

Shanghai University: The Postgraduate Program of Global Studies

About

The postgraduate Program of Global Studies at Shanghai University is the first two programs in this discipline in China, though, according to the *Regulations Concerning Academic Degrees in the People's Republic of China*, the specific master or doctorate degree in Global Studies has not yet been officially established. The program (both MA and PhD) aims for an integrated, multi-disciplinary and cross-cultural learning and research on the processes and effects of globalization. By analyzing global phenomena from economic, social, historical, cultural, political, and other perspectives, the program fosters a global awareness that is essential for bridging cultural, geographic, political and linguistic boundaries.

Research Fields

1. Theories of Globalization and Global Studies.
2. Globalization and Cultural Diversity.
3. Globalization and Regional Development.

Degree Awarded and Requirements

The Postgraduate Program of Global Studies at Shanghai University is a cross-disciplinary one involving History, Sociology and Economics. Students can get a Degree (MA or PhD) of History, or Sociology, or Economics.

Masters – Total 44 Credits:

- five compulsory courses – 20 credits;
- six optional courses – 24 credits;
- paper requirement – students must have at least one academic paper published during the period of study.

• NOTE: To get a specific degree, students must take two relevant optional courses and complete a thesis in a specific discipline. For instance, to get a degree of History, students must take two relevant history courses and complete a history thesis.

PhD – Total 14 Credits:

- two compulsory courses – 6 credits;
- two optional courses – 8 credits;
- paper requirement – students must have at least two academic papers published during the period of study.

• NOTE: To get a specific degree, students must take one relevant optional course and complete a dissertation in a specific discipline.

Time Limits

The required minimum time for MA students is two and half years, and a the maximum time is five years. The minimum time for Ph.D students is three years and the maximum time is six years.

Course Structure

The Postgraduate Program of Global Studies at Shanghai University is a cross-disciplinary one involving History, Sociology, Philosophy and Economics. PPGS offers courses of various disciplines, this interdisciplinary nature allows students to take courses focusing on a variety of different topics and specializations in the context of globalization.

1. Compulsory Courses – Master:

- Theory of Marxism and Socialism with Chinese Characteristics (3 credits);
- Theories of Global Studies (4 credits);
- Methodology of Global Studies (4 credits);
- Globalization and Global Issues (4 credits);
- Foreign Language (5 credits).

2. Compulsory Courses – PhD:

- Theory of Marxism and Socialism with Chinese Characteristics (2 credits);
- Foreign Language (4 credits).

3. Optional Courses:

- Globalization and Cultural Identification (4 credits);
- Religion and Global Politics (4 credits);
- Public Diplomacy and Global Governance (4 credits);
- International Politics (4 credits);
- The Contemporary International Relations (4 credits);
- International Political Economy (4 credits);
- International Business (4 credits);
- Development of Economics (4 credits);
- Global History (4 credits);
- Evolution of the Global System (4 credits);
- Elements of International Law (4 credits);
- Culture Anthropology (4 credits);
- Social Organization and Social Governance;
- Global Sociology (4 credits).

Exchange Programs

Students are encouraged to go abroad for academic exchange experiences. We also host international students. In recent years, PPGS at Shanghai University has established some specific exchange programs with the following overseas universities and institutions:

- The University of Adelaide, Australia;
- The University of Tennessee, USA;
- Galilee International Management Institute, Israel;

- Koç University, Turkey;
- Boğaziçi University, Turkey;
- CLAEH University, Uruguay.

Publications

The Center for Global Studies at Shanghai University edits a book series *Global Studies Review*. We are grateful to the Advisory Board members of this book series. They are Mark Jurgensmeyer, Roland Robertson, Manfred Steger, Jan Nederveen Pieterse, Sebastian Plocinnek, Dai Nomiya, Hagen Schulz-Forberg, and Ilya V. Ilyin. We will try our best to make this book series the leading academic work in the field of Global Studies in China. Papers from international colleagues are most welcome!

