



China MOFCOM International Master Degree Program



Tsinghua University

**International Master of Public Administration
(IMPA)**

Admission Brochure

**School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM)
Tsinghua University**

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1. Program Introduction

1.1 Brief Introduction

1.1.1 Program information

China MOFCOM International Master Degree Program is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the developing countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of educating high-end and interdisciplinary talent working in the applied fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the developing countries. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel for their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and healthy physical conditions, which is essential for the intense study required for the degrees.

As a result of the positive effects brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the developing countries, the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China will continuously intensify its efforts in enlarging the enrollment scale and improving the quality of education. We believe that by attending the programs and achieving the degrees, you will embrace a successful career and brighter future.

The International Master of Public Administration (IMPA) program is a one-year English degree program offered by the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) at Tsinghua University. It is designed for government officials from developing countries and focuses on enhancing cooperation and exchanges between those countries and China. It aims to expand participants' ability to apply public administrative theories and tools, gain a better understanding of China's development



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practices and build leadership skills necessary for problem-solving in developing and transition countries. The IMPA program is taught entirely in English.

SPPM is regarded as one of the pioneers of public administration education in China. Its mission is to provide academic and professional training programs in public management, to pursue academic excellence as well as the practical application of public policy and innovative management research. The IMPA program was launched in fall 2008 in order to share the successes and lessons of China's development experiences and to make contributions to the practice of international development.

1.1.2 Prospective Students

Government Division Head or above, the academic dean or above, administrative managerial staff or above of academic institution, English sufficient for the training program, for non-native English speakers or applicants whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, evidence of English proficiency must be demonstrated, qualification meets the requirement of the program.

1.1.3 Training Objective

Improve Public Administration Capability

- Well-designed academic coursework
- Free interaction with renowned professors and practitioners

Enhance Knowledge on China

- Selective courses on China's society, culture, laws, diplomatic policies, etc.
- One-week field trip to a well-developed city in China
- Short trips to historic attractions and development models near Beijing

Expand Professional Network

- Connection built upon high-calibre lecturer and seminars
- Regular communication with alumni and classmates via platform, e.g. Yahoo Groups, Google Groups





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1.1.4 Enrollment Plan

IMPA Program is a one-year English master degree program. The quota of enrollment of this year is 20 people.

1.1.5 Scholarship Coverage

The admitted students will be financially supported by the Chinese Government. The scholarship will cover tuition, accommodation, one-time round trip air tickets, insurance, textbook and material fee, field trip and research fee, graduation thesis supervision fee and etc. Students will only receive monthly stipend (RMB 3,000) for 24 months and one-time relocation (RMB 3,000). All other expenses will be managed by MOFCOM and the university together. If the student cannot complete the study within the required 1 year, the scholarship is not able to be extended.

The scholarship will refer Chinese Government Scholarship standard for international master students and be approved by Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

If a student expects to have his/her spouse, children, relatives or friends to visit him/her during the stay in Beijing, the visitor will have to bear all the expenses by him/herself. MOFCOM and the university are not responsible for taking care of them.

1.2 Tsinghua University



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1.2.1 Tsinghua University Introduction

Tsinghua University was established in 1911, originally under the name “Tsinghua Xuetaang”. As one of China’s most renowned universities, Tsinghua has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research. Moreover, Tsinghua has a long tradition of nurturing public leadership, for instance, both former and current president, Mr. HU Jintao and Mr. XI Jinping are Tsinghua alumni.

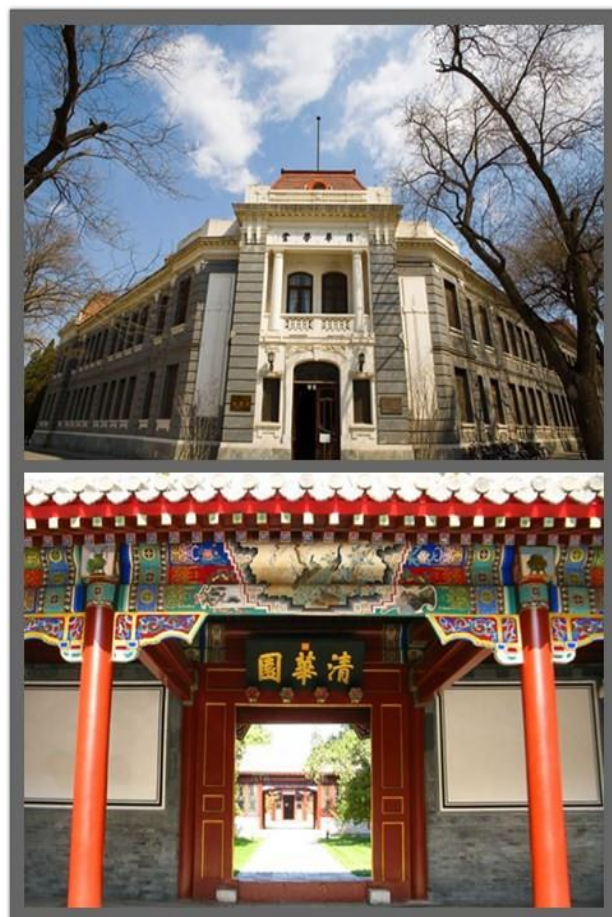
At present, the university has 20 schools and 58 departments with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art.

The University has now over 40,000 students, including over 15,000 undergraduates and over 27,000 graduate students. With the motto of “Self-Discipline and Social Commitment” and the spirit of “Actions Speak Louder than Words”, Tsinghua University is dedicated to the well-being of Chinese society and to world development.

1.2.2 School of Public Policy and Management

The School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) of Tsinghua University was founded in 2000. As the first graduate school in public administration in China, the School’s long-term objective is to become a world-class institution that actively engages in teaching, research, and consulting in global public affairs.

Great progress has been made since the School’s founding. SPPM has built an outstanding faculty team and established an excellent MPA program and research oriented M.M. and Ph.D. programs in





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public management. Since 2007, the school consecutively launched two English taught master programs, namely Master of Public Administration in International Development (MID) and International Master of Public Administration (IMPA). 557 international students have graduated from SPPM, covering more than 110 countries and six continents.

On July 16th, 2013, Tsinghua Master of Public Administration (MPA) program received the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Accreditation. It is the first graduate degree in public affairs outside the United States to receive NASPAA Accreditation.

There are currently more than 60 faculty members at SPPM. Among them, many have earned their doctoral degrees from world-renowned universities. They are actively engaged in researches covering public policies, economics, politics, political economy, international relations, NGO, social/government/industrial innovation, anti-corruption, development study, crisis management etc.

The research activities in public policy and management in the school have made important contributions to the formulation and implementation of public policies in China. Close linkages and partnerships have also been forged with international organizations and academic programs in public policy and management around the world.

1.2.3 Life at Beijing and Tsinghua

Life in Beijing

In Beijing, the climate is a typical north temperate and semi humid continental monsoon climate. It is rainy in summer, cold and dry in winter with very short spring and autumn. The annual average temperature is 10-12 degrees. In winter, down jacket is needed. As an international metropolis and China's national political center, Beijing has a long historical tradition and rich cultural heritage. In 2018, the per capita disposable income of Beijing residents was 62,361 yuan. The living expense is very high in Beijing.

Life at Tsinghua

The international Student Office provides the single room (private bedroom and bathroom) at the Zijing International Student Apartments of Tsinghua University.

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There are more than 10 student dining halls on campus, providing a variety of dishes including Muslim and Western food. Close to the Zijing International Student Apartments are four dining halls. In addition, there are several fast food restaurants and Cafe on campus, where you may meet many international students.

Various sports facilities are provided on campus, which include: the West Lake outdoor swimming pool, the Natatorium (swimming and diving), the Comprehensive Gymnasium (badminton, table tennis, basketball, and gymnastics), the West Gymnasium (badminton, basketball, volleyball, and billiards), the West Sports Field, the East Sports Field, Zijing Sports Complex (basketball, tennis, volleyball, and soccer), and Inflatable Dome (badminton and table tennis).

1.3 Academic Plan

1.3.1 Curriculum Arrangement

IMPA students are required to obtain at least 24 course credits (with at least 23 credits obtained in courses that require an examination). Of the 24 credits, 2 credits must be from a course in Chinese, 3 credits from Chinese history or culture, 9 credits from core courses, at least 6 credits from concentration courses, at least 3 credits from elective courses, and 1 credits from professional practice. A 10,000-word master degree thesis is required.

1. Compulsory Courses (5 credits)

➤ Language: Chinese (2 credits)

60610162 Elementary Chinese

60610172 Intermediate Chinese



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60610182 Advanced Chinese

➤ Chinese History or Culture (3 credits)

No.	Course	Credit	Language	Semester
60590042	Government Operations in China	2	Chinese	Autumn
60610082	Chinese Culture and Society	2	English	Autumn
60610112	An introduction of Science, Technology and Society in China	2	Chinese	Autumn
60640542	Introduction to Chinese Thought and Culture	2	English	Autumn
60680031	Social and Economic Policies, Practices and Challenges in Contemporary China	1	English	Autumn
60972003	Chinese Culture, History and Values	3	English	Autumn
80000902	History of Chinese Architecture	2	English	Autumn
80800362	Chinese Traditional Furniture Research	2	Chinese	Autumn
80800702	The study of Chinese ink painting	2	Chinese	Autumn
60640522	A Panoramic View of Chinese Culture	2	English	Spring/Autumn
60050032	Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues and Solutions	2	English	Spring
60610132	Chinese Philosophy	2	English	Spring
60640552	New Horizon in Chinese Philosophy	2	English	Spring
60690032	An Introduction of Chinese History and	2	English	Spring
80140292	Energy strategy for sustainable development	2	English	Spring
80670632	Intercultural communication	2	English	Spring

Note: Students can choose one 2-3 credits Chinese History or Culture. Insufficient credit can be completed by elective courses

➤ Core Courses (9 credits)

Course	No.	Credit	Assessment
Public Organization and management	(70590583)	3	Exam
Public Policy Analysis	(70590013)	3	Exam
Research Design and Thesis Writing	(70590673)	3	Exam

➤ Compulsory Components (1 Credit)

Literature Review and Thesis Proposal	(69990021)	1 Credit
Field Study		

2. Concentration Courses (Select 2 from 5 Courses, No Less Than 6 credits)

Courses	No.	Credit	Assessment
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Comparative Governance and Development Practices	(80591353)	3	Exam
Comparative Politics and Government	(80590173)	3	Exam
Globalization and Governance	(80590693)	3	Exam
International Political Economy	(80590203)	3	Exam
Leadership	(80590213)	3	Exam

3. Elective Courses (No less than 3 credits)

Courses	No.	Credit	Assessment
Introduction to Sustainable Development	(70590773)	3	Exam
Governance and Development	(80590623)	3	Exam
Frontier of Public Policy	(90590023)	3	Exam
Comparative Development	(70590613)	3	Exam
Applied Social Research Methods	(70590663)	3	Exam
Frontier of Public Management	(80590853)	3	Exam
Belt and Road Initiative and the Reshaping of World Economy		3	
The Application of Public-Private Partnership in BRI Infrastructure Development		3	
Development: Theory and Practice	(80590833)	3	Exam
Politics and Government in China	(80590683)	3	Exam
Economic Development and Policy in China	(70590603)	3	Exam
China's Social Policy	(80590703)	3	Exam
China's Foreign Strategy and Policy	(80590323)	3	Exam
Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law	(80590773)	3	Exam

Note: With the approval of advisor, credits required for elective courses can be substituted by those from concentration courses. Specific information of courses is subject to actual teaching arrangements and related regulation.

1.3.2 Faculty

Name	Title	Research Area
Bice, Sara	Associate Professor Ph.D, University Melbourne	social and political science
CUI Zhiyuan	Professor Ph.D, University of Chicago	political economics; political philosophy



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DAI Yixin	Associate Professor Ph.D, Syracuse University	science and technology policy, renewable energy policy, innovative governance
GAO Yuning	Associate Professor Ph.D, University of Cambridge	macroeconomics, industrial economics and policies, international development, international economics and finance.
HU Angang	Professor & Director Institute for Contemporary China Studies	Chinese Contemporary Economy China Development Policies
Golombiewski, Alessandro	Professor Ph.D, University of Sussex	industrial innovation policy, FDI, trade policy
LAN Zhiyong	Professor Ph.D, University of Syracuse	public policy; IT policy; city governance
LV Xiaoli	Associate Professor Ph.D, Utrecht University, the Netherlands	crisis management, public organizations, institutional theory, public administration.
MENG Ke	Assistant Professor Ph.D., Oxford University	political economy, comparative public policy, social policy and quantitative methods
POON Kit	Professor Ph.D, School of Public Policy and Management	environmental politics and policies, sustainable development and global governance, regional collaboration on the environment, political transformation in Hong Kong
WANG Qingxin	Professor Ph.D, State University of New York at Buffalo	East Asian international relations, international relations theory, East Asian politics, and Confucian political thought.
WANG Youqiang	Professor PhD University of Maryland PhD, Ohio University,	public economics, governance in public sector, leadership economics, governance in public sector, leadership
YIN Chengzhi	Associate Professor Ph. D, Peking University	urban and regional planning, town and country planning management, integrated approaches to sustainable development
YU An	Professor Ph.D., Peking University	administrative law; WTO legal issues; and government procurement
YU Qiao	Professor Ph.D, Michigan State University	public management; economics; public finance
ZHENG Zhenqing	Associate Professor Ph.D, Peking University	comparative politics, comparative political economy, regional development and governance, Taiwan's political economy and cross-strait relations
ZHOU Shaojie	Associate Professor Ph.D, the Chinese University of Hong Kong	labor economics; public finance; regional economy and development planning; social indicator and happiness economics
ZHOU Yuan	Associate Professor Ph.D, University of Cambridge	public policy, innovation management, innovation policy
ZHU Junming	Associate Professor Ph.D, University of Maryland	environment policy and appraisal



1.3.3 Teaching Method

The program introduces to the students the major concepts, theories and practices of public management. It will also help students access and understand the practices of Chinese public administration in the reform era. To achieve this end, instructor will adopt various teaching methods, including lecturing, case discussion, group presentations and on-site visits. Students are expected to actively participate in the teaching process and contribute to the classroom discussion.

1.3.4 Graduation Thesis

Students must satisfy all academic requirements of the academic plan and pass all the courses (no failed or incomplete course) in order to apply for oral defense of thesis. Students must submit his/her thesis defense application to the Academic Office in April. For reference on oral defense application, see Thesis Defense Workflow.

1.3.5 Graduation and Degree Conferral

IMPA students must complete all degree requirements, and pass the oral thesis defense in order to receive graduation and degree certificates.

Based on the quality of the thesis and the student's oral defense, the university will make decision to grant a degree, postpone the granting of a degree, or not grant a degree. In general, the university makes its final decision regarding the granting of degrees in June and January of each year. In the event that the thesis did not pass the defense, the student will be granted a Certificate of Completion. If the student has not met the requirements of the program, or failed the thesis defense, he/she will be granted a Certificate of Incompletion. Regarding not conferring a degree, please refer to Tsinghua University's working approach for certain circumstances in post-graduate degree award.

The university confers degrees in June and January of each academic year. However, under special circumstances, the university can confer degrees at a later date.



2. Admission

2.1 Qualification of Applicants

- Government officials from developing countries (at least Division Head and above);
- Bachelor degree;
- Under the age of 45, No less than 5-year working experiences;
- High English proficiency.
- Good physical and mental health, providing health certificate or physical examination form issued by local public hospitals to prove that have no diseases that violate Chinese laws and regulations prohibiting the entry and prohibition of long-term residency in China. (MOFCOM has the right to decline the applicants who have severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and other serious chronic diseases, mental illness or infectious diseases that are likely to cause significant harm to public health, or in major surgery and acute diseases, seriously disabled or pregnant women to attend the program.

2.2 Application Procedure

2.2.1 Application to Tsinghua University

Complete Tsinghua University's online application (<http://gradadmission.tsinghua.edu.cn>). When filling the online application, please choose Master of Public Administration in International Development and Governance program in the system, and specify the financial sponsor is Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Submit all required documents online and being verified by the university.

Submit application documents listed below to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of the Embassy of People's Republic of China in your own country.



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2.2.2 Application to Chinese Government Scholarship

Complete Chinese Government Scholarship Online Application (<http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/>). Print, sign and attach 2-inch photo on the Application Form produced by the system. Submit the Form along with other application materials listed above to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office of Embassy of the People's Republic of China in your own country.

Please be noted that the agency number of Tsinghua University is 10003. Discipline should be "Management" and Major should be "Public Administration".

2.2.3 Embassy Recommendation

Only after the student have obtained the approval from their government ministry, can he/she apply for this program, and submit all the application material to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in their own country. The ministry should clarify with the embassy about whether students can accept application adjustments such as taking another similar programs or studying in different universities if the enrollment quota in the intended university is used up.

If the ministry of the student's home country permits he/she to submit materials directly to Embassy of the People's Republic of China in their own country, the student should acquire certificates or recommendation from the ministry and submit the documents to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

After the student is approved by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor's Office, scan the official embassy recommendation letter, and send email to impa@tsinghua.edu.cn.

Once the university has received the official recommendation letter from the embassy, the academic review will start.

Only applicants recommended by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China will be considered for admission



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2.2.4 Required Application Materials

- A formal degree certificate of your Bachelor's degree (original notarized photocopy).
- Academic transcript of your Bachelor's education (original or notarized photocopy).
- Personal statement in English, at least 2-page A4 paper (please indicate the motivation for applying for Tsinghua IMPA program, any advantage and accomplishment for fulfilling the program, study plan and career goal).
- Two letters of recommendation (original in English or in Chinese) : one letter must be from the university, the other must be from current employers.
- One photocopy of your passport (personal and ordinary passport).
- Photocopies of English language proficiency test results (For non-native English speakers or applicants whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, evidence of English proficiency should be demonstrated by a passing TOEFL 85 or IELTS 6.5. A GRE score is desirable but not required).
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form, the examination result must be obtained within 1 month. All applicants shall be in good physical conditions and carry no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.
- CSC Application Form.

Note: All documents must be submitted to Tsinghua University's online application system and verified by the university. Application fee RMB 800 will be waived. The documents provided should be the original documents in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarized translations in Chinese or English are required.

None of the above application documents will be returned. Only applicants recommended by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China will be considered for admission.

2.3 Application Important Note

- Applicants are required to submit scanned images of all required documents at the time of application. All uploaded documents should be in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarial translations in Chinese or English are required. Once translated, the original documents and certified translations are to be submitted together to the application system.
- Please scan the original or notarial application documents in color using a scanner. Documents images captured by mobile phone or camera are not acceptable.



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Copies are also not acceptable.

- Applications with incomplete documents will not be processed.
- Tsinghua University may request some applicants to offer original or notarial hardcopies of application documents for further qualification check if uploaded documents are not sufficient. Applicants shall guarantee all the information and application documents submitted in this application are authentic and accurate, otherwise, the admission will be disqualified.

2.4 Time Table

Event	Date
Deadline of Application	June 28, 2019
Admission Notice and Visa Application Form Issued	July, 2019
Registration	August, 2019
Orientation	August to September, 2019
1 st Semester	September, 2019-January, 2020
Confirmation of Advisor	December
Winter Holiday	January to February, 2020
Submission of Research Proposal	January, 2020
2 nd Semester	February, 2020-July, 2020
Submission of Dissertation	April, 2020
Dissertation for Anonymous Review	May, 2020
Thesis Defense	June, 2020



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Field Study	June, 2020
Commencement	July, 2020
Return to Home Country	July, 2020

Note: Registration time is to be confirmed on the Admission Notice. The dates may subject to change according to the university calendar

3. Other Important Information

3.1 Contact Information

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Website:

<http://www.sppm.tsinghua.edu.cn/english/Admission/IMPA/Admissions/ApplicationProcess>

Address: Room 201, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, Haidian District, Beijing

The above information is subject to change by the School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University

3.2 Other information

- All the application material will not be returned.
- Chinese government will not explain the application result, no matter the applicants are accepted or not.
- No accommodation fee for the spouse and children visits.
- Chinese visa application procedure and other information will be specified at the



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admission letter.