

**EMA Program in Chinese Philosophy and Culture**  
**Fudan University**  
**Shanghai, China**

**I. Academic Programs**

**Overview**

These programs are aimed to offer opportunities of learning Chinese and studying Chinese philosophy to overseas postgraduates or college juniors and seniors who have not yet been able to master the Chinese language. In addition to Chinese language classes, these programs offer courses on Chinese philosophy as well as other related courses in English at Fudan University. Fudan University is a leading institution of higher education in China, and is experienced with and renowned for educating overseas students. The School of Philosophy at Fudan is a top philosophy department in China. The university is located in Shanghai, the most dynamic city of China that belongs to a region that is rich in Chinese traditions and cultures. It has been two years since these programs were launched, and 21 students have been enrolled in either the M.A. program (17 students) and the visiting student program (4 students). They are from the U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, The Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Israel, and Indonesia, and many of them are top students in their classes, majoring in philosophy, classics, and/or East Asian or Chinese studies. The above facts make these programs simply the most successful of their kind (English-based higher and post-graduate education programs in Chinese philosophy) in mainland China.

**M.A. Program**

This is a two-year degree program. The students who apply for the program should have a college degree from an accredited institution upon entering the program. To get the degree, the students are required to get at least 29 credits (6 credits for 2 courses in Chinese Language, 15 credits for five required major courses and 8 credits for 4 elective courses). A master's thesis is required for obtaining the master's degree. Other than the above courses, students are also allowed to take courses that are offered by other departments at Fudan University (up to 6 credits per semester).

### **Visiting Student Program**

This is a one-year program. The students who apply for the program should be postgraduate students or students who will be in their junior or senior years upon entering the program. The students must complete 3-4 major courses, and 1-2 courses of Chinese. Upon the completion of the program, the students will be given a certificate. Other than the above courses, students are also allowed to take courses that are offered by other departments at Fudan University (up to 6 credits per semester).

### **Audit Program**

This program is based upon individual courses. The students must have a college degree, or a proof of active enrollment in an accredited college and the completion of their junior year of studies. A transcript of courses taken in this program will be offered upon request. If the students decide to pursue either of the above two programs later, these courses may be carried over.

## **II. Curriculum for Master's Degree Program**

1. Chinese (2 courses, 3 credits each). Modern Chinese (Beginning), Modern Chinese (Intermediate), Modern Chinese (Advanced), Classical Chinese.
2. Required Major Courses (5 courses, 3 credits each).
3. Elective Major Courses (4 courses, 2 credits each).
4. Thesis.

## **III. Major and Elective Courses**

### **1. Major Courses**

Classical Chinese Philosophy I (Confucianism and Legalism)

Classical Chinese Philosophy II (Daoism and Mohism)

Chinese Classical Studies

Wei Jin *Xuanxue*

Neo-Confucianism

Introduction to Buddhist Philosophy

Modern Chinese Philosophy

## **2. Elective Courses**

Issues in Chinese Spiritualities and Religions

Daoism and Its Texts

Readings in Classical Chinese Philosophy

Chinese Philosophy from a Comparative Perspective

Special Topics: Chinese Philosophy and Its Methods

Special Topics: Chinese Philosophy in the English Speaking World

Confucianism: Then and Now

Special Topics in Buddhism

Political-religious Relationship of Modern Buddhism

War and Peace in Ancient Chinese philosophy.

Ways of Contemplation in China.

Dialogical Styles in Chinese Philosophy.

Issues in Chinese and Indian Logic

Indian Philosophy

Seminar: Issues in Indian Philosophy

Chinese Religions in Theory and Practice: Insider- and Outsider-Bias  
after WWI

## **IV. List of Faculty Members Who Regularly Teach Major and Elective Courses**

- Prof. BAI Tongdong (program director) holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston University, and was a tenured associate professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati before he joined Fudan University in the rank of full professor. He is on the editorial board in two leading English journals in Chinese philosophy, and has written many articles in English and Chinese. The English and revised version of his book (the Chinese version was published by the Peking University Press), *A New Mission of an Old State: Classical Confucian Political Philosophy in a Contemporary and Comparative Context* will be published soon. He was also commissioned to write an introduction to traditional Chinese political philosophy. He has been invited to speak at many academic institutions all over the world.

- Prof. CAI Qinghua holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Her research interests include Daoism and Wei Jin Xuan Xue.
- Prof. LI Tiangan holds a Ph.D. from Fudan University under the supervision of Prof. ZHU Weizheng, one of the leading scholars in Chinese classical studies (*jing xue*) in China. He has been a visiting scholar to academic institutions all over the world. He has published both in Chinese and English, and has regularly taught courses in English. His research interests include *jing xue* and the cultural exchanges between China and the West.
- Prof. Laurence Lau studied at various institutions in Hong Kong, mainland China, and Canada before he obtained his Ph.D. from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He has published widely in the studies of Buddhism.
- Prof. Benoit Vermader holds M.A., Ph.D., and Th.D. from a few leading academic institutions from France, the U.S., and Taiwan. He has taught at Fordham University in New York, among other places. His research interests include political philosophy and Chinese spiritualities and religions.
- Prof. FANG Xudong of Eastern China Normal University holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Peking University under the supervision from Prof. CHEN Lai, one of the leading scholars in Neo-Confucianism in China. He is a visiting fellow to a few academic institutions in the U.S. and the U.K., and has published both in Chinese and in English. His research interests include Neo-Confucianism and comparative philosophy.
- Prof. Eberhard Guhe studied Indology, logic and mathematics at the University of Münster as well as at the University of Vienna, where he passed his MA and my PhD in Indology with a thesis on Indian logic. His teaching interests include Indian philosophy (especially logic).

## **V. Tuition and Living Expenses**

Tuition for the M.A. and Visiting Students Programs is RMB 50,000 a year. Students are also required to cover other expenses while living in Shanghai. Rooms are available in on-campus International Students Dormitories, and the monthly rent for a single room

(with a shared bathroom) ranges from RMB 1,200 per month to 2,700 per month. Meals at an on-campus dining facility costs less than RMB 1,000 per month. Please check the website of the International Student Office for further information (International Students Office, Fudan University, 220 Handan Road, Shanghai 200433, China, TEL: 86-21-6564-2258 (Degree Program), 86-21-6564 2250 (Non-Degree Program), FAX: 86-21-6511 7298, Email: [lxsyjs@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:lxsyjs@fudan.edu.cn), Website: <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/> or <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/en/index.htm>).

## **VI. Scholarships**

Various types of scholarships are available. 1) Government Scholarships. The Chinese and Shanghai governments' fellowships will cover either the tuition only or the tuition and accommodation on-campus, as well as some living expenses. Our programs have a great track-record of securing these fellowships for our applicants. The applicant can also apply for the Chinese Government Scholarship (CGS) on his or her own (<http://en.csc.edu.cn>). However, the Ministry of Education may assign you to an institution not of your choosing, while applying for the CGS through Fudan will guarantee that you will come to Fudan. 2) Fudan University also offers Fudan Student Fellowships annually to second-year International Students based on a campus-wide competition that can cover part of the tuition, ranging from RMB 5,000 to 15,000/year. 3) The School of Philosophy offers RMB 5,000/semester to students who pay tuition out of their own pockets, take a full-course load (4 courses/semester), and maintain a B+ average. No separate application is needed. 4) Yan Zhuping Fellowship. RMB 5,000. Only students who pay for the tuition are eligible, and no separate application is needed. 5) Fatile Scholarship. RMB 5,000. Only students who pay for the tuition are eligible, and no separate application is needed. 6) Other forms of fellowships may also become available in the near future. 7) In addition, help will be offered to students who wish to find part-time jobs (such as instructor for spoken English) to support their studies in these programs.

## **VII. Application**

For students who wish to enroll in the Fall semester in any given year, the start date for applications is November 15 of the previous year. The priority deadline is March 1 of the same year as that of enrollment. Applications that are submitted after March 1 and before June 1 may be considered, but government fellowships won't be available for students who fail to submit their applications before the priority deadline. The official admission results will be announced in late June or early July on this website: <http://iso.fudan.edu.cn>, and an admission package will be sent out after the announcements. A confirmation email can be sent to you earlier by request.

Application materials include:

- 1) Register on-line and fill out the on-line form: <http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/>  
Upon approval, pay the application fee of RMB 800 (MA program) or RMB 400 (visiting and audit programs). Then, print out the application form, attach a photo to the form, and sign.
- 2) For scholarship application, please check the website [http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi\\_sh.htm](http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi_sh.htm) for procedures. Pay particular attention to scholarships for new students. Only the Chinese Government Scholarship, Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS) Class A, and Shanghai Government Scholarship (SGS) Class B are applicable to the incoming (new) students. To apply for ALL OF THE THREE fellowships will increase your chance to get a fellowship.
- 3) Official Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (notarized English translations are needed if they are not originally in English, and the meaning of grades needs to be explained if it is different from the system commonly used in American colleges).
- 4) Copy of diploma(s) from all post-secondary institutions attended if applicable (notarized English translations are needed if they are not originally in English).
- 5) Two (2) letters of recommendation.
- 6) Proof of English language efficiency if the student's native language is not English and the student hasn't attended college(s) in which courses are taught in

- English. An IBT score of 90 or higher or an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher is required.
- 7) A personal statement of less than 1,000 words (study and work experiences, academic achievements, research proposal, and career plan after the Fudan programs, etc.).
  - 8) A writing sample of less than 5,000 words.
  - 9) A list of scholarly works if applicable.
  - 10) A copy of passport.

PLEASE NOTE: The application package needs to include TWO (2) copies of all the materials listed above, and it should be sent by regular mail to the following address (please also send a notification email to Prof. BAI, Tongdong [baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:baitongdong@fudan.edu.cn)):

For the MA program,

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