MASTER’S: CHINESE STUDIES

Presentation

The Master’s programme in Chinese Studies includes theory-based, methodology-based and applied course units. It is based in equal measure on research activity and experience of the professional context. This Master’s is geared towards research-oriented professions and draws primarily on the scientific output of the team of teaching staff and university lecturer-researchers who contribute to the programme.

Objectives

Understand contemporary China and acquire a high standard of linguistic skill. This Master’s programme in Chinese Studies aims to increase students’ understanding of contemporary China and to provide them with a sophisticated level of linguistic skill. The objectives are three-fold. The programme aims to:

* offer students who have an undergraduate Licence degree in Chinese an essential complement to their learning in Chinese language and civilisation thus far, without which further vocational training might not be possible;
* offer an introduction to research skills, with specialised seminar units and classes on research methodology, to enable students better define the direction and tools of their research and to develop a capacity for autonomous critical reflection;
* encourage students to acquire a sophisticated understanding of Chinese culture in order to help them build their specialism, which will be necessary in their future employment.
Joint degree establishments and partnerships

Training content

Two years of study: Master 1 (M1) and Master 2 (M2)
Gain an introduction to contemporary China.
Emphasis is placed on putting into perspective the greatest challenges currently facing China, which include: China’s unsustainable growth model, the accelerated ageing and so-called masculinisation of the population, the increasing pace of urbanisation. Other topics covered include the question of protecting the environment in China and the rise of political and social protest.
There are multiple approaches, which can be addressed from a range of angles: economics, demographics, sociology, anthropology, political science, literature, and so on.
Acquire sophisticated linguistic skill.
Alongside lectures and seminar units on Chinese civilisation, the Master’s also comprises a substantial volume of teaching hours dedicated to modern Chinese language (written and oral).
Lastly, there are one-off conferences in addition to the course units. Students also come together for study days and colloquiums organised by the research centre that backs this programme of study.

Master 1: First year of two-year Master’s programme
* Course units (lectures and seminars) look at the economy and demographics in China, on the flux of urban areas and current literary trends.
* Two seminar units are dedicated to cross-disciplinary interrogations, looking beyond China to the wider area of East Asia.
* Written and oral language skills are developed through Chinese language classes.

Master 2: Second year of two-year Master’s programme
* Course units (lectures and seminars) look at the relationship between power and society in contemporary China and offer a practical introduction to research methodologies in the field of Chinese Studies.
* There is a cross-disciplinary seminar unit on East Asia.
* Chinese language classes are applied to research and consulting, and the summary of research findings. There is also an introduction to interpreting.

Control knowledge

Dissertation
The dissertation must be between 150 and 200 pages long.

**Admissions**

Find information regarding enrolment procedures and the supporting documents to be provided, according to your profile and your level of studies:
* Independent Stay
* Exchange Programme

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