北京師範大學 BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

北京师范大学 哲学学院 SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY BNU

International *Ph.D.* Program

PH.D. IN CHINESE PHILOSOPHY

A full-English doctoral program for rigorous research in Chinese philosophy, comparative philosophy, and globally engaged scholarship.

Introduction

The School of Philosophy at Beijing Normal University, a leading academic institution for philosophical research and education in China, launches its full-English Doctoral Program in Chinese Philosophy, officially open for admission starting from 2027.

Building on the well-established English-taught Master's program in Chinese Philosophy, this doctoral program delivers advanced, in-depth academic training covering the core traditions of Confucianism, Daoism, and Chinese Buddhism. The curriculum further expands into profound research fields including Chinese historical philosophy, ethical thoughts, and political philosophy.

Centered on cross-cultural dialogue and global academic vision, the program highlights comparative studies between Chinese philosophy and Western philosophical traditions, enabling students to conduct original, high-level research with an international perspective.

Delivered entirely in English, the doctoral program is designed for outstanding graduates who aim to pursue sophisticated academic research and future academic careers worldwide. It prepares students for post-doctoral studies, advanced scholarly research in Chinese philosophy, comparative philosophy, and global philosophical studies, as well as interdisciplinary careers covering international law, global political studies, and cross-cultural communication. Additionally, the program cultivates high-caliber professionals capable of engaging in international academic exchanges, China-related global cultural undertakings and international collaborative research.

Fully accredited by Beijing Normal University and the Ministry of Education of China, this doctoral program inherits the School's decades-long academic accumulation and international teaching experience. It adopts a rigorous academic training system tailored for international doctoral students, aiming to foster globally competitive scholars with solid expertise in Chinese philosophy and cross-cultural research capabilities.

Research Direction

Major Directions : Chinese Philosophy

Main research topics :

- Frontiers of Philosophy
- Special Seminar on Taoist Philosophy
- Advanced Philosophical Writing Course
- Early Chinese Philosophy from a Western Perspective
- Research on Cutting-Edge Issues in Chinese Philosophy

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 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.

Tuition & Scholarship

The tuition fee for Ph.D. Program is RMB 98,000 for the three-year program of full-time study.

Students are encouraged to apply for various scholarships, including the Chinese Government Scholarship **Type A**: Youth of Excellence Scheme of China Program and the Chinese Government Scholarship **Type B**: Chinese University Program. 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.



How to Apply

- Please refer to the latest notice issued by BNU Admission Office every year.
- Scholarship applications are subject to the deadline set by the respective funding agencies and organizations.
- Prepare the required documents and follow the current BNU international admission procedures.

Required Qualifications

- Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens with valid passports.
- Applicants for the doctoral program should have a Master's Degree or equivalent to a Master's Degree or above.
- Applicants should be in good health and character (meet the physical examination requirements stipulated by the country and BNU), be well-behaved, and be willing to abide by China's laws and regulations, as well as BNU's rules.
- **Language skills requirements:**

  All applicant must certify that they have passed arecognized English-language proficiency test, preferably TOEFL iBT(90) or IELTS Academic(6/5.5).

  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.)

Degree & Graduation

During the first year, students must complete 18 credits from core and elective courses. The comprehensive qualifying examination is normally scheduled in the third semester. This requirement enables students to carry out independent research within their chosen field of Chinese philosophy, thereby deeply enriching their academic experience of studying Chinese philosophy in China.







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