



ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF CHINA STUDIES

YOUTH OF EXCELLENCE SCHEME OF CHINA(YES CHINA)

MASTER PROGRAM CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2021/2022



PROGRAM HANDBOOK

INSTITUTE OF CHINA STUDIES



ABOUT

ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1897, Zhejiang University has remained one of China's top 5 best universities for more than a decade. Formerly known, as Qiushi Academy, Zhejiang University is one of the most ancient renowned institutions of higher learning in the country. Its success is a result of maintaining an eminent academic level within a wide range of discipline from our 7 established faculties with 32 schools. More than 47,000 students attend Zhejiang University each year, which boasts 7 campuses with each of their own uniqueness, namely: Zijingang, Yuquan, Xixi, Huajiachi, Zhijiang, Zhoushan, and Haining International Campus.



HANGZHOU: Host city of G20, 2016

ZJU is located in China's historical capital, Hangzhou, a city now dubbed the "Silicon Valley" of China. As the city's most well known attraction, the West Lake Cultural Landscape was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2011 and attracts more than 18 million tourists every year. Situated in the southern part of the Yangtze River Delta and only fifty minutes high-speed train ride away from Shanghai, Hangzhou is one of the most economically vibrant cities in China and has been recognized by the World Bank as having China's best investment environment for years. The Alibaba Group, the world's largest retailer with operations in over 190 countries as well as one of the world's largest Internet companies, is headquartered in Hangzhou. Equipped with well-functioning public service system, the city is an ideal homeland for living. In September 2016, Hangzhou hosted the eleventh **G20 Summit** successfully.



WHY

A Master in China Studies (MCS)

As China continues to advance itself as a global frontrunner in international relations with projects such as the *One Belt, One Road*, there is also an increasing demand for people who can understand and work with China on a professional level. In 2008 ZJU became the first university in China to grant a Master's Degree in China Studies. Since then the program has been established as the Institute of China Studies due to its success for graduating more than 380 foreign students from 53 different countries as Master of China Studies. In 2014, MCS was selected as one of the six Youth of Excellence Scheme of China (YES China Program), which is a high-level master program with Chinese government scholarship.

MCS places great efforts in providing high academic courses with professors from various departments that bring with them years of teaching experience both inside and outside of China. MCS is a full-English interdisciplinary program that offers students with different background the possibility of individualizing their education on China issues. Students will also receive research and practicum experience through internships and field trips provided by MCS. Lectures and Practices combined with intensive mandarin Chinese language courses will equip the students with the necessary tools to engage, experience, and independently in 21st century China.

MCS-YES PROGRAM

We offer 2021

MCS offers a one-year length Master of China Studies Degree under the framework of YES China Program. To obtain the degree a completion of minimum of 24-credits courses and lectures are required. This also includes the final thesis of no less than 20,000 words approved by the MCS professor's Committee.

MCS Engages YES student through participatory teaching approaches, with an emphasis on studying the issues in contemporary China from the perspective of Chinese tradition and cross-cultural comparison. MCS-YES is designed to allow graduates acquire the knowledge of modern Chinese business, media, policy, communication, culture and arts. Proficiency in mandarin Chinese is essential for anyone who wants to understand China. Alongside core classes the MCS will provide intensive language courses both elementary and intermediate levels.



CURRICULUM

Students will study MSC core classes from following 3 modules: *Transformation & Development*, *Society & Life*, and *History & Civilization*, which provide them the necessary “China Competence” from various levels.

Transformation & Development introduces the political and economic changes that have impacted contemporary China since the reforms in 1978. Chinese policies will be taught and provide students with empirical knowledge on the structure and character of Chinese governmental operations within a range of areas. Students will learn to analyze the consequences of China’s economic development and get useful experience in corresponding sections.

Society & Life approaches the social study of modern China from a cross-cultural perspective. Various observations in the disciplines of sociology will enable students to conduct practical research in different institutions either in rural or urban China. Students will enrich the knowledge of daily Chinese life and deepen the understanding of real Chinese society.

History & Civilization puts ancient Chinese culture and tradition into a modern interpretation by instructing students in fundamental classics of Chinese philosophy and civilization periods. Students will be able to analyze the role that history, heritage, and religion have in contemporary China through class lectures and field trips.



FACULTIES

MCS professors come from overseas education background and have rich experience in teaching international students. MCS also have more than 10 foreign guest professors from partner universities to offer series of lectures of “Overseas China Studies” each year. MCS professors, specializing in the disciplines of humanities and social sciences, will help you analyze China issues from multiple and global perspectives.

STUDENTS

Since September 2014, the MCS has recruited 7 YES classes with over 100 students from over 30 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Each year the MCS also accepts students from partner universities. This joint degree program creates a more intercultural and diversified community for the international students.



PRACTICE

In the past years, MCS students' footprints have traversed many Chinese cities, villages, governmental departments, factories, markets and cultural attractions. Story China project enables you to "*Survey Together, Observe Real China by Yourself*", you may have your own "Story in China" through professional research, cultural experience, internships and other multiple channels.

MANDARIN

In addition to public Chinese classes, MCS focus on practical content of Mandarin and you will learn from survival to everyday life Mandarin. Speaking and practicing is so important that there will be special classes to practice with native Chinese speakers. You will also have opportunity to have ZJU Chinese student as language partner.



APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirement

1. Healthy both physically and mentally; not over 45 years old to the date September 1, 2021.
2. Having obtained a Bachelor's or higher degree, and having at least 3 years' work experience.
3. Working in a government agency or research institute, and being a Section Director or Office Chief, or strong in corresponding researches
4. With good English language proficiency, able to follow English-taught courses well.
5. Having a strong development potential in his/her career, and willing to promote the mutual cooperation and exchange between China and his/her home country.

Application Materials

An applicant should submit the scanned copies of the following documents to emails: mcs.intl@zju.edu.cn, before June 15th, 2021.

1. Application Form for YES CHINA Program with a 2-inch photo and the applicant's signature. Please go to the website of the China Scholarship Council(CSC)(www.csc.edu.cn), complete the online-application for YES CHINA Program and download the form as a copy prepared to send us.
2. Personal statements in English and no less than 500 words.
3. Copies of bachelor's degree certificate(s) and academic transcript(s).
4. Two recommendation letters from applicant's employers and/or professors. Telephone numbers and email addresses of the referees must be included in the letters.
5. Employment verification.
6. English proficiency certificates, if any.
7. Copy of the passport page of personal information.

*NOTE

Scanned copies of the documents will be sufficient during the application period. Originals or verified copies will be required upon enrollment at Zhejiang University. All documents should be in English or Chinese and be originals or notarized copies. All documents are not retrievable.



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