

# Masters Program



The acceleration of globalization and the growing importance of language enable students in the masters program to offer necessary skills for today's emerging international society. Graduates pursue professional careers in a wide range of areas related to China including international; business, media, foreign service (and other governmental departments), international organizations, nonprofit institutions, and education. Some continue their academic studies by pursuing a Ph.D. degree.

For admission information please see the **Prospective Students** page.

## Course Requirements

Each student must complete a total of 24 semester hours of graduate course work on Asia, primarily China, with a cumulative average of "B" or better. Only graduate-level courses (numbered 400 and above) are eligible for Rackham credit and can be counted toward the total semester hour requirement.

- Interdisciplinary seminars in Chinese studies
- One course from the history department on Chinese history
- One course focusing primarily on the imperial or pre-imperial period
- One course focusing primarily on modern China

*Some courses can fulfill more than one requirement. The distribution of courses must include courses from at least two different departments, not including CCS courses or language courses. The CCS associate director will adjudicate all questions concerning these requirements.*

## Masters Project

Students may choose among a range of options for a final project that best reflects their training, interests, and plans for future development. The final project may take the form of a traditional thesis or be developed in a different format such as an annotated translation, a creative exhibit project, or a power point presentation supported with a written document and annotations. Two shorter research papers based on prior work for a graduate class may also be submitted (see Graduate Student Handbook for details). In all cases, solid research, familiarity with Western-language literature, Chinese sources, and scholarly contributions are expected.

- The proposal for a final project must be reviewed and approved by a committee (usually consisting of two CCS faculty members) before the student may start working on the project itself.
- The same committee will provide supervision in the next stage and submit a written evaluation when the project is finished.

*Under exceptional circumstances, students may petition to submit two shorter research papers to substitute for the master's thesis. A student intending to file such a petition should consult with the associate director of CCS ahead of time to determine whether his or her circumstances merit such a petition.*

## Chinese Language Requirement

- Students in the MA program in Chinese Studies must complete third-year competence in reading and speaking Chinese.
- Competency will be evaluated by the U-M Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, through a language test or successful completion of coursework in modern Chinese.
- Only fourth-year-level language classes can count toward the CCS MA credit requirement.
- Students with limited prior language training are encouraged to apply for summer language study fellowships as a means to fulfill the language requirement.

## **Advising**

- The CCS associate director assigns a center faculty advisor to each student upon registration.
- Students should consult the advisor about course selection and other substantive issues.
- Students meet with the CCS associate director at the beginning of each academic year to discuss course selection plans.
- Students should submit a written course plan to the student services coordinator each semester before the registration deadline. The coordinator should be notified of changes in course registration.
- Schedule an advising appointment **HERE**.

# MA MBA Dual Degree Program



Students in the MA/MBA in Chinese Studies will be able to combine the high marks that the Ross graduates receive for teamwork, leadership, and analytical ability with expertise in Chinese language, economy, society and culture. Graduates of the program have assumed leadership positions in the China operations of several multinational corporations, working in business development, marketing, and finance. Many are based in East Asia, either in mainland China or in regional headquarters.

## Application Information

Applicants to the MA/MBA dual-degree program must complete separate applications to the Ross School of Business and Rackham Graduate School and be admitted by both units.

- Applicants should indicate on both applications that they are applying for this specific dual-degree program. Please make sure the correct box is checked on the MBA application.
- Indicate in question #1 on Rackham's application that you are also applying to the Ross School.
- Please provide more details about your interest in pursuing this dual degree in your Statement of Purpose.

*This dual-degree program is not open to students who have earned either an MA in Chinese Studies or an MBA. Students registered in the first year of either program may apply for the dual degree.*

## Application Deadline

- **Admission deadlines**, Ross School of Business
- December 15, LRCCS

## GMAT/GRE

- GMAT is required for admission to the Ross School of Business
- GRE or GMAT is acceptable for admission to the Center for Chinese Studies

## Course Order

- First Year: Because of the sequenced nature of core courses in the MBA program, most students will find it advantageous to start their first year in the Ross School.
- Second Year: Students will complete courses in the Center for Chinese Studies.
- Third Year: Courses may be taken in both schools.

*No course work completed prior to admission may be counted toward the MBA requirements of the dual program. No transfer of credit from other institutions will be accepted for any part of this program.*

## Course Requirements

MBA 45-credit-hour degree program:

- 30 credit-hour MBA core

- 15 elective hours in Business Administration
- MBA communication requirement

CCS 24-credit-hour degree program:

- Interdisciplinary seminars in Chinese Studies: CCS 501 and CCS 502
- One course from the history department on Chinese history
- One course focusing primarily on the imperial or pre-imperial period
- One course focusing on modern China
- MA thesis (may register for CSIB 750 or CCS 700)
- Third year level Chinese language competency
- Chinese Language

### **Chinese Language Requirement**

- Students in the MA program in Chinese Studies must complete third-year competence in reading and speaking Chinese.
- Only fourth-year-level language classes can count toward the CCS degree credit requirement.
- Students with limited prior language training are encouraged to apply for summer language study fellowships as a means to fulfill the language requirement.

*Under special circumstances MA/MBA dual-degree students can petition to satisfy this requirement with only one semester of third-year Chinese.*

### **For more information on this program contact:**

International Institute Graduate Academic Services Office at **ii-gradadvising@umich.edu** or 734.763.4528.

**Ross School of Business**, Office of Admissions at 734.763.5496 or **umbsmba@umich.edu**

# MA MPP Dual Degree Program



This MA/MPP in Chinese Studies is designed for students who seek employment in the public, non-profit, or private sector by combining the Ford School training in research, analytical, and management skills with CCS's focus on language proficiency, regional knowledge and interdisciplinary expertise in the humanities and social sciences. Students in the dual degree program will develop policy skills and methodologies to work effectively in positions in or related to China. The degree offers a unique opportunity for students to study under faculty members with diverse yet complimentary specializations, to learn from a program of courses each student can tailor to fit his/her professional plans, and to be part of a small cohort of outstanding and highly motivated graduate students.

## Application Information

Applicants to the MA/MPP dual-degree program must complete separate applications for each program and pay separate application fees. Applications should be submitted to the Rackham School of Graduate Studies. If a student is admitted to only one program, the student may choose to accept enrollment in that program.

- Supplemental application materials must be sent to both the Ford School and CCS.
- Students must satisfy the requirements of each degree program and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise requirements.
- A student should submit a Dual Degree Course Elections Form at the beginning of his or her final year of study in the combined program. Both the Ford School and CCS must approve the form.

*The dual-degree program is not open to students who have already earned either the MA in Chinese studies or the MPP. Students registered in the first year of either program may apply for the dual degree.*

## Application Deadline

- January 15, Ford School of Public Policy
- December 15, LRCCS

## GRE

- GRE is required for admission to the Center for Chinese Studies and the Ford School

## Course Requirements

Ford School of Public Policy 36-credit-hour MPP degree program:

- Ford School core requirements (26 credits)
- Ford School electives (10 credits)
- 10-week internship in a Chinese language-speaking environment abroad (usually completed in summer between 1st and 2nd year)

Center for Chinese Studies 24-credit-hour MA degree program:

- Interdisciplinary seminars in Chinese Studies: CCS 501 (social science) and CCS 502 (humanities)
- One course from the history department on Chinese history
- One course focusing primarily on the imperial or pre-imperial period
- One course focusing on modern China
- MA thesis (may register for CCS 700)
- Third-year-level Chinese language competency

### **Chinese Language Requirement**

- Students in the MA program in Chinese Studies must complete third-year competence in reading and speaking Chinese.
- Only fourth-year-level language classes can count toward the CCS degree credit requirement.
- Students with limited prior language training are encouraged to apply for summer language study fellowships as a means to fulfill the language requirement.

*Under special circumstances MA/MPP dual-degree students can petition to be allowed to satisfy this requirement with only one semester of third-year Chinese.*

**For more information on this program contact:** International Institute Graduate Academic Services Office at [ii-gradadvising@umich.edu](mailto:ii-gradadvising@umich.edu) or 734.763.4528.

**Ford School of Public Policy**, Student Services Program Coordinator at 734.764.3490.

# MA JD Dual Degree Program



Graduates of the MA/JD in Chinese Studies are likely to gain the attention of large international law firms with operations in China, or significant Chinese clients. The dual degree will also prepare students for employment opportunities "in-house" at multi-national corporations active in, or with, China. Numerous other opportunities exist, for example, at a full range of multilateral agencies, US government departments and NGOs, or in international trade.

## Application Information

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the University of Michigan Law School and the Center for Chinese Studies. Students must satisfy the requirements of each degree program and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements.

- Law courses beyond first-year courses will not be offered in the summer term.
- Students will not receive credit toward J.D. coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School.
- When courses toward both degrees are taken in one term, tuition will be assessed at either the Law School or the Rackham Graduate School rate, whichever is higher.
- At the beginning of their final year of study in the combined programs, students should submit a Dual Degree Course Elections Form for approval from both the Law School and the Center for Chinese Studies.

*The dual-degree program is not open to students who have already earned either the MA in Chinese studies or JD. Students registered in the first year of either program may apply for the dual degree.*

## Application Deadline

- January 3, Law School
- December 15, LRCCS

## GRE/LSAT

- GRE or LSAT is acceptable for admission to the Center for Chinese Studies
- LSAT is required for admission to the Law School

## Course Requirements

JD 82-credit-hour degree program:

- Minimum of 70 credits must be earned in regularly scheduled Law School courses
- Seminar course
- One course in professional responsibility
- One course in transnational law
- One upper-class writing course
- Up to 12 credit hours may be earned through courses taken in Chinese Studies

Center for Chinese Studies 24-credit-hour degree program:

- Interdisciplinary seminars in Chinese Studies: CCS 501 (social science) and CCS 502 (humanities)
- One course from the history department on Chinese history
- One course focusing primarily on the imperial or pre-imperial period
- One course focusing on modern China
- MA thesis (may register for CCS 700)
- Third-year-level Chinese language competency
- Six credit hours may be earned through pre-approved courses taken in the Law School

### **Chinese Language Requirement**

- Students in the MA program in Chinese studies must complete third-year competence in reading and speaking Chinese.
- Only fourth-year-level language classes can count toward the CCS degree credit requirement.
- Students with limited prior language training are encouraged to apply for summer language study fellowships as a means to fulfill the language requirement.

*Under special circumstances MA/JD dual-degree students can petition to be allowed to satisfy this requirement with only one semester of third-year Chinese.*

**For more information on this program contact:** International Institute Graduate Academic Services Office at [ii-gradadvising@umich.edu](mailto:ii-gradadvising@umich.edu) or 734.763.4528.

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