Master of International Public Policy (MIPP)

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 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

In response to the demand for policy analysts and practitioners with an international vision, SIRPA builds a two-year MA program in International Public Policy (IPP). 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 headquarter 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 admits both degree and non-degree students.

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

Applications should include:

**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 deadline for 2016 academic year is April 30, 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 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:_
- Students supported by Chinese government scholarship will be waived the tuition.
- 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
(1) Required Courses (15 credits)
Global Public Policy (3, Spring)
Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3, Spring)
Public Economics (3, Fall)
Quantitative Research Methods (3, Fall)
Qualitative Research Methods (3, Fall)
You can take any of the above curriculum in the fourth year of your study, and the credits and scores can be transferred to your post-graduate study.
(2) Elective I (8 Credits)
Global Environmental Governance (2, Fall)
Cross-Cultural Communication (2, Spring)
Security Policies (2, Fall)
Public Management Theories (3, Fall)
International Politics and Theories (3, Fall)
S&T Policies and State Innovation (2, Spring)
International Organization (2, Fall)
Emergency Management (2, Fall)
Global Governance (2, Spring)
Urban Planning and Policy (2, Spring)
Social Policy (3, Spring)
Global Management Ethics (2, Fall)

(3) Elective II (7 Credits)
Chinese Politics (3, Fall)
Chinese Public Administration (3, Spring)
Chinese Society (2, Spring)
Seminars on Chinese and Comparative Public Management (2, Spring)
E-government in China (2, Fall)
International Relations in East Asia (2, Fall)
Political Economy of East Asia (2, Fall)
Comparative Politics (3, Fall)
Political Theories (3, Fall)

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

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