1. Introduction of SIRPA

Fudan University is a comprehensive university located in Shanghai, China’s most internationalized metropolitan city. It is a top university in the world, ranked at the 88th place in the QS World University Rankings (2013/14). 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 Political Science and International Relations (including its public management) was ranked by QS ranging from the 40th to the 19th in the world over the past years. 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), Chinese Government and Governance, Comparative Politics and international public policy, as well as one English-taught Ph.D. program in International Politics.

2. Introduction of the Program

Master in Comparative Politics (MCP) is a two-year international master program that prepares students to familiarize and analyze various politics around the globe from a comparative perspective. Taught by renowned comparativists and area specialists from Fudan and possibly other prestigious universities, this program offers theoretical resources, analytical skills and practical knowledge not only of Chinese politics, but also of major countries in North and South. Students are expected to finish the program with cross-national insights on 1) state organizations and political institutions; 2) political culture; 3) process and major actors of state governance. This program distinguishes itself by offering an invaluable research perspective to understand the world from China’s vintage point and observe how China is interacting with the world. Students of this program can pursue a variety of potential careers, including doctoral-level training, national governments, think-tanks, international organizations and corporations.

3. Admission

Both degree and non-degree students are admitted to this program.

For application procedures, please refer to the notice of International Students Office of Fudan University. [http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/downloads/yjszsjz_en2015120301.pdf]

For Degree students
- One official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program
- One official copy of transcript for each previous college-level degree program
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one from a faculty member of your previous
academic program
• Official copy of TOEFL (minimum 90) or IELTS score (minimum 6.5) (Applicants from countries where English is the official language are exempt from this requirement.)
• Resume
• Statement of purpose
• Writing sample (approximately 2000 words)
• Copy of passport

Non-degree students
• One official copy of diploma from each previous college-level degree program
• One 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. The application for 2016 academic year opens from December, 2015 to April 30th, 2016. Non-degree students are admitted for both fall and spring semesters. Applications should be submitted by May 30, 2016 for the 2016 fall semester and by Nov 30, 2016 for the 2017 spring semester.

4. Degree Requirement
(1) Two years of full-time study
(2) 15 credits in required courses and 15 credits in selective courses
(3) Thesis should be written and defended in English and at least twenty thousand words
(4) Students have to pass proposal defense scheduled at the end of the third semester and final defense scheduled during the fourth semester
(5) Students have to finish all the course work and thesis within five years
(6) After the second year, the students have to pay full tuition for every semester they have stayed in the program until they have defended their thesis, except in cases of sick leave, emergencies and other circumstances approved by the Vice Dean. Students with outstanding balance cannot graduate.

Requirements for Proposal Defence
(1) Average GPA of 2.0 and above
(2) No “F”s at the time of defence
(3) Double-spaced, twenty-page proposal approved by advisor and the defence committee

Requirements for Thesis Defence
(1) Average GPA of 2.0 and above
(2) No “F”s at the time of defence
(3) Passing the blind review
(4) Double-spaced, (at least) sixty-page thesis draft approved by advisor and the defence committee

Drop-out
(1) After the first academic year, students with one “F” are required to submit formal explanations to the program director.
(2) SIRPA reserves the right to ask the students with two “F”s or more after the first academic year to drop out.

5. Tuition and Scholarships

Tuition:
Foreign Degree student: 50,000 RMB per year (100,000 RMB for two years)
Foreign Non-degree student: 25,000 RMB per semester

Scholarships:
Students supported by Chinese government scholarship are entitled to tuition waiver.
Students may be qualified for Chinese government scholarship and/or Shanghai Government Scholarship. Please browse the following websites for detailed information:
http://www.study-shanghai.org/Scholarship_en.asp
http://iso.fudan.edu.cn/xuexi_sh.htm
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.

Fudan University also offers Fudan Student Fellowship annually to second-year and third-year foreign students based on a campus-wide competition. SIRPA also 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.

Accommodation at Fudan Campus
An on-campus International Students Dormitory is available. Please check the website of International Student Office for further information.

6. Curriculum
### Required Courses

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Note: Students can take 4 credits of selective 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. SIRPA will pay for 4 credits in maximum. Beyond that, the students have to pay extra credits by themselves. There are no limits for the language courses students can take, but no more than 4 language credits can be accepted for graduation.

### Program Calendar

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| Sept. | Orientation and welcome party (optional)  
First two weeks of the semester: course registration (drop) | Student Registration  
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| Oct.  | Moon Festival get-together (optional)  
National holiday | Application for University scholarship  
Submit thesis advisorship agreement |
| Nov.  | Christmas party (optional) | Submit thesis proposal to advisor |
| Dec.  | New Year Holiday  
Jan 1st-20th: Final exam or course paper due;  
Winter break begins | New Year Holiday  
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Winter break begins |
| Feb.  | Spring semester Begins  
Course registration (drop) | Spring semester Begins  
Course registration (drop) |
| March | Memorial Day Holiday  
Fill in student book | Pre-defense  
Submit thesis for blind review |
| April | Labor Day Holiday  
Dragon Boat Day Holiday | Graduation procedure  
Graduation trip  
The last week of May: final defense |
| May  | Talk to thesis advisor and specify thesis topic  
June 15th-30th: Final exam or term paper due | Complete graduation procedure  
Commencement and farewell party |
| June | Summer Break begins | |

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