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Chinese Language and Culture Studies
Ghent University, Belgium



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INTERNATIONAL MASTER

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (TWO- YEAR MASTER)

Welcome to Chinese Language and Culture Studies@Ghent University

From the academic year 2017-2018 onwards, Ghent University offers a new, two-year Master's programme in Chinese Language and Culture. The programme draws on a wide range of expertise in Chinese Studies, clustered in two research groups that guarantee research-based education: the 'Ghent Centre for Buddhist Studies' and the research group 'East Asian Culture in Perspective: Identity – Historical Consciousness – Modernity'. The programme also provides you with advanced language tutoring. All courses are taught in English to small groups by scholars and teachers who are directly engaged in research and academic publication. In addition, courses in language practice Modern Chinese are taught by native speakers of Chinese. The overall aim of the programme is to train students in both modern (Mandarin) and pre-modern Chinese and to provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to do academic research in traditional and contemporary China. The International Master Chinese Language and Culture also may include one semester or one year abroad.

Why Chinese Language and Culture Studies@Ghent University?

Established in 1958, the Chinese Language and Culture programme of Ghent University is the oldest academic programme on China in Belgium. At present, the centre boasts an outstanding expertise and the two research centres that are connected to the Department of Chinese Language and Culture are the outcome of the academic tradition of said

Department. Research and teaching at the Department are characterised by their focus on the continuity of the past in the present, and on the way China was shaped by and has shaped other cultures. The Department is home to a vibrant international research community of junior and senior scholars dedicating themselves passionately to research and education in traditional and contemporary China.

Ghent University's vibrant research community and its high academic and professional standard are reflected in the University's mission statement: ugent.be/en/ghentuniv

On an administrative level, the Department is supported by our office of international relations (contact: professor Anderl, christoph.anderl@ugent.be; professor Heirman, ann.heirman@ugent.be), and, for Chinese students, by the China Platform of the International Relations Office of Ghent University.

China Platform

www.ugent.be/chinaplatform/en

Research groups

- Ghent Centre for Buddhist Studies
www.cbs.ugent.be
- East Asian Culture in Perspective: Identity – Historical Consciousness –Modernity
www.southandeastasia.ugent.be/east_asian_culture_in_perspective

Staff

www.southandeastasia.ugent.be/medewerkers

Why Choose China?

Chinese history is characterised by a continuous interaction of the traditional Chinese culture with the cultures of the neighbouring regions. While this has, on the one hand, influenced and shaped the cultural patterns of many East Asian and Southeast Asian countries, China has, itself, also been influenced by other cultures. In this way, Japanese political institutions have been developed from a traditional Chinese model and Indian Buddhism has developed to be a fundamental element of medieval and contemporary Chinese culture. Contemporary Chinese political institutions were created in reaction to and modeled on those of Europe. Understanding China is therefore essential for understanding traditional and contemporary Asia and, given the undeniable ascent of China on the world stage, also for understanding our contemporary global world.

Why Choose Ghent?

The City of Ghent is truly unique. The campuses of Ghent University are integrated in the medieval town and 19th century districts that circumvent the medieval part of the city. Ghent has a lively art scene and numerous world-class museums, covering ancient, modern and contemporary art, folklore and industrial heritage. The city is also home to a wide range of performing arts centres. The vibrant cultural scene of the city fuses in with the daily life of Ghent people and the city's more than 70,000 students who together enjoy one of Europe's largest pedestrian areas. This unique combination of old and new has made Ghent a cultural hot spot – no surprise that 'Lonely Travel' commented on Ghent as one of the ten 'must-see' cities of the world. Ghent is located in the centre of Europe, with Brussels, Amsterdam, Paris, London and Cologne only a few hours away by train.

City of Ghent

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DEGREE STUDENTS

Study Programme

The two-year International Master of Chinese Language and Culture has the following courses (all taught in English, except for Modern Chinese courses that are taught in Chinese)

Master Year 1:

- Modern Chinese: Contemporary Chinese Literature (6 credits, semester 1)
 - Modern Chinese: China in the Media (6 credits, semester 2)
 - Classical Chinese: Language, text and context (6 credits, semester 1)
 - Buddhism: Text and Material Culture (6 credits, semester 2)
 - Culture in Perspective (6 credits, semester 2)
 - Dissertation seminar (10 credits, spread over the year; preparatory course for master's dissertation)
- 18 credits **academic proficiency** =
- Critical Global Theories (5 credits, semester 1)
 - Research seminar (13 credits, spread over the year; topical seminar, with annually changing topics)

Master Year 2:

- OR: semester abroad (30 credits, semester 1)
- OR: globalisation (30 credits, spread over the year)
- 12 credits (internship)
- Master's dissertation (20 credits)

Remarks:

1. Apart from the module **academic proficiency**, the programme of Chinese Language and Culture also offers four other modules (economy and business; social and political

sciences; cultural sciences; and teachers' degree). For these modules, a very good knowledge of Dutch is compulsory.

2. A compulsory internship (12 credits) is part of the Master's programme: for research students this can be participation in a research group, but other options are available as well.

3. The semester abroad can be extended to one year, on the basis of a learning agreement with a partner institute.

Tuition fee

www.ugent.be/student/en/administration/tuition/tuitionmasterteacher20222023.htm

UPDATE! From 2022-23 on, the tuition fee for non-European students in the programme of Chinese Language and Culture will be EUR 1,904 / master year.

Enrolment and admission

See www.ugent.be/enrolment

Admission requirements

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad can be found on the following page:

www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/requirement

Language requirements

- English: B2 level is required

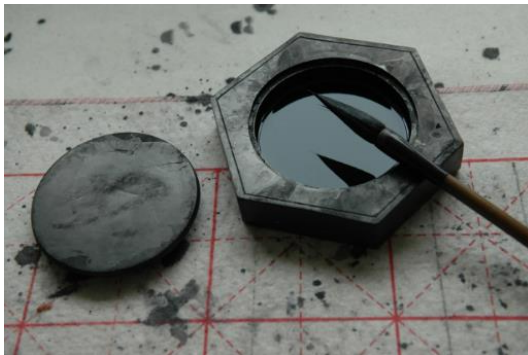
www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/requirement/language_requirements/overview.htm

- Chinese: intermediate level
- Dutch: not required when following the international module academic proficiency

Career opportunities

This programme provides the foundation for a career in China-related culture, diplomacy, business, journalism, teaching or tourism. Alternatively, your studies may inspire you to continue to research at a doctoral level, and develop an academic career (see under PhD in Chinese studies).

Also when you choose to pursue a career in an alternative field, you will find the skills you have gained in research, communication, presentation and analysis to be an asset in the competitive employment marketplace.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Study Programme

This flexible programme is designed for students who have already attained a basic level of modern and pre-modern Chinese. You will develop advanced skills in modern and pre-modern Chinese and you will explore aspects of contemporary Chinese culture, society, religion, philosophy, economy, and politics. Moreover, the courses in this programme are taught by experts in their respective research areas. Studying at Ghent University will place you within the vibrant community of Ghent University and the city of Ghent.

Exchange students can take up all the Master's courses under the Programme structure, plus the following BA 2-3 courses:

- Buddhism (biannual; 2023-24; 5 credits, semester 2)
- East Asian Ideologies (biannual; 2022-23; 5 credits, semester 2)
- Society and Current Affairs: Japan (5 credits, semester 1)
- Society and Current Affairs: China (5 credits, semester 2)
- Classical Chinese VI (5 credits, semester 2)
- Linguistic Research: East Asian Languages (5 credits, semester 2)

<https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/exchange-programme-oriental-languages-and-cultures/programma/2022>

Funding (main sources; all include a fee waiver)

- Erasmus+ agreements (for European students)
- bilateral agreements (for non-European students)
- CSC (China Scholarship Council; only for Chinese nationals)

Language Requirements

- English: B2 level is required
www.uqent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/requirement/language/requirements/overview.htm
- Chinese: intermediate level
- Dutch: not required when following the international module **academic proficiency**



PHD IN ORIENTAL LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Do you have a Master's degree in Oriental Languages and Cultures or a related field of studies? Why not apply for a PhD in Oriental Languages and Cultures at Ghent University? As a general rule, the PhD programme at Ghent University is fully research-based. Note however that, depending on your previous study curriculum, the Examination Board of the Department may require you to take some courses while working on your PhD. PhD research can be done either as a degree student, or as a joint PhD. Dissertations can be written in English (in case of a joint PhD also in Chinese).

DEGREE STUDENTS

Tuition fee

www.ugent.be/student/en/administration/tuition/copy_of_tuitiondoctorate20212022

Funding opportunities (main sources)

- With a European Master's degree:
 - Possibility of up to four year funding with FWO and BOF:
www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/
- With a non-European Master's degree:
 - CSC (China Scholarship Council; only for Chinese nationals):

Ghent University has signed a cooperation agreement with the China Scholarship Council (CSC) to stimulate Ghent University as host institution for Chinese PhD students. This cooperation agreement will last for 5 years from 1 August 2018 until 31 July 2023. In the framework of this cooperation agreement Ghent University exempts all admitted CSC PhD students (CSC personal & preference scholarship) from paying tuition & bench fees and offers an extra research allowance towards 10 CSC preference scholarship students.

www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/bof/chn

JOINT PHD

Ghent University

<https://www.ugent.be/en/research/doctoralresearch/enrolment-doctorate/joint-phd>

Funding opportunities (main sources)

- CSC (China Scholarship Council; only for Chinese nationals)

Enrolment and admission

ugent.be/en/research/doctoralresearch

See www.ugent.be/enrolment

Admission requirements

Having obtained a Master's degree in Oriental Languages and Cultures or its international equivalent, in an appropriate subject.

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad can be found on the following page:

www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/requirement

Language Requirements

- English: B2 level
www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/application/requirement/lanquagerequirements/overview.htm
- Chinese: minimum intermediate (when not yet obtained, compulsory courses will be added to the doctoral programme)
- Dutch: not required

General information

Ghent University: International student support

www.ugent.be/en/ghentuniv/principles/internationalisation/iro/irostudentsupport.htm

Faculty of Arts and Philosophy: Studying in Ghent

www.ugent.be/lw/en/exchange

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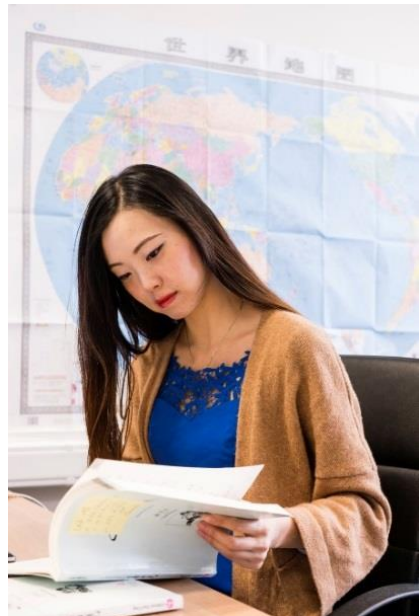
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