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“Women's Leadership and Social  
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## I PROGRAM MAPPING

### Introduction

#### **Academic Education Programs Sponsored by Ministry of Commerce PRC**

Starting from 2008, Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster high-end business officials and managerial personnel for the recipient countries, offering one-year and two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs.

The programs are aiming at cultivating inter-disciplinary talent working in the fields of politics, economics and trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture and

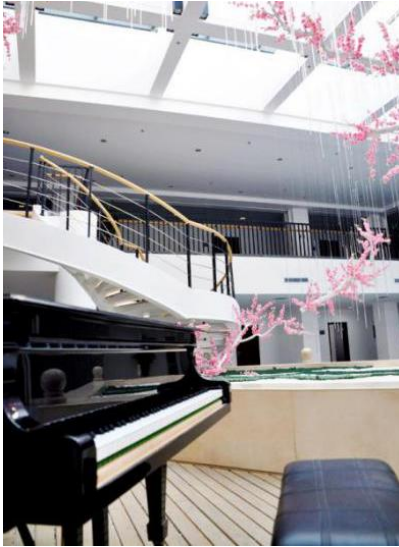


health and public management, providing intellectual support for the economic and social development of the recipient countries. The programs provide fund to governmental officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel for their master or doctoral education in China, which are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor degree, more than 3-years relevant working experiences, and good physical conditions, which are essential for the high-compact curriculum required for the degrees. The program is playing a more and more important role in the economic cooperation and development between China and the students' home countries.



## **China Women's University**

China Women's University is located in Beijing, the capital of China, near the Olympic village. It is the first state-owned women's university, affiliated with All-China Women's Federation. With more than 70 years of development, it has become one of the major centers to mentor Chinese women talents. As



part of Chinese and global women's education network, China Women's University has attached great importance to research and social services, playing a leading role in research fields such as gender studies, gender equality, rights and interests' protection for women and children, women in media and women's leadership. It actively participated in the 4th World Women's Conference in 1995 and its following events in Beijing.

## **School of International Education**

School of International Education, China Women's University, is responsible for conducting the university's international cooperative education programs and the overseas students' programs. It adheres to the vision of open education, embracing the advanced international education concepts and management practices. It actively carries out all-round and multi-level international exchanges and cooperation by integrating the best resources of education cross different disciplines. It has established intercollegiate partnerships with its counterparts from more than ten countries.

It has undertaken the international program of Master of Social Work in Women's Leadership and Social Development, which is sponsored by Ministry of Commerce PRC. By now this academic education program has trained 148 students from 36 countries. On May 30, 2019, President Xi Jinping's wife Peng Liyuan met with our project participants in the Great Hall of the People. She hoped that after returning homelands from China, the participants could become a bridge and link connecting the two countries and contribute to the promotion of global women's issues, and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

### **Prospective Students**

Our prospective students are female government officials, university deans, or administrative staff in academic institutions at division level or above from developing countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America etc.

### **Program Objective**

The program has the theme of women's leadership and social development. It has the goal of enhancing the students' capacity of applying social work theories and methods into practices, and improving their leadership skills to advocate, organize and enhance women's participation in social development; letting them deeper understand the responsibility of promoting gender equality for the governments in transition, and sharing China's practices and experiences of promoting women's development.

## Enrollment Plan

We plan to enroll up to 25 students in our two-year master program on “Social Work” with English as the teaching language.



## Financial Aid

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce will provide "Chinese Government Scholarships" to admitted students from developing countries. These scholarships cover both tuition and living expenses. The tuition includes the cost for textbooks, required field research expenses and guidance fees for graduation thesis. Meanwhile, living expenses include accommodation fee, international student insurance in China, as well as 36,000 RMB/year for the master program. There is also a settlement allowance of 3,000 RMB/person. Two return flight tickets will be provided: one for coming to study in China and going back when the whole program finishes, and the other for home visit during school holidays. The scholarship

## Field Work in Countryside



only covers normal graduation; any expenses arising during extension of study time won't be covered.

## Opening Ceremony

## Living Environment & Facilities

Beijing has four distinct seasons, characterized by hot and humid summers, and generally cold and dry winters, meanwhile, springs and autumns are comfortable and pleasant. The average temperature in January is  $-3.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $25.3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), while  $26.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $79.2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in July. The cost of living in Beijing is a bit higher than most cities in China, with the food costs about 1200 yuan / month. Students are provided free single bedrooms in the international students' dormitory on the campus. Some of these rooms are equipped with private toilet and bathroom and will be assigned to new students by following the rule of 'first come first served'. Other facilities include public laundry, public kitchen 24-hour hot shower-water, and air conditioner and free Wi-Fi. Dormitory is accessible to students only.



Visiting the Great Wall

## II CURRICULUM

### Overview

Our master degree program is a two-year full-time program. Students enrolled in this program are expected to complete a minimum of 32 credits of study, including 15 credits of 4 core courses, 12 credits of selective courses, and 5 credits of the field work and a thesis within two years.

Study assessment will be conducted at the end of the first academic year. Unqualified students will not continue scholarships until the second academic year.

The courses' emphasis is laid upon applying interdisciplinary theories and multi perspectives of researching methods into practice, and let the students have a deeper understanding of gender and social development, women's leadership, as well as the theory and methods of women's participation in social development. The courses also aim at actively exploring the political and social factors hindering women from governance and decision-making. Theoretical studies will be combined with fieldwork and practices to effectively enable the students to better participate in government decision-making and governance. Students graduated from this program will possess both broad academic vision and solid professional basis to enhance their leadership capability, their ability to participate in government decision-making, as well as to advocate and encourage women's participation in social development in their home countries.



Understanding Chinese Experience



## Courses and Credits

Course Modules	Title	Credits	Semester	Category	Minimum Credits Required
Core Courses	Social Work: Theory and Method	4	Autumn	Compulsory	15
	Research Methods in Social Work	4	Autumn	Compulsory	
	Gender and Social Development	3	Autumn	Compulsory	
	Women' s Leadership: Theory and Practice	4	Spring	Compulsory	
	<b>Sum</b>	<b>15</b>			
Optional Courses (Module One)	International Protection for Women' s Human Rights	3	Autumn	Optional	8
	Social Advocacy	2	Spring	Optional	
	Gender Mainstreaming and China	2	Autumn	Optional	
	Media Literacy	3	Autumn	Optional	
	Welfare Policy for Women in China and Abroad	2	Spring	Optional	
	Crisis Management	3	Spring	Optional	
	<b>Credits Required in Total</b>	<b>8</b>			
Optional Courses (Module Two)	China' s Development Model and Practices	2	Spring	Optional	4
	Women in China' s Economic and Social Development	2	Spring	Optional	
	Chinese Culture and China' s Law	2	Spring	Optional	
	Internet economy and Women' s Entrepreneurship	2	Spring	Optional	
	Mandarin Language Foundation	2	Autumn	Optional	
	Mandarin Language Application	2	Spring	Optional	
	<b>Credits Required in Total</b> (For the mandarin courses, choose only one from the two.)	<b>4</b>			
Field work and Thesis	Field Work	2	Autumn	Compulsory	5
	Thesis	3	Spring	Compulsory	
	<b>Sum</b>	<b>5</b>			
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>32</b>			32

## Core Course Description

Title	Description	Credits
Social Work: Theory and Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand the values, professional ethics, work methods and basic theories of social work</li> <li>- Discuss community work methods, group work methods, empowerment theory, gender perspectives, feminism theory and critical perspective</li> <li>- Enable the students to apply the theory and method of social work into problem solving in women issues and promoting women' s development</li> </ul>	4
Research Methods in Social Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understand the methodology and framework of social work research</li> <li>- Master the methods, procedures and skills of doing quantitative and qualitative research</li> <li>-Build the capacity of social investigation analysis and statistic evaluation of social work to write an investigation and research report</li> </ul>	4
Gender and Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understand the main school of social development theories and the basic points in the theory of gender development</li> <li>-Understand social gender analysis perspective and the international practice of gender and social development</li> <li>-Master social gender analysis tools</li> <li>-Apply the theory of social development and social gender perspective to analyze the challenges and strategies women may encounter when participating social development</li> </ul>	3
Women' s Leadership: Theory and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understand women' s leadership development history as well as its basic theory and its content</li> <li>-Discuss how to promote women' s leadership and leadership strategies by analyzing global women' s leadership situation and problems</li> <li>-Apply their learning into the practice of promoting women' s development</li> </ul>	4

## Teaching Mode



**Visiting the Temple of Heaven**

Teaching language is English. Classroom teaching will be the main teaching method, while incorporate a mix of lectures, seminars, case discussions, as well as practice inside and outside of classrooms.

Assessment forms include course thesis statement, practice report and site report, etc. Credits are to be given only if the students pass the assessment in required courses. Thesis writing is to assess the students' capacity of integrating theories into their practice and policy analysis.



**Picking up a Piece of Autumn**

Instructors will be assigned to students to provide guidance and advice for their study.

Field investigations and field work will be arranged in China and/or in their home countries if needed. Students are required to follow their instructions of hand book of field work to finish it.

## Semesters

Each academic year starts from September and ends in July. Thus, the two-year program includes two full autumn semesters, two full spring semesters, two winter vacations and one summer vacation.



Experience Chinese Culture

## Thesis

A thesis supervisor will be arranged for each student in the third semester of the program. With the guidance of the instructor, a student is expected to carry out independent social work research on themes adhered to women's leadership and issues of women's development in developing countries.

## Degree



New Year Party

An International Master degree of Social Work (IMSW) will be conferred upon a candidate after her successful completion of required credits and her thesis approved by the University Academic Committee.



### III PROFILES OF INSTRUCTORS

China Women's University boasts of first-class faculty composed of distinguished scholars and accomplished practitioners, who have been actively engaged in study of social work and women's development, and widely acknowledged as experts in their own field. Core faculty of China Women's University is listed below, aligned in alphabetic order.

#### **HAN Henan**

Professor of Women's Studies, specialized in Marxist women theory in China, socialist women theory with Chinese characteristics.

#### **LI Mingshun**

Professor of Law, Chairman of University Council of China Women's University, specialized in family inheritance law, women's human rights, women's law, civil law, etc.



**Tian An Men Square - The Heart of China**



**Fieldwork in Tea's Factory**

## **LIU Liquan**

Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, President of China Women's University, specialized in international communication, media and Women's Studies.



**Fieldwork in Hangzhou Future City**

## **LIU Meng**

Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, Vice President of China Social Work Education Association, Dean of the School of Law and Politics, Zhejiang Normal University.

## **ZHANG Lixi**

Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, former Chairperson of University Council of China Women's University, specialized in Gender Studies and family.



**Fieldwork in Social Work Association**

## **ZHANG Lili**

Professor of Public Management, specialized in human resources development and management, organizational behavior, women's leadership, women's entrepreneurship.

## **ZHOU Yingjiang**

Ph.D., Professor of Law, specialized in women's property rights protection, civil law, women's law.



**Reception of International Women's Day, Great Hall of the People**

## IV APPLICATION

### Requirement

- 1) Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, with a valid passport.
- 2) Applicants must be female government officials of division level or above, or university or research institution researchers of dean level or above, or administrative staff of equivalent level.
- 3) Applicants must be no more than 45 years old.
- 4) Applicants for the master program must have attained a Bachelor degree or above, and more than 3-years working experience.
- 5) Applicants must be proficient in English. If the candidate is not a native English speaker, and her undergraduate education was not conducted in English, then she is required to submit either a test score of TOFEL or IELTS, or an equivalent certificate as the proof of her English proficiency.
- 6) Applicants shall be in good health conditions, both physically and mentally, and carry no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations. Applicants in the following health situations should inform us in advance: severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer and other serious chronic diseases, mental illness, severely disabled, pregnancy or in major operation recovery period and acute illness attack stage.





## Procedure

### 1) Application to China Women's University

Download the International Master of Social Work in Women's Leadership and Social Development Application Form at <http://www.cwu.edu.cn/english/>, and fill in all the required information. Print out the form, put on a hand-written signature and date, with a photo in the appropriate area on the form.

Notes: "Major" is "Social Work"; and fill in the "Research topic" based on your own academic interests.

### 2) Application to Chinese Government Scholarship

Please visit the online application system of Chinese Scholarship Council at <https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login>, and register for an account. Select the program "Chinese Government Scholarship", fill in all the required information, and an application form will come into being. Print out the form, put on a hand-written signature and date, and then post a photo on it. To complete the form successfully, please note the following information:



**Honor Certificate**

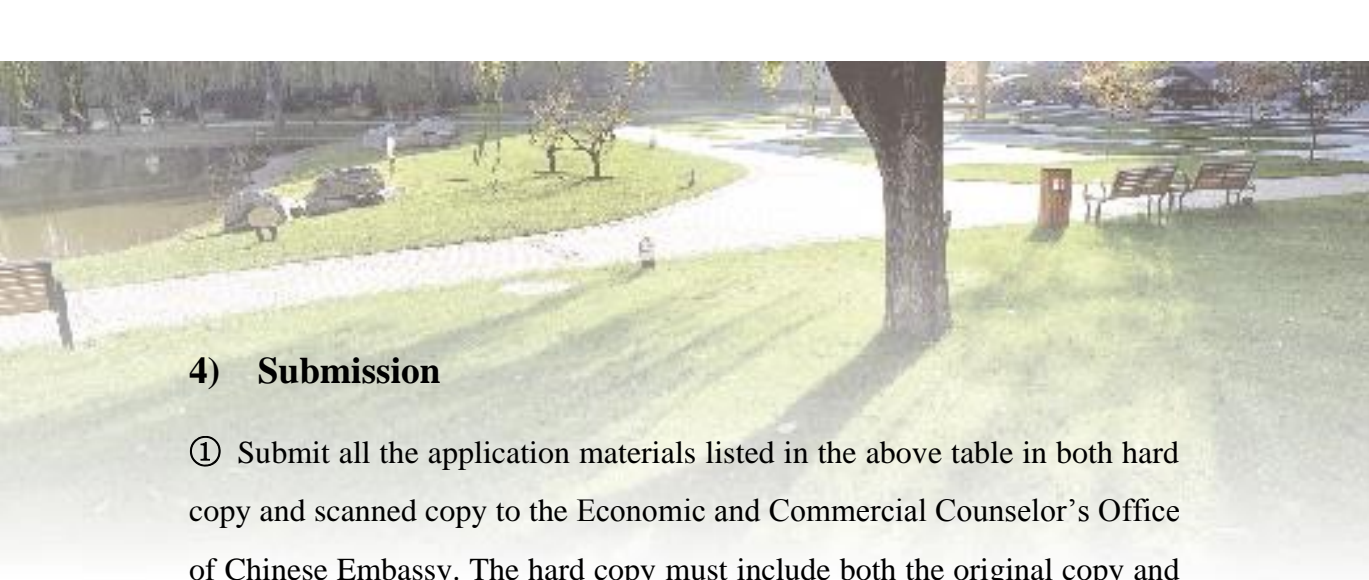
- (1) For the "Program Category", select "Type B".
- (2) The agency No. of China Women's University is 11149.
- (3) For the master program, "Discipline" is "Law", "Major" is "Social Work".



### 3) Checklist of Application Documents

No.	Document	Requirements	Original	Copy
1	Application Form to China Women's University	Please visit <a href="http://www.cwu.edu.cn/english">http://www.cwu.edu.cn/english</a> , download the application form, fill it in online, print it out, sign it, and stick a photo on it.	1	1
2	Application Form to Chinese Government Scholarship	Please visit <a href="https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login">https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/#/login</a> , download the application form, fill it in online, print it out, sign it, and stick a photo on it.	1	1
3	Institution Recommendation Letter	A recommendation letter by a superior in the institution where the applicant works.	1	1
4	Academic Recommendation Letter	A Recommendation letter by a professor who knows the applicant well.	1	1
5	Degrees	An original copy and a photocopy need to be prepared for each degree.	1	1
6	Official Transcripts	The transcripts of the degree/s obtained. It should list all courses taken and all scores obtained.	1	1
7	CV	In English.	1	1
8	Personal Statement	Personal statement must be written in English. It shall cover such essential elements as applicant's academic background, working experience, achievements, and future career plans, including a research plan at China Women's University.	1	1

No.	Document	Requirements	Original	Copy
9	Research Proposal	Personal research plan in China.	1	1
10	Photocopy of a Valid Passport	The passport must be a personal regular passport. All successful candidates must enter China and register with China Women's University by using the same passport as used for applying for the program.	1	1
11	English Language Proficiency Test Results	Applicants who are not native English speakers or whose undergraduate education was not conducted in English shall provide TOEFL or IELTS test scores, or an equivalent certificate or document if applicable.	1	1
12	Recent personal photo	Two passport-style bareheaded photo in 2 inches, with white background.	2	1
13	Physical Examination Form	The health form shall be issued within one month before the submission of application, showing that the applicant carries no infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public health or fall into any of the health situations prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations.	1	1



#### 4) **Submission**

① Submit all the application materials listed in the above table in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy. The hard copy must include both the original copy and the photocopy, as indicated in the table.

② Submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state:

- a) Whether the applicant is willing to be considered for a similar program at other universities if the programs at China Women's University are already full.
- b) Other special requests if any.

③ Submit all the scanned materials to the School of International Education, China Women's University, via the email: [cwuinternational@sina.com](mailto:cwuinternational@sina.com).

a) Please unify the titles of your documents as follow:

No. + document's name + your country's name + your name

b) Please input the "No." and the "document's name" as same as the items in the table above.

c) Please make sure the scanned files required are totally 13 files.

## **Reminders:**

- a) All the documents to be submitted should be in Chinese or English. Otherwise, a notarized copy in Chinese or English is required.
- b) An original copy of degrees, transcripts and language certificates must be presented for on-site verification.
- c) Applicants will get back all the hard-copy materials, both original copies and photocopies from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office. If admitted, they must take the documents to China and submit them to the School of International Education of China Women's University during registration.
- d) None of the materials submitted to the School of International Education of China Women's University will be returned. For important documents such as degrees and transcripts, a stamped copy issued by the institution where the applicant received her degrees will be accepted as a replacement of the original copy. In this case, the original copy must be presented for on-site verification.

## **Deadlines**

The application deadline: June 6th, 2023.

Registration time: subject to the date on the admission notice

## V CONTACT AND NOTES

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### Important Notes:

- a) Chinese government will not give any explanations regardless of admission or not.
- b) Pregnant women cannot register for school. The ones who get pregnant during their studies will be dropped out of school.
- c) No spouses or children are allowed to accompany students in China. Cost of spouse and children's visiting will not be covered.
- d) Visa and other relevant requirements will be specified in the admission letter.
- e) The information in details about the China entry formalities and other requirement will be provided in the admission documents.



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