



CHINA STUDIES

M.A. IN AREA STUDIES



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Learning Chinese and another European language of your choice.
- ✓ Comprehensive and systematic study of Chinese history and culture, domestic and foreign policy, regional economic relations, and China's place in the international division of labour, the legal systems of China and East Asia.
- ✓ The possibility of studying abroad as part of double degree programmes (China).
- ✓ Opportunity to undergo internships with prospects of further employment in Russian and foreign media (Russia Today, TASS), government agencies, Chinese companies and Russian companies with representation in China, leading think tanks and international organizations.



STUDYING PROCCCESS

120 ECTS credits.

Lectures, workshops, several types of internship.



THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE REGION OF SPECIALIZATION

- Complexity of the concept of energy security.
- Energy security as an integral part of national security.
- Political economy of energy security.
- Legal aspect of energy security.
- Basic principles of energy security.
- Russia as a Chinese strategic partner in energy sphere.
- Pipelines Central Asia-China.
- Malacca dilemma and challenges of energy sea routes.



RUSSIAN POLICY IN EAST ASIA

- Historical ties between Russia and China.
- The demarcation of borders with China in XVII–XIX centuries.
- Relations between the USSR and China in 1960s–1970s.
- Solution of territorial contradictions in relations between Russia and China in 1964–1991.
- The 2001 Treaty of Friendship, Good Neighbourliness and Cooperation as the basis for large-scale cooperation between Russia and China.



SECURITY CHALLENGES AND CONFLICTS IN EAST ASIA

- Border problems between Thailand and Cambodia, Burma and Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.
- Challenges to the security of Singapore. Territorial disputes between RK and Japan.



POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND CULTURES IN EAST ASIA

- Concept of peace, empire and emperor in ancient China.
- The main functions of the state. Social strata and classes, 4 official estates.
- Problems of social mobility, personnel policy, state officials (shi), examination system.
- Experience of political reforms in China from the middle of the 19th century, emergence of political parties.
- Xinhai Revolution, Sun Yatsen program.
- The state system of the Republic of China.
- Reforms in the Nanjing decade. The political system of modern Taiwan.



ACTUAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN EAST ASIA

- Social issues at Looney's.
- The image of a fair ruler.
- The institutional matrix of traditional China.
- State, officials and people.
- North and south of China – differences in economic practices and social structure.
- Changes in dynasties, unrest and war.
- The response to the colonial policies of Western powers in the twentieth century.
- The Taipins.
- Etatism and its impact on Chinese social and political thought.
- Reasons for the popularity of Marxism and its adaptation to Chinese conditions.
- Formation and development of sociological science and research in China.
- Societies of “Chinese necklace” countries and territories.



CHINA IN MODERN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Foreign policy as the most important tool for realizing the concept of “Chinese dream” of a great revival of the Chinese nation”.
- China in the global financial crisis.
- China’s involvement in cooperation to resolve international and regional conflicts.
- Pragmatism in foreign policy.
- “The course for progressive partnership” of the 90s.
- Resolution of border issues.
- Treaty of 2001 and deepening of cooperation between PRC and Russia.
- The strategic nature of relations.



STUDENTS FEEDBACK

 **KUDAKAEV R. (RUSSIA)**

“ Time dedicated to the study of Chinese history and culture is truly priceless! Never before have I thought how much interesting, fascinating and at the same time useful training at the Department Theory and history of international relations is preparing me – and all thanks to our amazing teachers! Sometimes I catch myself with a simple but surprisingly optimistic thought: what would I personally bring to the learning process? How would I modify our classes? And time after time, I give myself the same answer – the answer that is probably the highest grade and the best praise of the teachers in our department - and the answer is: nothing! The way the educational process is constructed seems to me practically ideal: combination of theoretical training with fascinating practical classes aimed at creative self-development is the secret of success of this master’s program! ”

 **REPINA M. (RUSSIA)**

“ In my opinion, the most significant advantage of studying regional studies at the Department of Theory and History of International Relations of RUDN University is the close match between the possibility of obtaining deep fundamental knowledge of the subject and active practical activity, including internships in universities around the world. During 4 years of study at the bachelor’s degree and incomplete 2 years at the master’s degree, thanks to our department and, more broadly, the university, I have already visited various countries of the world - China, France, Italy and Germany. Albert Camus once wrote stunning lines: “the journey, as the greatest and most serious science, helps us find ourselves again” - and in this regard, studying at RUDN University really helps me to know myself and fill my soul with amazing, unforgettable impressions! ”



ACADEMIC DIRECTOR OF THE PROGRAMME

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Doctor of History, Professor
of the Department of Theory and History
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AREAS OF ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

Chinese foreign policy, innovative technologies
in the study of the history of international
relations, modern educational methods.

Author of scientific articles in peer-reviewed
Russian and foreign scientific journals (Higher
Attestation Commission, SCOPUS, Web
of Science), regularly gives reports
at international conferences on international
relations. She is a co-author of the textbook
“History of International Relations”.

Recipient of grants of Russian scientific
foundations for research and organization
of scientific events.