

**Silk Road School, Renmin University of China (Suzhou)**  
**Master of Contemporary Chinese Studies**  
**2018 Program Overview**

The Master of Contemporary Chinese Studies (MCCS) is a key measure by Renmin University of China (RUC) to actively support the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in education. Following several years of preparation, the program leverages RUC's educational platform, international operational experience and high-level think-tank resources to train future elite leaders for countries along the BRI that have a passion for Chinese culture, understand profoundly the path, model and experience of China's development.

Departing from a global strategic perspective and amassing global political leaders, business elite and outstanding teaching resources, the program combines competitive professional courses, expert seminars, high-level fora, internships with well-known enterprises as well as various cultural visits to offer students a well-rounded academic experience in China.

The Silk Road School offers all successful applicants comprehensive scholarships. The scholarships cover full tuition, accommodation subsidy, medical insurance and necessary living allowance for the duration of the program.

The language of instruction on the program (2 years full-time) is English, with Chinese language skills reinforced throughout. Graduates will be awarded the RUC Diploma in Postgraduate Studies and those with a sufficient level of academic achievement will also receive the degree of Master of Laws (LLM).

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants should be foreign citizens who have interest in the BRI and Chinese culture.
- Applicants should be under the age of 45 (before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2018).
- Applicants should have a Bachelor's Degree or above (awarded before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018).
- Applicants should have ability of listening, speaking, reading and writing equivalent to a score of IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 90.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from two of the following categories: 1) politicians 2) businessmen 3) academics

### **How to Apply**

## Online Application

Complete the Online Application on the website of the International Students' Office at Renmin University (<http://app.ruc.edu.cn/idccy>) from May 2<sup>n</sup><sup>d</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. Fill in the application form, and pay the RMB 600 application fee online.

## Required Application Materials

- Application Form;
- Proof of highest diploma (original copy or notarized photocopy);
- Academic transcripts (original copy or notarized photocopy);
- 2-inch passport photos with white background;
- Information page of your valid personal and ordinary passport;
- Two letters of recommendation in English;
- Personal statement (at least 1000 words in English, indicating your educational and work background, your motivation for applying, study plans and career goals);
- Personal CV
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form: The examination result must be obtained within one month, stating that the applicant has no serious infectious diseases or any diseases which could prevent entry into China.
- Copies of a catalogue of published academic articles along with abstracts, awards received or other original research (optional).
- Personal video clip (optional).

## Notes on Application

- All the application materials must be submitted electronically as one PDF document in the prescribed order to the following address: [srsruc@ruc.edu.cn](mailto:srsruc@ruc.edu.cn) (video and academic essays submitted alone)
- All documents should be in English; otherwise, certified English translations should be submitted with the original documents
- The cut-off date for submitting the above materials is June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

## Interview

Interviewed by expert group (in English) online

## Application Schedule

Cut-off date for applications: **June 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Interview online: **June, 2018**

Letters of admission sent out: **July, 2018**

Semester begins: **September, 2018**

### **Duration and Mode of Attendance**

The program is two years full-time in Suzhou city, Jiangsu Province of China

### **Curriculum Structure**

The following specializations are available on the program (subject to changes):

- Chinese Politics
- Chinese Economy
- Chinese Culture
- Chinese Law

The following is a selection of the available courses:

- Chinese Government and Politics
- Comparative Industrialization
- Internet and Big Data
- Cross-cultural Communication
- Resource Politics
- Seminar on the Belt and Road Initiative
- Chinese language courses
- Chinese Experience and Its Comparison with Developing Countries
- China and Global Governance
- Contemporary Chinese Economy
- China's Foreign Economic Trade and Investment
- Introduction to Chinese Law
- Studies on Confucianism
- Contemporary Chinese Society

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