Welcome
Message from the Director

Like the ancient Chinese art of “biàn liǎn” or Face Changing, China’s evolving socio-economic and political landscape is both fascinating and mystifying. The MACC programme goes behind the scene to unveil the real face of this economic powerhouse.

With the second largest economy in the world and its rising global influence, China captures the world’s attention as it changes and keeps changing. The MACC programme offers a unique learning opportunity to professionals seeking an advanced understanding of the causes and ramifications of China’s transformation.

As the only English graduate programme on the study of contemporary China in Southeast Asia, MACC follows an interdisciplinary approach. Students are immersed in an integrated curriculum taught by outstanding China specialists on NTU campus and beyond. In addition to academic coursework that features small class sizes and interactive seminars, students’ learning experience is further enhanced with a China Immersion component.

Coming from various professional backgrounds, from all over the world, MACC students bring a global perspective to the classroom and create a diverse and dynamic learning community that is further enriched by Singapore’s multicultural and multilingual environment. The strong alumni network of MACC also provides alumni and current students with networking and professional development opportunities in Singapore and beyond. We are proud that you choose to join us to begin this important and exciting journey.

Welcome to MACC!

DH XIAO HONG
Director of Master of Arts in Contemporary China
Associate Professor of Sociology

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Offered by Nanyang Technological University of Singapore (NTU), the Master of Arts in Contemporary China (MACC) programme is designed for professionals seeking an in-depth and holistic understanding of China today. Helmed by an interdisciplinary faculty of China specialists, MACC provides an insightful study of the evolving social, economic and political development of China, and its regional and global impact.

"Intellectually stimulating, MACC has revealed the many faces of China over the last two centuries through an interdisciplinary approach. It unveils a China that is always on the move, transforming itself in varied dimensions. One can never say one is a China-expert but MACC will certainly help you to navigate through the sea of knowledge and deepen your understanding of China."

MR PHUA CHIEW HUA | CLASS OF 2014
Deputy Commander | Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), Singapore
ONE OF THE EARLIEST TO FOCUS ON CHINA STUDIES IN ASIA
MACC is one of the earliest graduate programmes to focus on Contemporary China Studies. The programme unravels the forces driving China to deliver a profound understanding of an ever changing powerhouse and its impact on the world.

A RENOWNED FACULTY
MACC is taught by a faculty of China specialists drawn from various disciplines in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as the other Schools at NTU. The courses are taught by senior faculty, comprising regional and international academic experts known as authorities in their fields, and qualified practitioners with extensive research and consulting experience. Information about our faculty is available on our website.

A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY
With a mix of students from various backgrounds and experience, students will benefit from the diversity in class, as well as a wealth of networking opportunities.

CHINA IMMERSION
China Immersion offers an invaluable opportunity to experience the diverse culture, history, economic growth, political development and other current issues about China today. The Immersion may include seminars at local universities, cultural visits and official meetings with government departments and industries. This is a MANDATORY requirement for all students to complete the MACC programme. The tuition fee is inclusive of the travel cost for one Immersion programme.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AND SUMMER COURSE
MACC students may enrich their learning experience from the exchange programme and summer course with our partner institutions. More information is available on our website.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are offered on a merit basis. There is no bond or obligation for the scholar. Information about scholarships is available on our website.

"The depth of learning in MACC provided new insights into China, while the breadth of subjects covered gave me a chance to cross into new academic disciplines I would never have delved into elsewhere. Most importantly, the opportunity to learn from veteran China-watchers who taught the courses, and to have my perspectives sharpened by other like-minded students from multiracial backgrounds were the most invaluable parts of the whole MACC experience."

Mr. Chew Qj | Class of 2013
Deputy Director | International Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)
The curriculum consists of 10 courses (comprising 3 core compulsory courses and 7 electives). Each course may include lectures, discussions, case analyses, presentations and facilitation exercises.

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

Students will have the option to choose either the Dissertation track or Coursework track.

**Dissertation Track:**
8 courses (inclusive of 3 core courses) plus a Dissertation

**Coursework Track:**
10 courses (inclusive of 3 core courses and 7 electives)

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**Core Courses**
Deal with knowledge and concepts that establish the foundation for China today.
- The Making of Modern China: Historical and Social Perspectives
- China’s Economy in Transformation
- Leaders, Party and State: Contemporary Chinese Politics

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**Group of Electives**
The three elective groups will allow students to gain a deeper understanding of specific areas according to their intellectual and professional interests.
- Economy and Business
- Politics and International Relations
- Society and Culture

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A typical course comprises 13 lectures/seminars and meets 3 hours a week for 13 weeks. Classes for MACC students are held during weekday evenings and/or weekends. There are 2 semesters in an academic year.

Fully taught in English, the MACC programme is offered on both full-time and part-time bases.

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**FULL-TIME STUDY**

Full-time students typically complete their studies within 12 months. An extended semester is required if students have decided to participate in the student exchange programme.

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**PART-TIME STUDY**

The part-time MACC programme allows working managers and professionals to upgrade their knowledge while pursuing professional growth opportunities. Part-time students typically complete their studies within 17 - 24 months (3 - 4 semesters).

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"Across many topics, the professors raised thought-provoking issues, and the students from diverse backgrounds responded with robust, lively discussions and different perspectives. Another highlight of the MACC programme is the China Immersion. In my case, I participated in the June 2009 immersion, which took us to Xi’an and Xinjiang, where we were exposed to different aspects of China."

**Mr Tan Teck Eng | Class of 2009**
Senior Vice-President | DBS Bank Singapore

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"A friend asked why I would do a Master’s to know China - why not just read up on my own? Sure, but I would need real discipline, and MACC provides structure. Now I understand why Yu Hua writes with the occasional streak of violence; deciphered why May 4th is of such significance in modern China; and better appreciate China’s insistence on seeing US as a hegemonic state."

**Ms Huang Weixian | Class of 2015**
Assistant Vice President | English Current Affairs, Channel NewsAsia, MediaCorp
APPLICANTS SHOULD POSSESS:

- A bachelor's degree in good standing from an accredited university or college. No minimum Chinese language proficiency is required. Each applicant's previous academic performance, work experience, and Statement of Purpose will be carefully reviewed by the University and the School.

- English Language Proficiency. A good TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) score is required if English was not the medium of instruction at tertiary level.

Other qualifications and experience may be accepted, subject to approval by the Admissions Committee. Please note that these minimum requirements do not imply automatic admission into the programme.

Applications must be submitted online at www.macc.ntu.edu.sg. Any other forms of submission will not be accepted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The programme offers two intakes in January and August each year.

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"What I like most about the programme is its multidisciplinary nature, covering politics, society, economics and history of China, with a wide range of electives to choose from. The immersion trip also brought me to places and institutions which I would otherwise not be able to visit as an ordinary tourist travelling in China."

MR LEE TIOW YONG | CLASS OF 2013
Assistant Director-General | Singapore Customs

"MACC offers special programmes with exposure to China, Taiwan and Japan. It is a memorable experience to participate in the immersion programmes in China and Taiwan, and to be selected to attend a semester at Waseda University, Japan. The knowledge and experience gained, together with the immense networking exposure and reputation of NTU, provide a competitive advantage in the current job market."

MR GUILLERMO RODOLFO ROA URZUA (CHILE) | CLASS OF 2013
Regional Director (TP) Los Lagos, Chile | Chile Government
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