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2019 MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN CHINESE GOVERNANCE

Enrollment Guide

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I Program Description

1. Basic introduction

1) Academic Education Programs Sponsored by Ministry of Commerce PRC

Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China started in 2008, which is committed to training high-level, compound and applied talents in the fields of politics, economy, trade, diplomacy, agriculture, science, education, culture, health, energy, public administration, etc., to provide intellectual support for the economic and social development of recipient countries, including 1-year master's degree program, 2-year master's degree program and 3-year Ph.D. program. These programs provide assistance to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel on their master and doctor education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and decent physical conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum needed for the degrees.

As for the positive effects and good results brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, these programs are highly valued by the local government.

Our program takes China's governance as the core, leading students to explore China's public management and policies from the five dimensions of society, economy, history and culture, law, and politics. We insist on inheriting the tradition of the Sun Yat-sen University, highlighting the characteristics of Chinese MPA degree, exploring the experience of "Chinese governance" and promoting the Chinese road in the process of program operation. In the teaching arrangements, we strive to guarantee teaching quality and scientifically organize courses. In addition, our university makes full use of regional advantages to arrange social practice for students.

2) Prospective Students

Our prospective students are mid-to-senior level officials or leaders from the government, academic institutions, NGOs, and other public sectors, who have demonstrated superior performance in their work and sufficient English proficiency to conduct their study. By the time of matriculation, each must have obtained an undergraduate bachelor's degree.

3) Program Objective

To foster graduates that will be distinguished by solid policy analysis skills and strong leadership in dealing with a variety of governance issues grounded in a comparative perspective.

4) Enrollment Plan

In 2017 we have planned to enroll up to up to 30 students in our IMPA program, which will last for one academic year.

5) Financial Aid

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. The scholarship covers both tuition and living expenses. It also includes a round-trip international airfare for all the students, and a maximum of 2 round-trip international airfares for home visits applicable only to doctoral students (one time per year set at the end of an academic year). In terms of living expenses, it is 36000RMB/year for the master program, and 42000RMB/year for the doctoral program. There is also a settlement allowance of 3000RMB/person.

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce only offers scholarship during the normal study period. Scholarship will NOT be offered if students need to extend study period.

2. University introduction

1) Sun Yat-sen University

Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU), founded by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and with an educational tradition spanning over 100 years, is a preeminent research, academic and cultural center and the premier location for talent development in South China. Under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, and strongly supported by both the Ministry and Guangdong Province, SYSU has developed into a modern comprehensive university that enjoys a reputation as a top-tier university nationally and a renowned university internationally. With five campuses in the three cities of Guangzhou, Zhuhai and Shenzhen, and ten affiliated hospitals, the University is striving to become a world-class university and global center of learning. Built on a solid multidisciplinary foundation of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, medical sciences, and engineering, SYSU is propelled forward by the continuous pursuit of academic innovation. Since 2011 Fall , SYSU has been offering a one-year full time Master of Public Administration in Chinese Governance for Developing Countries (IMPA for short) program in English.

2) School of Government

The School of Government (SOG) is one of the leading centers for teaching, studying and research in public administration, political science, social policy and land resources management in PRC. SOG consists a Department of Political Science and a Department of Public Administration as well as research centers and institutes related to these two fields, among which the Center for Public Administration Research is the sole research base in Public Administration designated by the Ministry of Education with distinguished professors in the related field in PRC. SOG has an internationalized team of young faculty members, including 25 professors, 18 associate professors, 11 assistant professors and 16 research fellows. More than half of the faculty hold overseas doctoral degrees and over 90% have international research experience.

3) Campus Facilities

Clothes

Guangdong is in the southernmost of mainland China, and most of it has a subtropical climate. The rainy season lasts from April to September. The annual average temperature is 21.8°C. The coldest month is January with an average temperature of 13.3°C while the hottest month is July with an average temperature of 28.5°C.

| | Spring (March to May) | Summer (May to September) | Fall (September to December) | Winter (December to January) |
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| Dressing guide | Thin jacket or sweater | Summer wear; bring rain gear with you as it rains often. | Shirt and jacket | Sweater and thick coat |

Accommodation: The program is held on Guangzhou South Campus. IMPA students will be accommodated in International Student Dormitory with furnished beds (pillow, bed-sheet, and quilt). Each room is equipped with air-conditioner, Television and separated bathroom with shower. Every room in the dormitory has access to wired Internet, but computer is not provided. For your safety, power appliances like electric stove are prohibited in the room.

Dinning:

Guangzhou is famous for its delicacies. Students can use their campus cards to eat at an

y of the universities cafeterias. There are also numerous affordable dining options nearby the university.

3. Education Plan

1) Coursework

Our coursework has 2 modules: Core course and Elective courses. A more schematic layout of the 2 modules is listed as follows:

Module 1: Core Courses (18 credits)

| Course Title | Credit | Instructor's Name |
|--|--------|--------------------|
| Governance and Development: Global Perspective, East Asia and China | 3 | Prof. Ying XIA |
| History, Culture and Economic Development: World Experiences and Chinese Characteristics | 3 | Prof. Xiang ZHOU |
| Introduction to Chinese Government and Politics | 3 | Prof. Zhonghua GUO |
| Public Administration in China | 3 | Prof. Lin YE |
| Policy-Making Process in China | 3 | Prof. Yapeng ZHU |
| Social Research Methods and Research Design | 3 | Prof. Lin ZHU |

Module 2: Elective Courses (select a minimum of 4 from the following 9 courses, 12 credits)

| Course Title | Credit | Instructor's Name |
|---|--------|--------------------|
| Chinese Government Innovation, Corporate Development and the Market Economy | 3 | Prof. Yan ZHOU |
| Public Budgeting and Financial Management | 3 | Prof. Meili NIU |
| Human Resource Management in Chinese Public Sector | 3 | Prof. Cheng CHEN |
| Social Policy and Social Development in China | 3 | Prof. Wingkit CHAN |
| Urban Management in Contemporary China | 3 | Dr. Xuan JIANG |
| Leadership and Strategic Management in the Public Sector | 3 | Prof. Yaping LIU |

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| Government Performance Measurement in China | 3 | Prof. Qiushi WANG |
| E-Governance | 3 | Dr. Yueping ZHENG |
| Sustainable Development and Environmental Governance | 3 | Prof. Yu WANG |

Classes will incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, case discussions, tutorials, and presentations.

Module 3: Course Setting

The IMPA program consists of 3 semesters of full-time academic work, including 6 core courses with 3 credits each; and no less than 4 electives with 3 credits each. All courses are taught in English by SOG's experienced faculties.

| Course Title | Credit | Teaching Syllabus |
|--|--------|---|
| Governance and Development: Global Perspective, East Asia and China | 3 | This course first surveys the most seminal development models generated from successful economic stories of the United States and East Asia. It is done in a critical manner, rather than an affirmative one. |
| History, Culture and Economic Development: World Experiences and Chinese Characteristics | 3 | This course tries to present how China runs its own way of development and simultaneously engages with a common global developmental discourse throughout history. |
| Introduction to Chinese Government and Politics | 3 | This course will survey the basic features of Chinese government and politics, from both historical and analytical perspectives. |
| Public Administration in China | 3 | This course is designed to be a combination of lecture and classroom discussion. Assigned reading is expected to be completed on the day of the lecture as listed in the course outline. |
| Policy-Making Process in China | 3 | This course is designed for MPA students to familiarize knowledge about structure and process of China's policy making. |
| Social Research Methods and Research Design | 3 | This course is designed to give students an overview of various research methods available to social scientists and enable students to plan and conduct their own research projects. |
| Public Budgeting and Financial Management | 3 | This elective course focuses on the Chinese experiences in public budgeting and financial management in the past two decades. |

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| Human Resource Management in Chinese Public Sector | 3 | This course focus on administration and management of human resource management in Chinese public sector. It underlines values of human resource management, related public policies trajectories on human resource management. |
| Social Policy and Social Development in China | 3 | The course aims at exploring the structural changes taken place in a number of key social policy areas and their impacts on social development in contemporary China. |
| Urban Management in Contemporary China | 3 | Urban management is an integrative and interdisciplinary field of practice using concepts and techniques necessary to deliver high order social outcomes in the face of rapid urbanization and human settlement challenges. |
| Leadership and Strategic Management in the Public Sector | 3 | This course is intended to equip students with foundation of theory and practice of administrative leadership and strategic management in China. |
| Government Performance Measurement in China | 3 | The major purpose of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the history, theories, and methods of government performance measurement, especially the practices in China context. |
| E-Governance | 3 | The course “E-Government” seeks to enhance student to understand the impact of technology (hardware and software), especially information and communication technologies, on public administration |
| Sustainable Development and Environmental Governance | 3 | This elective course focuses on sustainable development and environmental governance in the context of globalization and rapid socioeconomic development. |

Module 4: Faculty

| Course Title | Instructor's Name | Instructor's Degree Conferring Institution |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Governance and Development: Global Perspective, East Asia and China | Prof. Ying XIA | PhD in Political Science at the Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| History, Culture and Economic Development: World Experiences and Chinese Characteristics | Prof. Xiang ZHOU | PhD in History at Sun Yat-sen University, Visiting Scholar at Harvard University |

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| Introduction to Chinese Government and Politics | Prof. Zhonghua GUO | PhD in Political Science at Fudan University, Visiting Scholar at Sheffield University |
| Public Administration in China | Prof. Lin YE | PhD in Public Administration at University of Louisville |
| Policy-Making Process in China | Prof. Yapeng ZHU | PhD in Public Administration at City University of Hong Kong |
| Social Research Methods and Research Design | Prof. Lin ZHU | PhD in Public Policy at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology |
| Chinese Government Innovation, Corporate Development and the Market Economy | Prof. Yan ZHOU | PhD in Economics at Sun Yat-sen University |
| Public Budgeting and Financial Management | Prof. Meili NIU | PhD in Public Administration at University of Nebraska |
| Human Resource Management in Chinese Public Sector | Prof. Cheng CHEN | PhD in Public Administration at Birmingham University |
| Social Policy and Social Development in China | Prof. Wingkit CHAN | PhD in Public Policy and Social Work at the University of York |
| Urban Management in Contemporary China | Dr. Xuan JIANG | PhD in Urban Management and Public Administration at University of Delaware |
| Leadership and Strategic Management in the Public Sector | Prof. Yaping LIU | PhD in Public Administration at Sun Yat-sen University, Post-Doctoral Degree at Syracuse University |
| Government Performance Measurement in China | Prof. Qiushi WANG | PhD in Public Administration at University of Nebraska |
| E-Governance | Dr. Yueping ZHENG | PhD in Public Administration at Rutgers University |
| Sustainable Development and Environmental Governance | Prof. Yu WANG | PhD in Philosophy at University of Hong Kong |

2) Teaching Methods

This program applies multidisciplinary perspectives emphasizing both theoretical and methodological training to improve the understanding of the origin, development, and approaches of Chinese governance. Our highly interactive and collaborative courses combine lectures, seminars, case-studies and fieldwork.

During the academic classroom studies, each student will have a chance to conduct field work to study the real world operation of Chinese public agencies or non-government organizations. SOG will arrange fieldwork for all students and each student will write theses with special topics based on the field work as well as the final graduation thesis.

3) Semester Schedule

The IMPA program consists of 3 semesters of full-time academic work and 1 semester of thesis writing and defense.

4) Thesis

Specific Requirements of the Thesis

The thesis is expected to combine theoretical perspectives and empirical analytic skills. A comparative analysis is preferred, but not required.

Specific Requirements of the Thesis Defense

In order to obtain an MPA degree, students must write a thesis and successfully defend their thesis orally.

5) Degrees

A degree on Master of Public Administration will be conferred upon a candidate in the master program after his/her successful completion of required credits and thesis.

II. Application

1. Requirement

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries and under the age of 45.

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- Applicants should be government officials at or above director level, academic institution leaders above director level in colleges or departments or administrators at equivalent level with no less than 3-year working experience in relevant fields.
- Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification.
- Applicants must be proficient in English. Non-native English speakers or candidates whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English are required to submit a test score of TOEFL or IELTS as proof of English proficiency.
- Only applicants recommended by the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy in the country that accords with the candidate's nationality will be considered.
- 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. Applicants with severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer or other severe chronic disease, mental illness or disease that are likely to cause serious harm to public health, severe limb disability will not be allowed. In addition, people who are in major surgical recovery period and acute attack period or in pregnant cannot get access to this program also.

2. Procedure

1) Application to Sun Yat-sen University

Visit <http://iso.sysu.edu.cn> and click "Application" to log in, submit online the completed *SYSU Application Form for International Students*.

Step 1: register for an account with your frequently used Email;

Step 2: Log on your email and activate the account;

Step 3: Log on the system and fill out the forms step by step and submit it online;

Step 4: Download and print out the Application Form. Sign your name and the date on the last page.

Note:

A. Choose your program: IMPA.

B. A digital photo is required to upload online.

2) Application to Chinese Government Scholarship

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <http://www.csc.edu.cn/laihua> or <http://www.campuschina.org>, and register for an account. Select **Program Category Type B**, fill in **Agency No.:10558**, and all the required information. When you finish, remember to submit the form online, and then print out the form and sign it. To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:

- (1) Program Category: Type B, and the agency No. of Sun Yat-sen University is 10558;
- (2) For the master program, Discipline is “Management”, Major is “Public Administration”.

3) Materials

| Documents | | Requirements | copy |
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| 1 | SYSU Application Form | Please visit http://application.sysu.edu.cn , fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and paste a photo on it. | 1 |
| 2 | Chinese Government Scholarship Application Form | Please visit http://laihua.csc.edu.cn/ , fill in the application form, print it out, sign, date, and paste a photo on it. | 1 |
| 3 | Formal Bachelor degree certificates | Graduation certificate and degree diploma must be original documents or notarized copies either in Chinese or English | 1 |
| 4 | Official Transcripts | 1. The transcripts must be original documents or notarized copies either in Chinese or English. 2. The transcripts should include list of courses taken and standard achieved. | 1 |
| 5 | Personal Statement | Personal statement must be written in English and be some 1500 words in length. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, work experience, achievements, and future career plans, including a research plan at Sun Yat-sen University. | 1 |
| 6 | CV | In English. | 1 |
| 7 | Recommendation Letters | Two recommendation letters are required: one by a superior in the institution where the applicant works; the other by a professor who knows the applicant well. | 1 |
| 8 | English Language Proficiency Test Results | Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English shall provide TOEFL or IELTS test scores. | 1 |
| 9 | Photocopy of a Valid Passport | The passport must be a personal regular passport. All successful candidates must enter China and register with Sun Yat-sen University with the same passport as used for applying for the program. | 1 |
| 10 | Physical Examination Form | The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission date, showing that the applicant carries 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. | 1 |

4) Submission

- 1) Submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy. For emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Offices, please visit <http://www.china-aibo.cn>.
- 2) Submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:
 - a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the quota is already full.
 - b) Other special requests if any.

Reminders:

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to Sun Yat-sen University during registration days.
- d) None of the materials submitted will be returned. For important documents such as degrees and transcripts, a stamped copy issued by the institution where the applicant received his/her degrees will be accepted as a replacement of the original copy. In this case, the original copy must be presented for on-site verification.

3. Deadline

The application deadline is **June 29, 2019**.

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Note:

- A. All the application materials will not be returned no matter the applicant is accepted or not.
- B. Chinese government will not provide any further explanation on the admission results.
- C. The student's spouse and children are not allowed to accompany him/her studying in China. Scholarships do not provide any fees for spouse or children to visit him/her in China.
- D. Detailed procedures and requirements related to studying at SYSU will be mentioned in the admission documents.