

School of Social Sciences

Politics (Tsinghua-Johns Hopkins SAIS Dual-Degree Master's Program on Global Politics and Economics, TSDM)

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1. Discipline & Subject

- Politics (Primary discipline, degree of law, subject code: 0302)
- International Relations (Secondary discipline, professional, degree of law, subject code: 030207)

2. Program Objective

This program seeks to train students to gain knowledge about critical regions of the world and to deeply understand both the Chinese and the U.S. political systems. The goal is also to equip students with excellent analytic skills, and interdisciplinary research abilities. The program aims to help students become elite professionals around the world who take an active role in global governance and who can excel in multiple career paths after graduation, including civil service in government ministries involved with foreign and commerce affairs, research roles at institutes devoted to public policy and foreign affairs, international organizations, and international financial institutions.

3. Length of Study

Students are expected to complete the program in two and a half or three years (five or six semesters) of full-time study, which includes an initial two semesters of study at Tsinghua University followed by three semesters at Johns Hopkins SAIS. Students have the option of extending their studies for one additional semester at either Tsinghua or SAIS in order to pursue further coursework or internship opportunities.

4. Research Fields

- 1) Regional and Country Studies
- 2) Comparative Political Economy
- 3) Global Governance
- 4) Regional Cooperation

5. Academic Requirements

Students must complete three sets of requirements (shown in the table below) at Tsinghua and fulfill those of Johns Hopkins SAIS as well. According to the MOU, credit hours can be

transferred between Tsinghua and SAIS. Eight credit hours of SAIS courses can be transferred to Tsinghua and four credit hours of non-language Tsinghua courses can be transferred to SAIS. While credit hour transfers are permitted, degrees from both universities can only be awarded on the condition that students complete all the requirements of both Tsinghua and SAIS. After completion of these requirements, students will be awarded a Master of Law degree certificate from Tsinghua, a Master of Arts degree certificate from Johns Hopkins SAIS, and a graduation certificate from Tsinghua University. English is the working language.

A. Course Requirements	B. Practical Public Policy Training	C. Research Instruction
28 credit hours (including up to 8 transferred SAIS credit hours)	Three separate practicums conducted in China, the U.S., and a third country chosen with the help of an advisor	Policy research in a simulated think tank environment
English as the language of instruction	Examining real-world problems	Practical academic writing
Interdisciplinary research	Professional training	Deeply investigating research questions in an international seminar format

A. Course Requirements

Tsinghua University requires students to complete a minimum of 28 course credit hours, of which 8 credit hours can be transferred from SAIS. Thus students are expected to complete a minimum of 20 credit hours at Tsinghua. This includes 2 to 4 credit hours of compulsory general courses, at least 6 credits of internships and practicum courses, and a minimum of 10 credits of subject courses.

a. Compulsory General Courses

International Students (4 credits)

• Chinese Culture and Society	60610082	2 credits
• Chinese Language for Beginners	70510602	2 credits

Chinese Students (2 credits)

• Theory and Practice of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics	606800012	2 credits
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b. Internship and Practicum Courses (≥6 credits)

• Policy Research in a Simulated Think Tank, Parts I and II	<i>Paul Haenle</i>	2 credits (in total)
• Case Studies of Chinese Political Economy Practices I and II	<i>Xiaoyang Tang</i>	2 credits (in total)
• Academic Activities	69990031	1 credit

• Practices of Public Policy I		1 credits
• Practices of Public Policy II		1 credits
• Practices of Public Policy III		1 credits

c. Subject Courses (≥10credits)

(Including but not limited to the courses below, please see the classes schedule of each semester)

(1) Theory Courses

• Contemporary Theories in International Politics	70612872	2 credits
• International and Comparative Political Economy	70612722	2 credits

(2) Research Methods Courses

• Research Methods in International Relations	70612902	2 credits
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(3) Concentration Courses

• Arms Control and Security Studies	80615102	2 credits
• Contemporary U.S.-China Relations	80615152	2 credits
• Public Diplomacy: Global and Comparative Perspectives	80615242	2 credits
• Ancient Chinese Thought on Foreign Relations	80615412	2 credits
• Principles of Area Studies	80615162	2 credits
• An Overview of International Energy and Environment Governance	80700602	2 credits
• Ethics in the Era of Globalization	80700542	2 credits
• Developmental Political Economy	82700122	2 credits
• World Politics and China	<i>Xuefeng Sun</i>	2 credits
• European International Relations and Sino-European Relations	80615592	2 credits
• China in the Developing World	80700212	2 credits
• Seminar on Critical Issues and Global Governance	80615262	2 credits
• The Design of Global Security System	<i>Tong Zhao</i>	2 credits
• Law and Politics in China	80700662	2 credits
• Political Transformation and Democratization	<i>Yu Liu</i>	2 credits
• The Development of the Chinese Financial System	80700612	2 credits
• Public Policy Analysis	70590013	3 credits

B. Practical Public Policy Training

Social practice is a component of this program, requiring students to undertake three practicums related to the foreign policy of a specific country. It is arranged as follows:

- Practices of Public Policy I: taking place during the first winter holiday. Students

collectively investigate a Chinese economic and social phenomenon and produce research reports of their findings.

- Practices of Public Policy II: bescheduled for the first summer holiday. The students collectively will conduct research in one developing country and submit research reports of their findings.
- Practices of Public Policy III: be conducted in the United States during the second and the third year. It is mandatory for all students in the program to undertake an internship that is at least one month long in an international organization, governmental agency, or financial institution. An internship certificate of completion is required. In addition, students are encouraged to do internships during summer or winter holidays, as long as they do not interfere with normal classes.

After submitting the report and certificate of each practicum, students will earn one credit.

C. Research Papers

a. Tutoring Courses

The course *Policy Research in a Simulated Think Tank, Case Studies of Chinese Political Economy Practices* will be led by a high-level team of lecturers, consisting of renowned scholars, think tank practitioners, and senior officials. While lecturers talk about the most pressing and talked-about issues related to international politics and economics, they help students prepare the research papers.

In the second semester, students will not only further improve their writing skills, but also will set up research teams based on their interests and join in panel discussions at domestic and international conferences. **b. Research Papers**

Students are required to write three research papers/reports on a timely and widely discussed policy or global challenge. Specific arrangements will be as follows:

- At the end of the first semester, students must finish the first research report. The report should focus on a specific international policy, and it should include a literature review, a clear research question and thesis, research methods, and a research plan. The report should be at least 3000 words long.
- At the end of the second semester, students should complete the second report based on their investigations and research during the semester. The second report should be at least 3000 words long.
- While studying in the United States, students should continue working on the second report and submit an edited version of it as the third report, which will require an oral defense. The third report should be at least 4000 words long.

These three reports can discuss the same issue from different perspectives, or focus on one perspective and discuss the issue in increasingly greater depth.

c. Thesis Defense

The thesis defense subject to students study plan, usually takes place at the end of the fourth semester. Students can defend all three reports or focus on defending the last one. A final version of the third report should be submitted to faculty reviewers at least two weeks prior to the defense.

After the thesis defense, students must revise the report according to the suggestions of the faculty reviewers and defense committee members. One defense committee member and the student's faculty advisor need to sign the revised thesis before it is submitted to the degree committee and archived by the university. (Unrevised reports cannot be submitted to the degree committee.) Long-distance thesis defense is also acceptable.

6. Additional Remarks

- Students are required to attend no fewer than 10 academic activities (including at least 2 interdisciplinary academic activities) over the course of their year at Tsinghua. At each academic event, students need to sign the Master's Student Academic Activity Participation Form. These forms will be kept by administrative assistants in the Tsinghua University Department of International Relations. Students also need to fill out an academic activity form, which needs to be signed by the student's faculty advisor. The form needs to be submitted to the School of Social Sciences before the student applies for a thesis defense.
- Master's students can publish academic articles based on the relevant rules set by the School of Social Sciences.
- School of Social Science of Tsinghua University reserves the right for final explanation of the program curriculum.