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**中华女子学院**

**CHINA WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY**

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Master Program of Social Work  
(Women's Leadership and Social Development)**

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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's 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.

## **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. This allowance will based on the actual duration of stay in China by the students, the school will issue monthly stipends to them regularly. 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 only covers normal graduation; any expenses arising during extension of study time won't be covered.

## **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 oversea 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 210 students from 41 countries. On May 30, 2019, President Xi Jinping's wife Peng Liyuan met with our project participants in the Great Hall of the People. In 2021, this project has also been included in the White Paper: China's International Development Cooperation in the New Era published by the State Council Information Office of the P.R.C.

### **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 with bathroom in the international students' dormitory on the campus. 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.

## II CURRICULUM

### Overview

Our master's 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.

## 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	Spring	Compulsory	
	Women's Leadership: Theory and Practice	4	Autumn	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	Autumn	Optional	
	Gender Mainstreaming and China	2	Spring	Optional	
	Media Literacy	3	Spring	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 Overview	2	Autumn	Optional	4
	China's Development Model and Practices	2	Spring	Optional	
	Women in China's Economic and Social Development	2	Spring	Optional	
	Digital Empowerment and Women Development	2	Spring	Optional	
	Mandarin Language Foundation	2	Autumn	Optional	
	Mandarin Language Application	2	Spring	Optional	
	<b>Credits Required in Total (For the mandarin courses, count only one from the two.)</b>	<b>4</b>			
Field work and Thesis	Field Work	2		Compulsory	5
	Thesis	3		Compulsory	
	<b>Sum</b>	<b>5</b>			
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>32</b>			32

### **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.

#### **LIU Liqun**

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

#### **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.

#### **LI Mingshun**

Professor of Law, specialized in family inheritance law, women's human rights, women's law, civil law, etc.

#### **ZHANG Lixi**

Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, specialized in Gender Studies and family.

#### **ZHOU Yingjiang**

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

#### **HAN Henan**

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

## **Teaching Mode**

Teaching language is English. The project will be implemented including lectures, seminars, case discussions, as well as practices. The project will focus on the integration of the practice and theory and provide abundant practices.

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.

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

The 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 handbook of field work to finish it.

## **Semesters**

Each academic year starts from September and ends in July. Thus, the two-year program includes 2 full autumn semesters, 2 full spring semesters, 2 winter vacations and 1 summer vacation.

## **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**

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.

## IV APPLICATION

### Requirement

- (1) Individuals who are non-Chinese citizens from developing countries, in good health, and not exceeding the age of 45 years (born after September 1, 1981).
- (2) In good physical and mental health, providing a health certificate or medical examination report issued by a local public hospital, free from diseases prohibited from entering China or from long-term residence in China as stipulated by Chinese laws and regulations. Applicants must not suffer from severe hypertension, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, or other serious chronic diseases, psychiatric disorders, or infectious diseases that could pose a significant risk to public health, nor be in the recovery period from major surgery or during an acute illness episode, or have severe physical disabilities. Female applicants must not be pregnant. Should a female student become pregnant during her studies in China, she will be subject to withdrawal from the program.
- (3) Holding a bachelor's degree or higher, with at least three years of work experience.
- (4) Possessing a background in study or work related to the program applied for, with preference given to those currently employed.
- (5) Serving as public officials at the departmental level or above (or equivalent) in the government of their home country, or as senior managers in various institutions and enterprises, or as academic backbones in universities and research institutions.
- (6) Demonstrating good English language proficiency, capable of using English proficiently for the study of professional courses (reference standard: an IELTS score of 6.0 or above, or a TOEFL iBT score of 80 or above).

(7) Showing potential for professional development in their field, with an intention to contribute to the promotion of friendly exchange and cooperation between their home country and China.

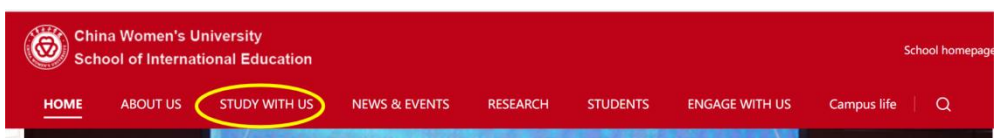
(8) Individuals who are currently studying in China or have been admitted to other Chinese government scholarship programs are not eligible to apply.

(9) This program will give priority to female officials.

## Procedure

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

Please visit <https://www.cwu.edu.cn/sie/index.htm> , the official website of School of International Education, China Women’s University and find the project information at “STUDY WITH US- Degree Programs” . Please read the introduction, download the files and apply for the program.



### 2) Checklist of Application Documents

No.	Document	Requirements	Original	Copy
1	Institution Recommendation Letter	A recommendation letter by a superior in the institution where the applicant works.	1	1
2	Academic Recommendation Letter	A Recommendation letter by a professor who knows the applicant well.	1	1
3	Degrees	An original copy and a photocopy need to be prepared for each degree.	1	1
4	Official	The transcripts of the degree/s obtained. It	1	1

	Transcripts	should list all courses taken and all scores obtained.		
5	CV	In English.	1	1
6	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
7	Research Proposal	Personal research plan in China.	1	1
8	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
9	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
10	Recent personal photo	Two passport-style bareheaded photo in 2 inches, with white background.	2	1
11	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

### **3) 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. For the addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Offices, please visit <http://www.china-aibo.cn>.

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@cwu.edu.cn](mailto:cwuinternational@cwu.edu.cn).

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 11 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.

**Deadlines**

The application deadline: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Registration time: subject to the date on the admission notice

## V CONTACT AND NOTES

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### **Important Notes:**

- a) None of the materials submitted to the School of International Education of China Women's University will be returned.
- b) Chinese government will not give any explanations regardless of admission or not.
- c) Pregnant women cannot register for school. The ones who get pregnant during their studies will be dropped out of school.
- d) No spouses or children are allowed to accompany students in China. Cost of spouse and children's visiting will not be covered.
- e) Visa and other relevant requirements will be specified in the admission letter. The information in details about the China entry formalities and other requirement will be provided in the admission documents.