International Master of Public Administration – IMPA
School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM)
Tsinghua University
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1. Program Introduction

1.1 Brief Introduction

1.1.1 Program information

The MOFCOM (the Ministry of Commerce of People’s Republic of China) Foreign Aid Degree Program for Developing Countries aims especially at training the high-level economic and foreign trading commercial government officials and managerial administrators by utilizing the Chinese government foreign assistance fund.

The International Master of Public Administration (IMPA) program is a one-year English degree program offered by the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) at Tsinghua University. It is designed for government officials from developing countries and focuses on enhancing cooperation and exchanges between those countries and China. It aims to expand participants’ ability to apply public administrative theories and tools, gain a better understanding of China’s development practices and build leadership skills necessary for problem-solving in developing and transition countries. The IMPA program is taught entirely in English.

SPPM is regarded as one of the pioneers of public administration education in China. Its mission is to provide academic and professional training programs in public management, to pursue academic excellence as well as the practical application of public policy and innovative management research. The IMPA program was launched in fall 2008 in order to share the successes and lessons of China’s development experiences and to make contributions to the practice of international development.
1.1.2 Prospective Students

Government Division Head or above, the academic dean or above, administrative managerial staff or above of academic institution, English sufficient for the training program, For non-native English speakers or applicants whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, evidence of English proficiency must be demonstrated, qualification meets the requirement of the program.

1.1.3 Training Objective

- **Improve Public Administration Capability**
  - Well-designed academic coursework
  - Free interaction with renowned professors and practitioners

- **Enhance Knowledge on China**
  - Selective courses on China's society, culture, laws, diplomatic policies, etc.
  - One-week field trip to a well-developed city in China
  - Short trips to historic attractions and development models near Beijing

- **Expand Professional Network**
  - Connection built upon high-calibre lecturer and seminars
  - Regular communication with alumni and classmates via platform, e.g. Yahoo Groups, Google Groups

1.1.4 Enrollment Plan

IMPA Program is a one-year English master degree program. The quota of enrollment of this year is 40 people.
1.1.5 Scholarship Coverage

The IMPA Program is sponsored by MOFCOM foreign aid fund, covering both of training and managing expenses of the university and basic living expense of trainees. The training expense includes the tuition, textbook and material fee, field trip and research fee, graduation thesis supervision fee and etc. The basic living expense includes dormitory fee, monthly stipend, one-time allocation fee, and medical insurance fee and etc. Among them, the ¥3000 allocation fee will distribute to the trainee one-time. And monthly stipend is ¥3000 for master students. Other expense will be managed by the university or MOFCOM, will not be issued to trainees.

1.2 Tsinghua University

1.2.1 Tsinghua University Introduction

Tsinghua University was established in 1911, originally under the name “Tsinghua Xuetang”. As one of China’s most renowned universities, Tsinghua has become an important institution for fostering talent and scientific research. Moreover, Tsinghua has a long tradition of nurturing public leadership, for instance, both former and current president, Mr. HU Jintao and Mr. XI Jinping are Tsinghua alumni.

At present, the university has 19 schools and 55 departments with faculties in science, engineering, humanities, law, medicine, history, philosophy, economics, management, education and art.

The University has now over 40,000 students, including over 15,000 undergraduates and over 27,000 graduate students. With the motto of “Self-Discipline and Social Commitment” and the spirit of “Actions Speak Louder than Words”,

1.2.2 School of Public Policy and Management

The School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM) of Tsinghua University was founded in 2000. As the first graduate school in public administration in China, the School’s long-term objective is to become a world-class institution that actively engages in teaching, research, and consulting in global public affairs.

Great progress has been made since the School’s founding. SPPM has built an outstanding faculty team and established an excellent MPA program and research-oriented M.S. and Ph.D. programs in public management. Since 2007, the school launched three English taught master programs, namely Master of Public Administration in International Development (MID) and International Master of Public Administration (IMPA), Master of Public Administration in International Development and Governance.

On July 16th, 2013, Tsinghua Master of Public Administration (MPA) program received the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) Accreditation. It is the first graduate degree in public affairs outside the United States to receive NASPAA Accreditation.

There are currently 48 full-time faculty members at SPPM. Among them, many have earned their doctoral degrees from world-renowned universities. They are actively engaged in researches covering public policies, economics, politics, political economy, international relations, NGO, social/government/industrial innovation, anti-corruption, development study, crisis management etc.

The research activities in public policy and management in the school have made important contributions to the formulation and implementation of public policies in China. Close linkages and partnerships have also been forged with international organizations and academic programs in public policy and management around the world.
1.3 Academic Plan

1.3.1 Curriculum Arrangement

IMPA students are required to obtain at least 30 course credits (with at least 26 credits obtained in courses that require an examination). Of the 30 credits, 2 credits must be from a course in Chinese, 12 credits from core courses, at least 12 credits from elective courses, and 4 credits from professional practice. A 10,000-word master degree thesis is required.

Curriculum (30 credits in total)

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<td>*Research Design and Thesis Writing</td>
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|          | Electives I (optional, but no less than 6 credits) | | | |
|          | International Political Economy | 80590203 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Globalization and Governance | 80590693 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Comparative Development | 70590613 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Governance and Development | 80590623 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Frontier of Public Management | 80590853 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Leadership | 80590213 | 3 credits | Exam |
|          | Frontier on Public Policy-International Political Economy Analysis | 90590023 | 3 credits | Exam |
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**Elective II (optional, but no less than 6 credits)**

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<td>Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law</td>
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<td>China’s Social Policy</td>
<td>80590703</td>
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After completing 12 credits, students can select other graduate level courses offered by the university.

**3. Language class (2 credits)**

- Chinese Language
  - Code: 60610162
  - Credits: 2
  - Exam

Students can choose from three levels: Basic (60610162), Intermediate (60610172) and Advanced (60610182)

**4. Professional Practice (required components, 4 credits)**

- Thesis Proposal
  - Code: 69990021
  - Credits: 1
  - Check

- Field Study
  - Code: 80590663
  - Credits: 3
  - Check

*Required courses and components
CHU Shulong: Professor
Ph.D., George Washington University
Areas of Research: Political science and international affairs, including political theories; international relations; American government and politics; Chinese foreign strategy and policy.

DAI Yixin: Associate Professor
Ph.D., Syracuse University

GAO Yuning: Associate Professor
Ph.D., University of Cambridge, UK
Areas of Research: Macroeconomics, industrial economics and policies, international development, international economics and finance.

HU Angang: Professor
Ph.D., Chinese Academy of Sciences
Areas of Research: China studies; public policy, development study.

ZHENG Zhenqing: Associate Professor
Ph.D., Peking University
Areas of Research: Comparative politics, comparative political economy, regional development and governance, Taiwan's political economy and cross-strait relations.

LV Xiaoli: Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Areas of Research: Crisis management, public organizations, institutional theory, public administration.

MENG Ke: Assistant Professor
Ph.D., Oxford University, UK
Areas of Research: Political economy, comparative public policy, social policy and quantitative methods.

MEI Ciqi: Associate Professor
Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park, USA
Areas of Research: Comparative politics; China politics & government; bureaucratic politics.

WANG Qingxin: Professor
Ph.D., State University of New York at Buffalo
Areas of Research Interests: East Asian international relations, international relations theory, East Asian politics, and Confucian political thought.
WANG Youqiang: Professor
PhD., University of Maryland, USA
PhD., Ohio University, USA
Areas of Research Interests: Public economics, governance in public sector, leadership

YIN Chengzhi: Associate Professor
Ph. D., Peking University
Area of Research: Urban and regional planning, town and country planning management, integrated approaches to sustainable development.

YU An: Professor
Ph.D., Peking University
Area of Research: Administrative law; WTO legal issues; and government procurement.

YU Qiao: Professor
Ph.D., Michigan State University
Areas of Research: Public management; economics; public finance

ZHANG Yanbing: Associate Professor
Ph.D., University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
Areas of Research: politics; plutonomy

1.3.2 Teaching Method

The program introduces to the students the major concepts, theories and practices of public management. It will also help students access and understand the practices of Chinese public administration in the reform era. To achieve this end, instructor will adopt various teaching methods, including lecturing, case discussion, group presentations and on-site visits. Students are expected to actively participate in the teaching process and contribute to the classroom discussion.

1.3.3 Graduation Thesis

Students must satisfy all academic requirements of the academic plan and pass all the courses (no failed or incomplete course) in order to apply for oral defense of thesis.
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Students must submit his/her thesis defense application to the IMPA Office in Apr. For reference on oral defense application, see Thesis Defense Workflow.

1.3.4 Graduation and Degree Conferral

IMPA students must complete all degree requirements, and pass the oral thesis defense in order to receive graduation and degree certificates.

Based on the quality of the thesis and the student’s oral defense, the university will make decision to grant a degree, postpone the granting of a degree, or not grant a degree. In general, the university makes its final decision regarding the granting of degrees in June and January of each year. In the event that the thesis did not pass the defense, the student will be granted a Certificate of Completion. If the student has not met the requirements of the program, or failed the thesis defense, he/she will be granted a Certificate of Incompletion. Regarding not conferring a degree, please refer to Tsinghua University’s working approach for certain circumstances in post-graduate degree award.

The university confers degrees in June and January of each academic year. However, under special circumstances, the university can confer degrees at a later date.

2. Admission

2.1 Qualification of Applicants

- Government officials from developing countries (at least Division Head and above);
- Bachelor degree;

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- Under the age of 45, No less than 5-year working experiences;
- High English proficiency.

2.2 Application Procedure

2.2.1 Chinese Government Scholarship(CSC) Application

Register, login Chinese Government Scholarship Online Application website (http://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login), fill in the form.

Please be noted that Choose Category B and the agency number of Tsinghua University is 10003, Discipline is “Management”, and Major is “Public Administration”.

2.2.2 Tsinghua University Application

Complete On-line Application on the website of Tsinghua University (http://gradadmission.tsinghua.edu.cn/f/login). Upload all the required application materials (listed below), submit. No application fee is needed.

**Required Application Material:**
- A formal degree certificate of your Bachelor’s degree (original notarized photocopy).
- Academic transcript of your Bachelor’s education (original or notarized photocopy).
- Personal statement in English, at least 2-page A4 paper (please indicate the motivation for applying for Tsinghua IMPA program, any advantage and accomplishment for fulfilling the program, study plan and career goal).
- Two letters of recommendation (original in English or in Chinese) : one letter must be from the university, the other must be from current employers.
- One photocopy of your passport (personal and ordinary passport).
- Photocopies of English language proficiency test results (For non-native English speakers or applicants whose instruction media of tertiary education is not English, evidence of English proficiency should be demonstrated by a passing TOEFL 85 or IELTS 6.5. A GRE score is desirable but not required).
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form, the examination result must be obtained within 1 month. All applicants shall be in good physical conditions and carry no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into
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any of the health situations prohibited by China’s Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.

- CSC Application Form.

2.2.3 Embassy Recommendation

Acquire recommendation from your country’s ministry, and submit all the application material to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor’s Office, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in your own country and get approved.

After you are approved by the Economic and Commercial Counsellor’s Office, scan the official embassy recommendation letter, and send email to impa@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn.

Once the university received the embassy official recommendation letter, the academic review will start.

2.3 Application Important Note

- Applicants are required to submit scanned images of all required documents at the time of application. All uploaded documents should be in Chinese or in English; otherwise notarial translations in Chinese or English are required. Once translated, the original documents and certified translations are to be submitted together to the application system.

- Please scan the original or notarial application documents in color using a scanner. Documents images captured by mobile phone or camera are not acceptable. Copies are also not acceptable.

- Applications with incomplete documents will not be processed.

- Tsinghua University may request some applicants to offer original or notarial hardcopies of application documents for further qualification check if uploaded documents are not sufficient. Applicants shall guarantee all the information and application documents submitted in this application are authentic and accurate, otherwise, the admission will be disqualified.

2.4 Application Deadline
3. Other Important Information

3.1 Contact Information

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Fax: 62782853
Email: impa@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn
Website: http://www.sppm.tsinghua.edu.cn/english/Admission/IMPA/
Address: Room 201, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, Haidian District, Beijing

3.2 Other information

- All the application material will not be returned.
- Chinese government will not explain the application result, no matter the applicants are accepted or not.
- No accommodation fee for the spouse and children visits.
- Chinese visa application procedure and other information will be specified at the admission letter.