

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 website of International Students Office of Fudan University http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/downloads/yjszsjz_en20180104.pdf

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.
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 Sept. 30th. 2018.

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 2018 academic year opens from Dec.21st, 2017 to April 30th, 2018.

Non-degree students are admitted for both fall and spring semesters. Applications should be submitted by April 30th, 2018 for the 2018 fall semester and by Nov. 30th, 2018 for the 2019 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://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 before 28, February 2018.
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

Public Courses (Required)

Course No.	Course	Credits
TBA	Theories of Chinese Politics	3
TBA	Chinese Language	4
TBA	China Studies	3

Core Courses

Course No.	Course	Credits
EMAP620058	Comparative Politics	3
EMAP620016	Research Methods of Political Sciences	3

Specialty courses

Course No.	Course	Credits
EMAP620024	Chinese Politics	3
EMAP620077	Qualitative Research Methods	3
EMAP620076	Quantitative Research Methods	3

Selective courses within the discipline

Course No.	Course	Credits
EMAP820006	International Political Economy(国际政治经济学)	3
POLI630034	International Relations in East Asia (东亚国际关系研究)	2
POLI630037	Comparative East Asian Politics (东亚政治比较研究)	2
EMAP630192	Party Politics in the Developing World	2

EMAP630019	Sino-American Relations and American Politics (中美关系与美国政治)	3
EMAP630130	Global Environmental Governance	2
EMAP630193	International Economic Policy (国际经济政策)	2
EMAP630014	China-EU Relations (中国-欧盟关系研究)	3
EMAP620003	International Politics	3
POLI630016	Global Governance	2
EMAP620004	Chinese Public Administration	3
EMAP630163	Cross-culture Communication	2
EMAP630018	Sino-Russian Relations and Russian Politics	3
EMAP620038	Comparative Public Management	2
EMAP620001	Contemporary Chinese Diplomacy	3
EMAP630052	China's Foreign Economic Policies	2
EMAP620023	Public Management Theories	3
EMAP620073	Global Public Policy	3
EMAP620074	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	3
EMAP630167	Social Policy	2
EMAP630166	Political Philosophy in Traditional China	2
EMAP620020	Public Economics (公共经济学)	3

Program Requirement

- Two years of full-time study

Courses: students are required to take at least 32 credits to fulfill degree requirement, including 10 credits in public courses, 6 credits in core courses, 6 credits in specialty courses (one is Chinese Politics, the other one is Qualitative Research Methods or Quantitative Research Methods), 10 credits in selective courses

- No “F” during the two years’ study, although “F”s can be written off if the students re-take the courses and get a satisfactory grade. However, “F”s cannot be offset by other extra courses.
- Average GPA above or at least equal to 2.0
- Academic Activities and Practice requirements (4 credits)

A student **MUST** participate in extracurricular academic activities and satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Attends at least five English academic lectures or conferences. The student is required to submit the lecture or conference documents (notice, poster, etc.) and his/her memo of summary and thoughts (at least one single page) to the Office.

- Deliver an academic speech or presentation in an academic conference. The student is required to provide the conference invitation letter and his/her presentation PPT to the Office.

A student MUST do some practica and complete at least one of the following assignments:

- Works as an intern in research institutions, companies or public organizations, either domestic or international. The student is required to submit related certifying document to the Office.
 - Designs or participates in a social research program, conducting fieldwork or acts as a volunteer in public activities. A memo of the experience is required (at least one single page).
- Pass the proposal defense scheduled in the end of the first semester of the second year; pass the pre-defense scheduled during the mid-term point of the second semester of the second year; pass blind review (at least two reviewers); pass final thesis defense scheduled in the end of May of the second year.
 - Finish all above requirements in up to 5 years; 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.

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 st -20 th : Final exam or course paper due; Winter break begins	New Year Holiday Jan 1 st -20 th : 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 th -30 th : Final exam or term paper due	Complete graduation procedure Commencement and farewell party
July	Summer Break begins	

7. Contact Information

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