Master in Public Management

Program Name: Contemporary China Development Studies (CCDS)

The First Program in Asia Awarded IAC/EADI Accreditation

School of Government

Beijing Normal University

Beijing, China

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❖ A Leading Public Policy School in China's Most Historic University

Established in 2013, the School of Government (http://www.sg.bnu.edu.cn/) at Beijing Normal University evolved from the former School of Management, founded in 2001. With over 70 faculty members and more than 1,000 students, the School offers a comprehensive system of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs. It was rated "A" in China's fifth national discipline assessment for Public Management.

The School is proud of its dynamic and well-structured faculty, educated at top Chinese and global universities. This strong academic foundation supports its mission to cultivate innovative, interdisciplinary, and globally minded talents for the modern era.

❖ Your Pathway to a Development-Related Career

The Master's Program in Contemporary China Development Studies (CCDS) offers students an in-depth understanding of how development and underdevelopment take shape. Focusing on China and other developing countries, the program explores effective strategies to meet today's most pressing developmental challenges.

Taught in English by leading scholars and practitioners, this two-year program adopts a multi-disciplinary approach to topics such as political development, poverty reduction, non-profit management, and global governance. Students gain both a comprehensive understanding of China's development processes and critical research skills from a comparative international perspective, preparing them for careers in government service, development agencies, research institutions, and NGOs.

❖ A Rigorously Designed Curriculum

The CCDS program requires 34 academic credits, including 28 credits of coursework and a 6-credit master's thesis.

Type	Course Title	Credit	Semester
Core Courses (17 credits)	Introduction to China	3	2
	Chinese Language	4	1&2
	Public Policy Analysis	3	1
	Quantitative Research Method	2	1
	Qualitative Research Method	2	2
	International Development and China	3	2
Elective Courses (13 credits)	Chinese Politics	2	1
	NPO Leadership and Management	2	2
	Social Policy Theory and International Comparison	2	2
	Social Development Issues of China	2	2
	Global Governance	2	1
	Academic Writing	1	3
	Internship	2	3
Thesis (6 credits)	Thesis Proposal Defense	2	3
	Thesis Writing and Thesis Defense	4	4

❖ Rich Partnerships and a Globally Trained Faculty

The School of Government maintains extensive partnerships with government departments, development agencies, think tanks, and universities worldwide. This network offers CCDS students valuable opportunities for scholarships, internships, and field visits, ensuring a rich combination of academic learning and practical experience.

The CCDS teaching faculty bring rigorous academic training and deep experience in both research and development practice.

Faculty	Disciplines	Research Fields
GUAN Ting	PhD in Public Administration Zhejiang University	Public policy SDGs and global governance
GUAN Xiaoyu	PhD in Organization & Management University of New South Wales	Organization behavior Human resource management

GUO Jia	PhD in Public Administration University of Hong Kong	Government and citizen interaction in the policy process
GUO Yue	PhD in Public Administration Tsinghua University	Behavioral public policy Policy process
LI Xiufeng	PhD in Public Administration Renmin University of China	Administrative reform Public leadership Public ethics
LIAN Hongping	PhD in Sociology University of Aberdeen	Urban-rural grassroots governance Land and housing policy
LIANG Xiaoyun	PhD in Epidemiology Capital Medical University	Epidemiology of non-communicable disease Health policy
LIU Lili	PhD in Politics School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London	State and society in Chinese politics Policy process
WANG Lei	PhD in Diplomacy Studies Fudan University	Global governance International public policy International organization
WANG Xinsong	PhD in Political Science Georgia State University	Comparative politics Chinese politics International development
WANG Ye'an	PhD in Social Work and Social Administration University of Hong Kong	Social work education Gerontological social work Community building
YAN Yu	PhD in Political Science University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	Digital government City governance Computational methods
YU Zhen	PhD in Human Geography University of Hull	Sustainability transitions Urban and regional development
ZHANG Qian	PhD in Social Policy Brandeis University	Social policy Public policy analysis
ZHANG Qiang	PhD in Public Management Tsinghua University	Emergency management Public policy NGO management and social innovation

❖ Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Hold an undergraduate degree, preferably in a social science field such as

political science, public administration, public policy, international relations, sociology, or economics.

- TOEFL iBT: 90 or above; or IELTS Academic: 6.0 or above. Applicants whose prior degree was taught entirely in English are exempt from submitting test scores but must provide certification from their institution.
- Relevant work and/or volunteer experience is considered an advantage.
- Submit a one-minute video briefly introducing the applicant's personal background, academic interests and study plans.

❖ Tuition and Fees

- Application fee: RMB 600 (non-refundable)
- Tuition: RMB 60,000 (for two years)

❖ Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available to international students based on academic merit and financial need, though they are limited and awarded on a competitive basis. For details on scholarship opportunities and application procedures, please visit Beijing Normal University's official website.

❖ Notification

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, and candidates will be notified of conditional admission decisions by the School of Government as soon as their applications are processed. We strongly encourage prospective students to apply early. Final and official admission decisions will be issued by Beijing Normal University.

❖ Contact Information

For more application information, please visit:
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