

MASTER IN CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

Program Name: Chinese Philosophy

School of Philosophy, Beijing Normal University

INTRODUCTION

The School of Philosophy at Beijing Normal University offers a two-year Master degree in Chinese Philosophy. While students who are familiar with Chinese are especially encouraged to participate, the program is entirely run in English, and there are no Chinese language pre-requirements. The program is particularly designed to enhance philosophical and international cultural exchange between China and other nations. It aims to train talented students and other committed individuals from all parts of the world to develop a deep understanding of the rich traditions of Chinese philosophy nurtured over the last three thousand years. Students who complete the program will acquire a wide knowledge of the traditions of Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism, as well the Chinese philosophies of history, of ethics, and of politics. Students will also acquire substantial knowledge of modern Chinese philosophy and learn how to consider the far-ranging traditions of Chinese philosophy from comparative and international perspectives while engaging with the Western and other great traditions of world philosophy.

Faculty who offer courses in the MA program include internationally recognized Chinese scholars who have spent their lives immersed in the traditions of ancient, traditional, and modern Chinese philosophy as well as Chinese scholars who have received the highest levels of philosophical training in Western universities; acclaimed Western scholars of philosophy who enjoy long-term tenure in BNU's School of Philosophy; and an outstanding array of celebrated Western scholars of Chinese philosophy who teach by special invitation. Our full-time and invited faculty work together to open up the profound depths of philosophical inquiry from a necessarily comparative perspective that finds its anchor in the profundity of the many traditions of Chinese philosophical discourse, thus contributing to the internationalization of Chinese philosophy as it takes its place in the globalized modern world of inter-cultural exchange.

BNU's International MA Program in Chinese Philosophy is offered to talented students and other committed individuals who intend to go on to pursue PhD or other graduate-level international and professional studies in philosophy, comparative philosophy, or Chinese philosophy, as well as in other academic fields such as international law, international political studies, and international cultural studies; to students who intend to teach philosophy at the junior-college level; and to students who intend to enter the professional work force at any international level with relevance to China.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

✧ Students seeking admission to the MA program must have earned a BA from an

accredited university in any relevant discipline, or expect to receive one before entering the program. Previous study in Chinese philosophy is recommended but not necessary.

- ✧ Students must possess high proficiency in English. All non-native English speakers must certify that they have passed a recognized English-language proficiency test, preferably TOEFL (86) or IELTS (6/5.5) from locations where it is offered, although this may vary depending on the students' home country and particular background.

DURATUION & TUITION

- Study Duration: 2 years
- Tuition fee: RMB 60,000 (for 2 years)

CREDIT & COURSES

Credits: Within the period of the first three semesters, students must complete **32** credits of course-work. This includes the required eight core courses in addition to elective courses, as listed below. With permission of the program director, students may also take courses that are offered by other departments at BNU that will count toward elective course credit. By the end of the period of the fourth semester, students are required to submit a master's thesis.

Courses:

Type	Course Name
	Chinese History and Culture
Core	History of Chinese Philosophy I: Pre-Qin to Tang
Core	History of Chinese Philosophy II: Song to 20 th Century
Core	Methodological Issues in the Study of Chinese Philosophy
Core	Early Confucianism
Core	Early Daoism
Core	Neo-Confucianism
Core	Modern Chinese Philosophy
Core	Comparative Studies with Chinese Philosophy
Elective	Seminar of Special Topics on Chinese Philosophy
Elective	Selected Topics in Confucian philosophy
Elective	Selected Topics in Daoist Philosophy
Elective	Selected Topics in Chinese Buddhism
Elective	Chinese Political Philosophy
Elective	Chinese Philosophy of History

Elective	Chinese Ethics
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