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INVITATION



Renmin University of China has been hosting International Summer School (ISS) since 2009. In July every year, RUC gives a warm welcome to more than 100 professors and lecturers home and abroad, and over 400 international students from 50 countries and regions, along with 3,000 RUC students at undergraduates and graduates levels. ISS provides a great opportunity for young scholars worldwide to work together for fresh experience, rich knowledge and deep insights.

Renmin University of China, as a comprehensive research-oriented university, has always been credited as a front-runner among institutions of higher learning in humanities and social sciences in China. According to the latest discipline evaluation released by the Ministry of Education, 9 disciplines in RUC rank No. 1 nationally. These disciplines reflect RUC's strength as one of the top Chinese universities and help promote RUC's education concepts and education quality globally. Hosting international summer school represents RUC's internationalization strategies, which provides students and faculty a platform for cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary exchanges.

Here I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for ISS teaching team and participating students. With efforts from all of you, I am convinced ISS will continue to improve and offer better courses and services.

I sincerely hope you will spend a wonderful summer in RUC and leave with unforgettable memories at the end of July. You are also more than welcome to participate in ISS in RUC with your colleagues and friends next year!

Liu Wei

President of Renmin University of China

INTRODUCTION



International Summer School (ISS) was established in Renmin University of China in 2009 as an important means to promote internationalization strategies. The four-week program is scheduled to be held in July every year.

ISS adheres to educational reform through opening-up to the outside world. Taking such core factors as the internationalization of courses, faculty, students, and campus culture as the focus, and by means of “local internationalization and bidirectional internationalization”, RUC invites professors and lecturers from prestigious universities across the world, enroll international students, conduct instruction and teaching in English, open to students on campus and conduct a variety of instructions with the purpose to construct multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary and multi-level classroom teaching and campus life, promote quality teaching resources to be shared globally, and eventually cultivate outstanding talents with cross-cultural awareness and capacity to be competitive internationally.

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EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS

Local Internationalization

ISS takes advantage of its campus-based instruction pattern to provide students an opportunity to experience internationalized educational environment and to avail them of quality international teaching resources.

Bidirectional Internationalization

In introducing distinguished teachers and quality course resources, ISS also offers courses peculiar to RUC and conduct various educational activities in order to introduce and give publicity to those preponderant disciplines and research strength of RUC. We hope ISS program will be the bridge and platform to promote the understanding of RUC to the world, expand the academic influence of RUC and intensify the mutual cultural exchanges.



CURRICULUM

Creating the Brand of Chinese Studies
 Developing Quality Courses
 Promoting General Education

ISS combines high quality teaching resources across the world to promote the sharing of resources and cross-cultural communication. RUC ISS courses include series courses on China studies, Chinese culture immersion, general and frontier disciplines and language training. Around 130 classes are opened each year and the total class size can be available for about 5000 students.

	Series Courses on China Studies	Chinese Economy Chinese Politics Chinese Culture Chinese Society Chinese Development
	Series Courses on Chinese Culture Immersion	Chinese Calligraphy Chinese Martial Arts Chinese Art and Literature
	Series Courses on General and Frontier Disciplines	Humanities Sociology Politics Economics Management Science and Engineering
	Series Courses on Language Training	Chinese Language Training Courses for Overseas Students English Training Courses for RUC Students

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FACULTY

World-class Universities and World-class Faculty

- Overseas Professors from World-class Universities
- Chair Professors of The Yangtze River Scholars
- Chair Professors of RUC
- Outstanding Professors of RUC
- Other Distinguished Scholars Home and Abroad as well as Excellent Overseas Ph. D Returnees

Each year, ISS invites approximately 100 (80% of the total) outstanding scholars from world top universities and research institutes in 30 countries and regions to open courses with RUC expert scholars. RUC also encourages excellent international teachers to regularly instruct ISS courses by establishing Chair Professor or “Xin Ao International Teaching Post” , and “RUC International Summer School Honorary Teacher” .



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INSTRUCTION MODES

Teaching in English and from Diverse Approaches

All the courses offered by ISS are taught in English except the Chinese training courses. Professors from world leading universities bring their teaching modes and approaches into the summer school classrooms on RUC campus. Various teaching approaches are employed in the classroom activities such as question & answer, reading reports, surveys, interns, practice and experiences, group discussions and case studies. Teaching activities are characteristic of diverse assignments, colorful teaching methods, and active student participation in the classroom activities. These teaching modes and approaches play an important role in the cultivation of students' capacity for creative thinking, autonomous learning as well as independent research.

STUDENTS

Multi-discipline, Cross-school, Cross-country and Cross-culture

ISS students come from diverse backgrounds geographically and culturally. Among them, the RUC students, including undergraduates, master and PhD candidates, constitute a predominant part of the student body. The summer school attracts overseas students from nearly 50 countries and regions, students from Chinese Hong Kong, Chinese Macao and Chinese Taiwan and also mainland Chinese students studying in overseas universities. By 2014, a total of 2000 students from universities outside China have participated in the Summer School program.

Each year, ISS hosts around 500 international students together with about 3,000 RUC students to attend ISS classes. Studying together and communicating with one another increase students' understanding towards different cultures and promote students' cross-cultural communication ability.



STUDENTS' COMMENTS

Approximately 90% of the ISS students believe they have benefited tremendously from great courses offered by the excellent professors of the ISS programs.

- They have an opportunity to have close contact with world leading professors in the classroom and thus have their academic horizon enlarged.
- The courses offered in ISS programs have enhanced their ability to think and do their research independently.
- Internationalization is strongly felt in the classroom with students from diverse countries and cultures.
- They are able to make friends and deepen their understanding towards RUC and China.



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Colorful experiences and diversified exchanges



Course Experience Activities

According to the curriculum, students go on to field trips and conduct surveys.

Life Experience Activities

Overseas students visit places of interest in Beijing such as the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, and the Summer Palace and go to exhibitions like the Chinese painting exhibition to promote overseas students' understanding towards the Chinese civilization and enhance their feel for the Chinese culture and a rapidly developing China as well.

Learning Exchange Activities

Student partnership is established through the pair-work between RUC students and international students to promote the exchanges between Chinese and overseas students.

MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE

Constantly Improved Teaching-Facilities

An English website is designed specifically for the summer school to be involved in student enrollment, publicity and daily teaching management.

RUC libraries have special sections for books in English and Chinese and also house other reference books relevant to the summer school courses. Electronic books of core courses are also designed specifically for students to borrow or browse.

Caring and Thoughtful Volunteer Services

A number of outstanding students are selected by the university to serve as volunteers to help overseas students adapt to the Chinese learning and living environment.

Teaching Assistant System

Teaching assistants are assigned for each international instructor by various colleges of RUC. The teaching assistantship is generally held by young teachers or Ph. D candidates, who coordinate the classroom teaching and learning activities.

Teaching Evaluation and Student Satisfaction Survey

The summer school conducts an annual satisfaction survey and classroom teaching evaluation from all students in order to obtain comments and suggestions from students both home and abroad and to assess the teaching quality of every classroom. Based on students' comments and suggestions, work will be continuously improved and the quality of summer school will also be enhanced.

“The scholarship displayed in this ISS program (2012) was amazing. Such a huge number of world leading professors appeared on RUC campus, which benefited enormously scholars like me and students who are eager for knowledge. I was greatly moved by RUC students, who are so hospitable and friendly.” ——Joseph Sicilian, Professor of Kansas, USA(2012)

It has been an unforgettable experience to stay at Renmin University of China, being here makes you question everything we took for granted and bring you new inspiration. I will bring this back to my kingdom and share my experience with friends and family. ——Emil, Denmark (2015)

I’ ve had a terrific time at RUC, and the summer school has given me so many opportunities to meet Chinese and international students. I have built many friendships whilst here. The insights I have had of the Chinese culture through its language and history, have made me determined to learn more and to try and visit China again in the future.

——Nathaniel, England (2015)

“I believe ISS of Renmin University will become all the more renowned, and better operated. This is a wonderful opportunity for students from all over the world to meet with the Chinese students on their native land.” ——Jesper Peterson, Aarhus University, Denmark (2011)

“The ISS program provided by Renmin University offered more than 100 courses, which covered a variety of subjects and disciplines. This has greatly satisfied our different needs for knowledge. ISS also provides us a wonderful opportunity for us to talk with the Chinese people and have us immersed in the Chinese way of life.” ——Nita Killian, University College Dublin, Ireland (2012)

“I took China’ s Energy Policy with 35 Chinese students and 14 students from Europe and South Asia. I am the only student from the United States. In this class, I could get to know many interesting people and hear different ideas from people of different countries.” ——Jillian Bray, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, USA (2013)

FEEDBACK

From Professors and Students



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