Overview

The Department of Politics at East China Normal University accepts applications from prospective students interested in pursuing a 2-year research-oriented Master's of Art or 4-year Ph. D. in Politics. The program is based on ECNU's main campus in Shanghai. Part-time, non-degree students are also welcome to apply for short-term studies leading to a graduate certificate or to complement studies elsewhere. The program focus is Chinese politics, and draws from the Department's expertise in the areas of political philosophy, political history, political theory and systems, political communication and public relations, political education and participation, international relations, and research methods. Mandarin language learning support will be provided, and degree-seekers will be required to pass the HSK Level 4 Examination in order to graduate.

All courses will be taught in English, and Master's students in the program will be required to successfully defend a thesis written in English. Doctoral candidates may submit their dissertations in English or Chinese. The Department boasts a robust, diverse faculty, many of whom have trained abroad or earned their doctorates or completed substantial post-doctoral or visiting scholar positions abroad. All are regular faculty at ECNU and will therefore be available to form strong mentorships as they teach, advise, direct student research, and help graduates embark on post-graduate opportunities.
Chinese master’s programs generally require three years and around 30 credits, not including general courses credits or the thesis. This program, however, conforms to the more common, compressed international standard of at least two years for completion, including 36 credits, 6 of which can be used to satisfy the thesis requirement.

The doctoral program shares characteristics with the American and European model, but it is closer to the latter. It requires completing 15 course credits beyond the master’s degree plus a dissertation that offers an original and meaningful contribution to scholarship. Dissertations in politics generally consist of 200 to 300 pages in English (or more than 100,000 characters if submitted in Chinese), and must adhere to professional academic standards and formatting. Additionally, doctoral candidates are required to publish two papers before graduation.

Although all required courses are taught in English, both master’s and doctoral students are required to demonstrate basic Chinese fluency before graduating from the master’s or doctoral program by passing the HSK Level 4 Examination. If this has already been achieved then the credit can be waived. Credit will not be awarded for supplemental language coursework if such proves necessary.

This also follows the international standard. If they choose to do so, then master’s students are encouraged to take 1 or 2 courses from those offered in Chinese by University faculty. Approval would be required to determine whether such coursework would satisfy specific master’s program requirements. Doctoral students have the option of taking all of their courses in English or Chinese.

I. International Standards and Professional Praxes (3 credits required)
II. History (6 credits required)
III. Political Philosophy (6 credits required)
IV. Chinese Politics (12 credits required)
V. Research Methods (3 credits required)
VI. Thesis (6 credits required)
VII. Language Study (0) Must pass relevant language exam.
   (Foreign students and non-native Chinese speakers must pass Chinese HSK Level 4 Examination)
VIII. Special Lectures, Special Topics, and Cross-Listed Courses
Sample Two-Year Program – 36 credits

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Graduate Certificate, Non-Degree and Exchange Students

We offer a Graduate Certificate as an option for students seeking such an opportunity. The certificate requires 15 credits completed at ECNU, and must be drawn from the courses directly associated with the program.

We will develop the specific requirements and seek official approval on a tailored, student-by-student basis. For admission as a non-degree seeking or exchange student, or to enroll in the Graduate Certificate program, then please contact the program for more information:

Application

I. For the self-supported students:

Eligibility

1. Application form (download from http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn)
2. Certificate of Bachelor’s Degree
3. Transcript
4. Scores from TOEFL, IELTS or other international or national English proficiency examinations (Alternatively, applicants can interview with program faculty directly and upon recommendation from faculty, the submission of formal test scores can be waived. A student whose native language is English or completes his or her undergraduate studies in English-based studies or institutions faces no requirement to demonstrate English language proficiency).
5. A well-written personal statement (500 to 800 words for master’s applications, 800 to 1000 words for doctoral applicants) introducing one’s qualifications, interests and reasons for applying to the degree program.
6. Recommendation letters from two professors
7. Passport (photocopy)
8. RMB800 or USD160. The application fee could be transferred to the bank account (See bank account information), and the wire receipt should be enclosed with your application documents.

* Application documents sent by email or fax are not accepted.

** Neither application documents nor the application fee will be returned, regardless of program admission or rejection.
Bank Account Information

1. Account Name: EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY
2. Account No.: 435159245526
3. Bank Name: BANK OF CHINA SHANGHAI BRANCH
4. SWIFT Code: BKCHCNBJ300
5. Address: No. 23 Zhongshan Dong Yi Rd, Shanghai, China
6. Please indicate that the bill is for “Application Fee” and applicant’s passport name.

Procedures

Online: http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn/front/login.html
You may come to the International Student Office to apply if you are in Shanghai or mail all the above application documents to the ISO if you cannot come in person.

Fees

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Application Deadline

Application documents should reach the International Students Office of ECNU by 15th June (the scholarship application deadline is earlier, see below)

Approval and Notification

Admission decisions will be made on a rolling basis, and students will be notified as soon as possible. The final list of admitted students will be posted online at http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn by June 30.

II. For Students Applying for Scholarships:

A. Chinese Ministry of Education Scholarship

Value of scholarship
Full Scholarship: Exemption from tuition fee, fee for laboratory experiment, and accommodation on campus; monthly allowance provided (Master’s degree students: RMB¥3,000/month; PhD students RMB ¥3,500/month)

Criteria and Eligibility

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and in good health.
2) Education background and age limit: Applicants for a master’s degree program must have a bachelor’s degree and be under 35 years old. Applicant’s for a PhD must have a master’s degree and be under 40 years old.
Application Documents

The applicants must fill in and provide the following documents truly, correctly and completely (in duplicates).

1) Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship (filled in Chinese or English)
   You must register and apply online at www.campuschina.org, choose application type B (the Agency No. of ECNU is 10269), and then print it out.

2) Highest diploma (notarized photocopy): Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.

3) Academic transcripts (notarized photocopy): Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.

4) Scores from TOEFL, IELTS or other international or national English proficiency examinations (Alternatively, applicants can interview with program faculty directly and upon recommendation from faculty, the submission of formal test scores can be waived. A student whose native language is English or completes his or her undergraduate studies in English-based studies or institutions faces no requirement to demonstrate English language proficiency).

5) A well-written personal statement of 500 to 800 words for master’s applicants and 800-1000 for doctoral applicants that introduces one’s qualifications, interests and reasons for pursuing the degree program.

6) Photocopy of Foreigner Physical Examination Form (The original copy should be kept by the applicant. The form printed by Chinese quarantine authority could be downloaded from http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn/download.do?method=downList). The medical examinations must cover all the items listed in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form. Please select the appropriate time to take medical examination as it is valid for only 6 months.

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Application Deadline

Your application documents should reach the International Students Office of ECNU by 31st March.

Approval and Notification

Admission and scholarship decisions will be made on a rolling basis, and students will be notified as soon as possible. The list of scholarship recipients will be posted online at http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn in late May or early June. You are also welcome to inquire by calling or emailing us.
II. For Student Applying for Scholarships:

B. Shanghai Municipal Government Scholarship

Scholarship Categories

TYPE A
Exempt from tuition fee, and accommodation on campus; provide comprehensive medical insurance and monthly allowance (Master’s degree students, RMB ¥3,000/month; Doctoral degree students, RMB ¥3,500/month)

TYPE B
Exempt from tuition fee, and provide comprehensive medical insurance.

Eligibility

1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens and in good health.
2) Education background and age limit:
   Applicants for master’s degree program must have bachelor’s degree and be under 35; doctoral applicants must be under 40.
3) Excellent in academic achievement.
4) Applicants cannot be the holders of any other kind of Chinese government scholarship.

Application Documents

Applicants must fill in and provide the following documents truly, correctly and completely and mail the documents to the International Students Office of East China Normal University.

1) Application Form for Type A (Type B) Scholarship (filled in Chinese or English). You must register and apply online at www.study-Shanghai.org (the Agency Code of ECNU is 10269), and then print it out.

2) Highest diploma (notarized photocopy): If applicants are university students, they should also provide studying certificates from their university. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.

3) Academic transcripts (notarized photocopy): Transcripts in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized translations in Chinese or English.

4) A study or research plan. All applicants are required to submit a study or research plan. It must be in Chinese or in English and no less than 1000 words.
5) Recommendation letters:
   Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation in Chinese or English by professors.

6) Health certificate (photocopy). Note: When students arrive in China, they will be required to take a second physical exam
   in order to convert their visas.
   For students requiring a blank health certificate form, see http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn/download.do?method=downList.

7) TOEFL, IELTS or other international or national exams (A student whose native language is English or completes his or her
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**Application Deadline**

Your application documents should reach the International Students Office of ECNU by 15th May.

**Approval and Notification**

The list of recipients will be posted online at http://lxs.ecnu.edu.cn.

**CONTACT US**

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Department of Politics: http://www.dp.ecnu.edu.cn/
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Add: Department of Politics, East China Normal University, No. 500 Dongchuan Road, Shanghai,
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For information about graduate studies at ECNU:
ECNU Graduate School
Website: http://www.yjsy.ecnu.edu.cn/newsdetail.asp?id=3642

For information about the application processes for both the program and scholarships:
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