhism.

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

- 1) Government Scholarships through Fudan
- 2) Government Fellowship applied independently
- 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 10,000-17,500/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.

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 in 2021 is March 19 for those applicants who wish to also apply for government fellowships. Applications that are submitted after March 19 and before May 31 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

(Including scholarship application materials, requirements can be also found in ISO's website: <https://iso.fudan.edu.cn/isoenglish/wnlinewwpplication/list.htm>) :

1. A photocopy of the passport
2. Diploma of the highest degree conferred or proof of impending graduation (for applicants in their final year of study).
3. Two recommendation letters
4. A personal statement (1,500 words minimum) for scholarship application (either in Chinese or English), which should include (but not limited to) the reason for applying scholarship, family financial situation, study and work experiences, individual rewards and special skills, etc.
5. 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).
6. 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.)

7. A personal statement of less than 1,000 words for admission to the program (study and work experiences, academic achievements, research proposal, and career plan after the Fudan programs, etc.).
8. A writing sample of less than 5,000 words.
9. A list of scholarly works if applicable.
10. Foreigner Physical Examination Form (for applicants who apply for scholarships only). The form can be downloaded from <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/ziliao.htm> It must be filled up either in Chinese or in English. The physical report is valid for 6 months. Please do this as early as you can, as it can take weeks before you get the result.

Please note: Generally ALL of the above materials should be uploaded online, printed out, and mailed to the address below. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we do not require applicants to mail hard copies and we will review application materials by ISO's online admission system. If you wish to apply for scholarships, you should apply for them at the same time you apply for the program, please follow the instructions offered by ISO:

<https://iso.fudan.edu.cn/isoenglish/wnlinewpplication/list.htm>; if you don't apply for scholarships, please remember to upload files online before May 31, 2021.

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In the meantime,

Please send an email informing ALL of us about your application to Prof. CHANG, Tzuli tzuliph@gmail.com , Mr. YU, Mingzhi yumingzhi@fudan.edu.cn , and Prof. BAI, Tongdong baitongdong@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), Prof. CHANG, Tzuli tzeli@fudan.edu.cn , AND Prof. BAI, Tongdong baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn .

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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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