International Public Policy (IPP)

School of International Relations and Public Affairs
Fudan University, Shanghai, China

1. Introduction of SIRPA

Fudan University is a comprehensive university based in Shanghai, China’s most internationalized metropolitan city. It is a top university in the world, ranked at the 44th place in the QS World University Rankings (2019). Its campus hosts the biggest group of foreign students in China.

The School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) is a leading school in political and public affairs. Its Politics and International Studies ranked at the 19th place in the QS World University Rankings by subject (2014). Supported by its interdisciplinary structure, strong international publications and exchanges, faculty resources and frontier research, SIRPA has been running several English-taught MA programs, including Chinese Politics and Diplomacy, Europe and Asia in Global Affairs (double degree with Science Po Paris), International Public Policy, as well as one English-taught Ph.D. program in International Politics.

2. Introduction of the program

In response to the demand for policy analysts and practitioners with an international vision, SIRPA starts to build a two-year MA program in International Public Policy (IPP) in 2014. This program combines multiple strengths. First, China, after decades of rapid development, is now the world's second largest economy. Besides proliferating domestic demands for policy experts, China has also been an active partner in global public affairs. Second, Shanghai is China’s economic capital and a vibrant global city. It has China’s first Free Trade Zone and will accommodate the head-quarter of BRICS Development Bank.

The IPP program welcomes students with diverse academic background such as social sciences, natural sciences, and engineering, among others. The program emphasizes strong analytical capacities, quantitative skills, policy orientation, and an international vision. The training in IPP will prepare students for leadership and analytical positions in public, private, and nonprofits organizations in or out of China. It also sets solid foundation for further Ph.D. studies.

Highlights of the program
(a) All courses except the Chinese language courses are taught in English. There are some distance learning courses co-organized with our international partners.
(b) Most faculty members are Chinese with a Ph.D. degree from the west. There are also foreign faculty members.
(c) The program is composed of half international students and half Chinese students.
(d) Courses are designed with an interdisciplinary focus and a methodology focus.
(e) Internship in local or foreign agencies is important for developing a policy design or a
thesis.
(f) Ample opportunities for international exchanges including double degree programs.

Training goals for students
(1) Grasp basic skills of policy analysis and program evaluation and have a solid knowledge of social science research methods.
(2) Have considerable understanding of certain issues in international public policy and can systematically analyze domestic and international public policies.
(3) Can independently carry out academic research and write professional articles and consulting reports.
(4) Have strong abilities to research and write on policy issues and to design and propose recommendations.

3. Admission
The program accepts both degree and non-degree students.

Application Period: From Nov. 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019

Application Procedure
1. Log into the website (http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/ ) to register and complete the application form online, upload the application documents and submit the application.

2. Pay application fee RMB 800 (Degree) / RMB 400 (Non-degree) online.

3. Send the following paper application documents (2 sets, place documents of each set in right order as follows) to the International Office of SIRPA, Fudan University.
Mail address: Room 609, Liberal Arts Building, Fudan University, No. 220, Handan Road, Shanghai, P.R. China. 200433

Application documents should include:
For Degree students
• Original application form with the applicant’s signature and photo.
• Official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program or proof of impending graduation (or notarized version, in notarized Chinese or English translation)
• Official transcript for each previous college-level degree program (or notarized version, in notarized Chinese or English translation).
• Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member of your previous academic program (applicants who have submitted the electronic recommendation letters online should also submit originals of both two recommendation letters.).
• Evidence of English language proficiency. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) unless they received a bachelor's or postgraduate degree from an institution in which the official language of instruction is English and he or she was enrolled in that school for at least two years. The program requires a
minimum score of 90 on the internet-based TOEFL test or 6.5 on the IELTS test.
• Resume.
• Statement of purpose.
• Writing sample (approximately 2000 words). It can be your previous research (published or unpublished) or your future research plan, which is to show your ability of academic writing.
• Copy of valid passport identification page, and it should be an ordinary passport and be valid until Sept. 30th, 2019.

Non-degree students
• Official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program.
• Official copy of transcripts for each previous college-level degree program.
• Official copy of TOEFL or IELTS scores if applicable.
• Resume.
• Statement of purpose.

Admission Schedule
Degree students are admitted for fall semester only.
Non-degree students are usually admitted for both fall and spring semesters.

4. Degree and Requirements
(1) A master in Management Science with a major of Public Policy will be awarded.
(2) The term is 2 years. Students can apply to extend the studies, with a maximum of 5 years for graduation purpose. Extended semesters students will pay regular tuition each year.
(3) 30 credits minimum are required for graduation purpose. Students must pass all courses taken and have a GPA above 2.0. The credits should include 15 credits from mandatory courses, 8 credits from elective courses (category I) and 7 credits (category II).
(4) Students are required to complete and defend a graduation thesis or policy design. With the consent of the advisor, students can choose either write graduation thesis or policy design. Graduation thesis is for students interested in further academic study after graduation, and the requirements are the same as those for a MA degree. Policy design is mainly for students interested in entering a certain policy area after graduation. Students who do a policy design are required to do internship for a policy issue and use the policy design to analyze the policy issues in depth and raise policy suggestions.
(5) Students must meet all other requirements for graduation.

5. Tuition and Scholarships

Tuition:
Foreign Degree student: 70,000 RMB per year (140,000 RMB for two years)
Foreign Non-degree student: 35,000 RMB per semester

Scholarships:
For students supported by Chinese government scholarship and Shanghai Government Scholarship. Please browse the following websites for detailed information:
http://www.campuschina.org/
Notes:

1. The applicant should apply online (http://admission.iso.fudan.edu.cn/) as a self-support student first.
2. Application documents for scholarship can be submitted together with admission documents.
3. First get acceptance from the University, then an applicant may have the opportunity to get the scholarship.

SIRPA presents Excellence in Study Scholarship and awards to student each year in October. In addition, SIRPA provide financial support for students to participate in international academic conferences and other activities, subject to SIRPA's relevant funding policies.

6. Curriculum

(1) Public courses (required)
EMAP630096: Chinese Society: Past and Present (3, Spring)
Chinese Language Courses: at least 2 courses (4)

(2) Required Courses (15 credits)
EMAP620073: Global Public Policy (3, Spring)
EMAP620074: Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3, Spring)
EMAP620020: Public Economics (3, Fall)
EMAP620076: Quantitative Research Methods (3, Fall)
EMAP620077: Qualitative Research Methods (3, Fall)

(3) Elective I (7 Credits)
EMAP630130: Global Environmental Governance (2, Fall)
EMAP630163: Cross-Cultural Communication (2, Spring)
EMAP630001: Studies of China’s Foreign and Security Policies (2, Fall)
EMAP620023: Public Management Theories (3, Fall)
EMAP620003: International Politics and Theories (3, Fall)
EMAP630053: S & T Policies and State Innovation (2, Spring)
EMAP620021: Emergency Management in China (2, Fall)
EMAP630167: Social Policy (3, Spring)
EMAP620078: Global Management Ethics (2, Fall)
POLI630016: Global Governance (2, Spring)
POLI630124: Urban Planning and Policy (2, Spring)
International Organization (2, Fall)

(4) Elective II (4 Credits)
EMAP620024: Chinese Politics (3, Fall)
EMAP620004: Chinese Public Administration (3, Spring)
EMAP630096: Chinese Society (3, Spring)
EMAP620038: Comparative Public Management (2, Spring)
EMAP620022: E-government in China (2, Fall)
EMAP620058: Comparative Politics (3, Fall)
EMAP620059: Empirical Political Theories (3, Fall)
EMAP630193: International Economic Policy (2, Fall)
EMAP820006: International Political Economy (3, Fall)
POLI630034: International Relations in East Asia (2, Fall)
POLI630037: Political Economy of East Asia (2, Fall)

(5) Chinese Language (for foreign students, elective)

P.S.
(1) Public courses: Students from China take political and English courses as required by the university.
(2) Students can also take 4 credits of elective courses in 2 years from the English Master Programs of the following institutions: Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Department of Philosophy, School of Social Development and Public Policy, School of Journalism and School of Economics.

7. Endorsements
“Those from outside China can no longer afford to be ignorant about China. An experience at one of China’s top universities, with a long tradition of openness to international influences, is a fantastic opportunity for students from outside China. They will be interacting with some of China’s smartest young people, learning from professors who understand both Western and Chinese perspectives, and living in one of the most vibrant cities in the world. They will come out of the program with a better understanding both of China’s strengths and problems, and be in a good position to help build a more peaceful world.”
--Steve Kelman, Weatherhead Professor of Public Management, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Editor of International Public Management Journal (IPMJ)

“This course looks set to become an essential prerequisite for serious students wanting to study public policies in and beyond China. It is timely and sets the Chinese trajectory of reform in the context of trends both across Pacific Asia and globally. The course offers a good balance of required and elective courses, access to high quality faculty and is situated within a renowned School at Fudan University. Graduating students will gain important high level skills both in research and policy analysis.”
--Stephen P. Osborne, Professor and Chair of International Public Management at University of Edinburgh (UK) and Deputy Dean of the Business School, Editor of Public Management Review (PMR)
“There is a growing demand among international students to experience China and its view of global public policies, but for whom acquiring full skills in Mandarin is out of reach. There is a growing demand among Chinese students to encounter foreign students and learning from their perspectives in solving global problems. Fudan University’s International Public Policy master programme offers both groups the perfect podium to fulfil their wishes. A two-year programme taught in English at a top university located in global city Shanghai, can anyone think of a more suitable alternative?”

--Martin de Jong, Professor of Public Policy, Delft University of Technology & Fudan University

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