北京師範大學 BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

北京師範大學 哲学学院 SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY BNU

International MA Program in Chinese Philosophy

6 Reasons Why MA Program in BNU is the Top Choice

Historic Richness and Cultural Depth

Founded in 1902 and promoting a profound cultural heritage, Beijing Normal University is a pioneer of modern higher education in China. Many distinguished Chinese professors have taught here, teaching and mentoring countless young scholars who have gone on to become leaders in their fields both in China and throughout the world.

Advanced Platformfor International Cooperation and Exchange

Nurturing a global academic and intellectual cultural community for a shared future of humankind is a top priority of BNU, which works closely with over 300 international partners. The nearly 2,000 registered and long-term international students at BNU rank among the top universities in China.

Prominent Educational Institution in Philosophy

The School of Philosophy at BNU is a leading center for philosophy and social sciences education in China. The School of Philosophy at BNU continues to be recognized as "First-Class" and consistently ranks within the QS 51-100 bracket of global universities and colleges.

Strategic Geographic Location

Located in the heart of Beijing, the capital of China, the location of BNU benefits from its presence next to the country's central seats of politics, culture, international exchange, and technological innovation, offering a unique blend of historical and modern city experiences.

Active in Academic and Cultural Experiences

BNU provides a variety of academic and cultural experiences for international students, conducting cultural tours to other cities as well as various summer schools, in particular, the Summer Philosophy School that is connected to the MA Program, all of which deeply enrich campus life.

Outstanding Faculty Team

Our exceptional faculty team is composed of distinguished scholars from China and specialists in Chinese philosophy from across the world. They provide students with an international learning environment with a broad perspective and a wealth of academic resources.







Learning Outcomes

Acquire a wide understanding of the rich traditions of Chinese philosophy nurtured over three millennia by famous thinkers including Laozi, Confucius, and Zhu Xi.

Through a rigorous graduate-level academic program, students develop a sound foundation for delving into ancient, traditional, and modern topics in Chinese philosophy, allowing students to participate in the dynamism of China's wider philosophical communities.



Achieve personal growth through a close engagement with Chinese philosophy. By acquiring solid knowledge within the academic atmosphere of Beijing Normal University, students become aware of the central role of ethics, character building, and personal cultivation in Chinese philosophy.

Enhance students' understanding of China by offering a range of language and other cultural courses, including Basic Chinese, Daily Chinese, and Introduction to Contemporary Development of China.



Career Paths

Since its establishment in 2018, the MA Program in Chinese Philosophy has cultivated dozens of outstanding young scholars from all corners of the world, including the United States, Russia, Canada, the United Kingdom, Spain, Singapore, Pakistan, Nepal, Ghana, and Tanzania. Upon graduation, many students have had their papers published in various journals and magazines, including those indexed in AHCI. Some students have continued their studies in China to pursue doctoral degrees in Chinese philosophy and Chinese culture, while others have returned to their home countries to take up teaching and research positions in philosophy at Confucius Institutes, local universities, and research institutions. The MA Program is also particularly well-suited for students who intend to pursue PhD studies or who intend to enter the professional workforce at any international level with relevance to China.

Course Overview

During the first three semesters, students must complete 35 credits from core and elective courses. By the end of the fourth semester, students are required to submit a master's thesis. This requirement offers students the opportunity to conduct independent research in a field of Chinese philosophy of their own interest, thereby deeply enriching their academic experience of studying Chinese philosophy in China.

Core Modules

Program Structure

- Academic Lectures
- Academic Workshops
- Guest Lectures
- Cultural Experiences

Type	Course Name	Credits
Core	Basic Chinese & Basic Chinese II	4
Core	Methodological Issues in the Study of Chinese Philosophy	3
Core	History of Chinese Philosophy I: Pre-Qin to Tang	3
Core	Marxist Theory	3
Core	Instruction to MA Thesis	3
Core	Introduction to Contemporary Development of China	2
Elective	Early Daoism	2
Elective	Early Confucianism	3
Elective	Advanced Studies in Confucianism	3
Elective	History of Chinese Philosophy II: Song to 20th Century	3
Elective	Chinese Ethics	2
Elective	Advanced Studies of Chinese Philosophical Thought	3
Elective	Issues in Chinese Religious Studies	3
Elective	Selected Topics in Daoist Philosophy	2
Elective	Selected Topics in Confucian Philosophy	2
Elective	Selected Topics in Chinese Buddhism	2
Elective	Chinese Philosophy of History	2
Elective	Chinese Political Philosophy	2
Elective	Special Topics on Chinese Philosophy	2

Tuition & Scholarship

The tuition fee for MA Program is RMB 60,000 for the two-year program of full-time study. Students are encouraged to apply for various scholarships, including the Chinese Government Scholarship, Beijing Government Scholarship for International Students. Note that in most cases scholarship applications are due before the program application deadline. Please refer to: **https://admission-is.bnu.edu.cn** to view specific scholarship categories.

For applications of Chinese Government Scholarships, please refer to the website of the China Scholarship Council (**https://www.campuschina.org**) or contact the cultural and educational departments of the local Chinese embassy.

Lead Professors

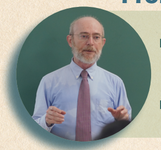
The lead instructors in the MA Program are affiliated with prestigious universities from around the world. Current and past instructors include:

Prof. Peimin Ni



Professor Emeritus, Grand Valley State University; Former President of the International Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy; Former President of the Association for Chinese Philosophers in America; Former Executive Vice-President of the Institute for Advanced Humanities Studies at Peking University

Prof. Reccardo



Professor of History of Philosophy, University of Rome Tor Vergata and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences; member of the Accademia degli Agiati di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti; member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts

Prof. Robin Wang



Professor of Philosophy, Loyola Marymount University; Berggruen fellow (2016-17) at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University; Member of Steering Committee for Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie

Prof. Bertrand Badie



Professor Emeritus, Sciences Po Paris; Researcher at the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales; Renowned French specialist in International Relations

Prof. Xia Chen



Research Fellow at the Institute of Philosophy and Director of the Editorial Department for the Journal of Philosophical Trends at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Co-Chair of Scientific Panel, UNESCO Silk Roads Youth Research Grant; Vice President of the International Federation of I Ching Studies

Prof. Wei Sun



Professor of Philosophy, Head of Philosophy Institute, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences; President of the International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy; Member of the Council of the Chinese Confucian Academy

Prof. Thomas Michael



Professor of Philosophy and Vice Director of the International MA Program in Chinese Philosophy, Beijing Normal University; Lecturer at The Beijing Center

Prof. Limei Jiang



Deputy Secretary-General, Research Committee of Laozi Studies; Program Manager, International MA Program in Philosophy, School of Philosophy, Beijing Normal University; Part-Time Editor, Frontiers of Philosophy in China



How to Apply

- Register for an account at **https://international.bnu.edu.cn** and sign in. The deadline for applying is **March 10th, 2027**.
- Submit all required information as guided.
- Pay an application fee of 600 RMB (non-refundable) through the payment system on the website.
- Sit for an online interview (interview notification will be sent via email, and interview results will be shown in the system).

Application Requirements

- Applicants should be non-Chinese citizens holding a foreign passport and under 50 years old (Date of Birth after August 31, 1977).
- Applicants should have a degree equivalent to a Bachelor's or above from an accredited college or university.
- **Language proficiency requirements:**

① Applicants must certify that they have passed a recognized English-language proficiency test, preferably TOEFL iBT (90) or IELTS Academic (6/5.5).

② Applicants who received their academic degrees from an English language program are not required to provide proof of English proficiency, but must submit relevant documents that support it (e.g., a certificate issued by the graduating institution.)







Contact Us

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