About
Starting from 2012, the Chinese Religion, Philosophy and Culture Program (CRPCP) offers overseas students the opportunity to study Chinese Religion, philosophy and culture while living in China. CRPCP attracts students from all over the world and hopes to create a unique multidisciplinary and multinational environment in which diverse backgrounds and experiences will enhance rigorous academic study.

Two-year master’s program
The two-year master’s program provides a comprehensive introduction to Chinese religions (Buddhism, Daoist religion and Christianity in China), philosophy (Confucianism and Daoism), history and literature. In the second year, the program supports students to conduct independent research on a selected topic. Upon the completion of the program, graduates will earn a Master Degree of philosophy, recognized by the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China.

Student exchange program
The student exchange program aims at providing undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in Chinese culture a general introduction to the Chinese religions, philosophy, and literature. The program also encourages students to conduct independent research on a selected topic. Upon the completion of the program, students will receive a certificate from RUC and credits which are recognized by the host institution of the student.
The language of instruction and administration for CRPCP is ENGLISH. CRPCP is based in the School of Philosophy (SP) at Renmin University (Renda), China’s premier institution for higher education in the humanities and social sciences. Renda’s tradition of research and teaching excellence provides an unbeatable foundation for educating top foreign students in the fundamentals of Chinese religion, philosophy and culture. The university’s vibrant academic community hopes to enrich students’ experience well beyond the classroom.

**Tuition**

**Master program:**
Tuition for the Chinese Religion, Philosophy and Culture Program (CRPCP) is CNY 40,000 per academic year. Students must pay their tuition prior to the start of classes each term.
In addition to tuition, students are responsible for paying their course materials (CNY 500 per term), accommodations, and living expenses.

**Student Exchange Program:**
Tuition will be paid according to the mutual agreement between RUC and students’ host institutions. Students must pay their tuition prior to the start of classes each term.

**Scholarships**

Every year CRPCP offers a limited number of scholarships to help cover a portion of the students’ tuition expenses. For the first-year students, scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. In the second year, the School of Philosophy Academic Committee will also consider academic performance when allocating financial awards. Scholarship recipients may be asked to assist SP faculty in academic research and English composition. Please be noted that under no circumstance will the amount of a scholarship exceed the cost of tuition. All students are responsible for covering the costs of accommodations, course materials and other living expenses.

Applicants who want to be considered for scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form with their application material. Applicants selected for scholarship will be informed in their admission notification.
Professors:
1. Professor Yang Hui, Vice-President of RUC, Ph.D. (RUC), Specialties: Christianity in China, Chinese Literature;
2. Professor Wei Dedong, Vice-Dean, School of Philosophy, Ph.D. (RUC), Specialties: Chinese Buddhism, Chinese Religious Sociology;
3. Professor Wen Haiming, School of Philosophy, Ph.D. (University of Hawaii, USA), Specialties: Confucianism, Chinese Philosophy;
4. Professor Wei Shan, School of Philosophy, Ph.D. (University of Kelanya, Sri Lanka), Specialties: Buddhism;
5. Professor Li Kelin (Hongkong University), Specialties: Aesthetics;
6. Professor Ma Lin (Leuven University), Specialties: Comparative Philosophy;
7. Professor Liu Wei (CUHK), Specialties: Chinese Ethics;
8. Professor Zhang Xuesong (CUHK), Specialties: Chinese Religions;
9. Professor Zhao Xiu, School of History, Ph. D. (RUC), Specialties: Chinese History;
10. Ven. Dr. Yuan Liu (The Buddhist Academy of China) (University of Kelanya, Sri Lanka), Specialties: Buddhism;
11. Professor Yuan Li (UK), Specialties: Chinese Business Ethics.

Degree Requirements:

Courses for M. A. Program:
Students must complete 12 courses. In general, the students can complete 12 courses in the first 3 terms and spend the last term writing their thesis.

Courses for Exchange Students:
Students should meet the requirement of their host institutions and complete courses during their stay. CRPCP’s courses vary from year to year. Each term, the students must enroll in all the substantive courses offered. The students might also attend a weekly lecture series. Finally, all students should take at least one semester of Chinese language.
CRPCP’s courses:
1. Introduction to Chinese Religions
2. Chinese Buddhism
3. Daoism and Daoist Religion
4. Confucianism
5. Chinese Religious Sociology
6. Christianity in China
7. Introduction to Chinese Philosophy
8. Contemporary Chinese Thoughts and Cultures
9. Chinese and Western Comparative Philosophies
10. Introduction to Chinese Literature
11. Chinese History
12. Chinese Aesthetics and Arts
13. Chinese Business Ethics
14. Methodology in Chinese Culture Studies
15. Elementary / Intermediate Chinese Language

Visits:
In each spring semester, the first-year students will visit approximately ten cultural relics, museums and sites to gain a better appreciation and understanding of Chinese philosophy and culture. Previous destinations have included the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, The Buddhist Academy of China, Confucian Temple, Haidian Church, etc.

Master’s Thesis
In the second year, the students must finish their master thesis, which is 30-50 pages in length, and defend it before the thesis committee. The students must work closely with their thesis advisor to define a focused topic and conduct the research.

Application Procedure
Applicants should go on our website (http://en.ruc.edu.cn/ or http://iso.ruc.edu.cn ) to read the introduction to our Master Programs in English, before application. Application should include the following material:
1. Application Form. Complete the Online Application Form on the website of RUC Graduate School (click “Online Application for Master Programs in English” in http:// pgs.ruc.edu.cn to register), then print out the completed Application Form.
2. In conjunction with the application form, candidates for admission must provide:
a. Completed application form (Electronic Version accepted) for expediency in processing and a statement of purpose, including education and working experience, scholarly outcomes, research projects, etc.;
b. Certified copy of undergraduate transcripts and copy of their Bachelor’s degree;
c. Two letters of recommendation from their professors;
d. Four recent bareheaded and full-faced ID photos;
e. Copies of published academic articles, award certificates or other academic outcomes;
f. Proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or other internationally recognized standard tests). This applies only to those applicants whose Bachelor’s degree is completed in a language other than English.
g. Non-refundable application fee: 600 CNY.
Please read the overall English Programs’ information on the University Website to find out how to pay the application fee. DO NOT send cash or check with your application material.
h. Scholarship form (optional). Applicants who want to be considered for a scholarship must submit the Scholarship Application Form with their application material (See the “Finances & Aid” section for more information).
i. Copy of passport;
The program will organize an admission committee to evaluate and assess application material. The applicants who have passed the assessment will then be asked to attend interviews in person or via long-distance video. After confirming the list of enrolled students as selected from their application material and interviews, the program will then submit this list to the Graduate School and International Office to determine the final admissions.

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