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MASTER OF ARTS IN
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY



China - The Future of Our World

- ▼ With a population of 1.3 billion and a sustained average annual GDP growth rate of over 10%, China is emerging as a world leader in business and education. Experience in these key fields in China will prepare entrepreneurial individuals with the necessary understanding, skills, resources and networks to be successful in a new global political-economy.

Concordia University has developed partnerships with international companies, universities, K-12 schools, and educational institutions in three of China's most important cities: Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. These cities represent the political, intellectual, financial and manufacturing capitals of China. The future of these cities will shape the future of our world. You too can be a part of this future.

Live the adventure

- Your journey begins with a global study of China's culture, history and language through an intensive, residential summer program offered at Concordia University in Irvine, California. During this important part of the journey, you will gear up with academic, cultural, professional and psychological preparation for your year in China.

You'll pack your bags and head off into the adventure that is China. You will embark upon a yearlong education or business internship and continue your graduate studies through online coursework.

When you complete your masters' project you will receive an M.A. in International Studies with an emphasis in education or business. Your time in China will change your life forever.



A Masters Degree in International Studies

- Concordia University, located in Southern California, is offering a Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS) degree with concentrations in International Business and International Education alongside a 12-month internship in the People's Republic of China.

This unique program offers you the opportunity to:

- Study, research and gain **first-hand experience** in the political, economic, cultural and social life of contemporary China.
- Explore the **strategic opportunities** in one of the world's largest and fastest growing economies.
- Develop **meaningful relationships** with Chinese business leaders, educators, professionals and community members.
- Influence and impact** the lives of a generation of young people in China.
- Acquire **practical knowledge** of educational and business contexts and practices, providers and clients, products and services, strategies and obstacles.
- Receive a graduate education with a **year-long internship** in China that prepares them for the future of international business and education.

Former students say:

"I was able to live and work in another country by teaching English, learn another language, and gain a masters degree.

I liked how the program covered many different aspects of learning by using theory as well as having hands-on and practical assignments.

Some MA programs require that you study for most if not all the time so it is hard to work and earn money to pay it off. With the CUI program we got paid in China, and the second year we could get a job."

MAIS Curriculum

▼ SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSES ON THE IRVINE CAMPUS:

- MAIS 501 — Chinese Culture & Society (4 units)
- MAIS 502 — Comparative Research Methods (4 units)
- MAIS 510 — Basic Chinese Language (2 units)

MAIS Concentration Courses

- MAIS 520 — Foundations of Chinese Education (4 units)
- MAIS 530 — Foundations of Chinese Business (4 units)

FALL COURSES IN CHINA:

- MAIS 503 — Ethnographic Research (3 units)

MAIS Concentration Courses

- MAIS 525 — Environmental and Instructional Design (3 units)
- MAIS 592 — Teaching Practicum I (2 units)
- MAIS 531 — International Economics (3 units)
- MAIS 590 — Business Internship I (2 units)

SPRING COURSES IN CHINA:

- MAIS 504 — Data Analysis (3 units)

MAIS Concentration Courses

- MAIS 527 — Literacy and Language Acquisition (3 units)
- MAIS 593 — Teaching Practicum II (2 units)
- MAIS 533 — International Management & Leadership (3 units)
- MAIS 591 — Business Internship II (2 units)

SUMMER/FALL MASTERS' PROJECT:

- MAIS 600 — Thesis Writing (4 units)

Are you ready for China?

- ▼ We're looking for applicants who hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum 2.75 G.P.A., are native English speakers and possess the following characteristics: cultural sensitivity, responsibility, diligence, resilience, independence, ethical character, desire to teach, and prepared to learn, serve and lead.

With an MAIS degree, you will be prepared for careers in teaching, business or government that include positions in:

- Doctoral or Advanced Professional Studies
- Non-Profit/Non-Governmental Organizations
- Foreign Service with the US government
- Mediation/Conflict Resolution
- International Education
- Corporate & Workplace Training
- Global Marketing & Consulting
- Multinational Import/Export
- Entrepreneurial Ventures



Former students say:

"If I hadn't done the program I may not have gotten my internship at the US-UK Fulbright Commission. The program gave me something to put on my resume and to talk about in essays and interviews. The program helped to give me an edge when applying for the job I have now at UCSD's School of International Relations."



Transform yourself

- As a Christian university, Concordia encourages students to engage people and cultures throughout the world. The MAIS program offers you
- the unique opportunity to make a difference in the world and in your own life.

Former students say:

“The program helped me to understand more about Chinese culture. I think that if I had gone there on a simple one year teaching abroad program I would have still had a fun time, but I probably wouldn’t have learned as much about the culture, issues, economy, education system, politics, values, etc.

The courses definitely helped me to be more observant of what China is like. It helped to try to reveal different issues as well as to break stereotypes. I was able to handle culture shock better. Had I gone on the program by myself or without having a space to discuss Chinese culture (and our frustrations over it), I wouldn’t have learned as much or been able to deal with it as well.”

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Concordia University Irvine, guided by the Great Commission of Christ Jesus and the Lutheran Confessions, empowers students through the liberal arts and professional studies for lives of learning, service and leadership.



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