



Master on Comparative Education Program 2025 BROCHURE

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Part I - Program Description

1. Basic Situation

(1) Brief Introduction to the Program

Starting from 2008, the Academic Education Programs sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China is designed to foster top cadre business officials and managerial personnel from the recipient countries, offering one-year or two-year master programs as well as three-year doctoral programs for the purpose of offering inter-disciplinary education to top level personnel working in the fields of government, trade, foreign affairs, agriculture, technology, education, culture, and health, building intellectual capacity and facilitating the economic and social development of the recipient countries. These programs provide assistance to the government officials, research fellows, and senior managerial personnel for their master and doctoral education in China. The programs are fully conducted in English. Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, relevant working experiences, and good health conditions, essential for the high-compact curriculum programs.

These programs are undertaking an increasingly significant role in the economic development cooperation between China and the recipient countries. As for the positive effects and good results

brought by these programs in strengthening economic ties and friendship between China and the recipient countries, the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China will continuously intensify efforts in enlarging the enrollment scale and improving the quality of education. We believe that by going through the programs and obtaining relevant qualifications, beneficiaries are put in a better stead to embrace a successful career and brighter future.



The Library of ZJNU

(2) Targets of Enrollment

The targets of enrollment are government officials at the department level (including department level), heads of academic institutions above the department-head level of colleges, or administrative staff at the same level, whose English proficiency is suitable for academics.

(3) Program Objective

The program aims to cultivate cross-cultural education professionals with a relatively profound understanding of pedagogic principles, the ability to conduct scientific research on education policies and practices, a broad vision for education reform and development at home and abroad and the competence to promote exchanges, understanding and cooperation between Chinese and foreign education.

(4) Enrollment Plan

Master on Comparative Education Program 2025 is a two-year master's degree program that recruits serving officers from majors related to comparative education in Africa, Asia and other developing countries. The number of students to be enrolled is 25 and the language of instruction is English.

(5) Financial Aid

1) Exemption from tuition fees, teaching materials fees, research and investigation fees, English teaching subsidies and graduation thesis guidance fees;

2) Free access to on-campus accommodation;

3) Living subsidy: 36000 RMB/Yr. for each master degree student; The school will distribute this allowance to students on a monthly basis according to the actual time the student spends in

- 4) Settlement allowance: 3000RMB/person;
- 5) Comprehensive medical insurance in China;

6) Free round-trip international air ticket: 1 time for students studying for one year; for those studying for two years or more, 1 time of free round-trip international air ticket plus n-1(n for the number of schooling years) time(s) of round-trip air ticket for returning home to visit relatives;

7) All degree students are required to participate in the annual review, and those who pass the academic performance assessment can continue to enjoy the full scholarship in the second year;

8) Other expenses are managed by the Ministry of Commerce or the school, and won't be distributed to the students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides funding for students within the academic system. The student whose graduation is postponed will not continue to receive funding.

2. Introduction to the University

(1) Brief Introduction to the University

Founded in 1956, Zhejiang Normal University (ZJNU) covers two campuses in Zhejiang Province. The main one is located in one of the four metropolitan areas in Zhejiang Province—Jinhua—Yiwu Metropolitan area. Jinhua enjoys very convenient transportation with 40 minutes to Hangzhou and 100 minutes to Shanghai by the high-speed rail. The branch campus is in Hangzhou, the capital of the province. Its green and beautiful campus furnishes an ideal place for living, study and work.

As one of the top 100 universities in China and a key provincial university, ZJNU specializes in teacher education with multiple branches of learning. It offers 53 undergraduate programs, 46 master's programs, 19 doctoral programs and 1 non-degree program (including 8 undergraduate programs taught in English and 19 postgraduate programs taught in English) from 25 colleges namely: College of Economics and Management, China-Africa International Business School, College of Law, College of Education, College of Child Development and Education, College of Physical Education and Health Science, College of Humanities, College of Foreign Languages, College of Arts, College of Design and Creativity, College of Physics and Electronic Information Engineering, College of Chemistry and Materials Science, College of Chemistry and Life Sciences, College of Geography and Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, College of International Culture and Social Development, etc. The university has an enrollment of over 30,000 students, including more than 3,000 international students. Among the total staff of over 3,000, there are more than 400 professors and more

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than 700 associate professors. The university is well equipped with advanced and multi-functional facilities. The library has a collection of over 3.45 million hard-copy books and 5.73 million e-books.

The University has been approved as the CHINA AID Training Center for Primary and Secondary Education by the Ministry of Commerce, the Educational Center for Africa and Asia by the Ministry of Education, and the Educational Training Center for China and ASEAN under the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, the university has been actively holding the education assistance projects for the developing countries since 2002, and so far, our school has hosted a total of 262 foreign aid short-term and long-term programs, including 10 degree programs, with 210 trainees; 252 short-term foreign aid training programs, with 6,565 training sessions; and 1 remote broadcast program, with approximately 200 trainees.

(2) Introduction to the Host College

This project is executed by the College of Education of Zhejiang Normal University. The College has 171 teaching and administrative staff, including 27 professors, 47 assistant professors, 101 doctors. There are 3 departments in the College: Pedagogy, Education Technology as well as Curriculum and teaching. The College has 2

bachelor's degree majors of Elementary Education and Educational Technology; one first-level discipline doctoral program in education, one first-level discipline master's degree program in Education, 2 professional master's degree programs in Pedagogy and MPA (Specialization in Educational Administration). The College currently has more than 800 full-time bachelor's degree students and more than 2000 graduate students. There are Chinese-only and English-only curriculums with more than 100 international students from more than 20 countries of Asia, Africa, and America.

The College has 1 Provincial Universities Humanities and Social Sciences Focused Research Base (Education). Among them, the International and Comparative Education Research Institute is formed with the Zhejiang Normal University Education Aid Base, Africa Research Institute, Teacher Education College, and Tianjiabing College of Educational Science serving as the cross-disciplinary platforms. The research areas are focused on comparison of educational strategies and policies, African education research, and international education research. The teaching and research faculties have accumulated rich experience in the long-term international research in the areas of international education, comparative education, and African education. They have conducted many researches and authored notable publications with over 200 published

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<u>Academic Education Programs Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China</u> research articles. In addition, the College has established a stable academic exchange and cooperation with more than 20 European, American, and African universities and made multiple visits to African countries to conduct the field work and academic research.



Academic Achievements in

African Research

(3) Introduction to the Living Environment and Conditions of Students

Zhejiang Normal University is located in the city of Jinhua, which has been awarded the Top 10 Most Livable Cities in China. Here the climate is characterized by four distinctive seasons, and the mean annual temperature is 17.3 °C (63.2 °F). The university has a well-equipped, dedicated dormitory for the international students with facilities for comfortable living conditions. The entire dormitory is serviced by elevator for the ease of accessibility. There will be dedicated personnel for the recipients of the China Ministry of Commerce Scholarship for their accommodation needs in the

dormitory. Each candidate will be accommodated with a single room apartment. Each room is equipped with independent toilet, air conditioner, water heater and so on. Each floor has a general kitchen and laundry room. The kitchen facilities include refrigerator and kitchen utensils. There is also a fitness room which is free for international students. In order to provide a conductive learning environment for the international students, the school opened several cafés. In addition, there is a Muslim restaurant on the third floor of the dining hall for students who need such services. On the other hand, with the school's all-in-one card, international students can use the library and other facilities free of charge.



The International Students Dormitory of ZJNU

3. Education Plan

(1) Course Plan

International students enrolled in this program are expected to complete the coursework, conduct research, and write a thesis within two years. No less than 31 credits are required, including 9 compulsory courses (21 credits), 2 compulsory items (5 credits), and no less than 5 credits for optional courses. 1 credit equals to 18 class hours. If there are fewer than six students enrolling, a course will not be delivered, and the students will be required to swap courses.

Туре	Course Name	Credi ts	Class Hours	Seme ster	Note
	Elementary Comprehensive Chinese I	2	36	1	
General course	Elementary Comprehensive Chinese II	2	36	2	8 credits
	General Situation of China	2	36	1	
	Contemporary China	2	36	2	
	Fundamental Theory in Education	3	54	1	
	Research Methods in Education		54	1	
Core course	Educational History: International Comparison	2	36	2	13 credits
course	Comparative Education354		1	creatts	
	Educational Administration and	2	36	1	

	Management				
	International Comparison of Education and State	2	36	1	
	Development Educational Policy Comparison	2	36	1	
	Basic Education Reform: International Comparison	2	36	2	
Optiona 1 course	Reform in Higher Education: Multinational Experience	1	18	2	No less than 5
	Workshop for Research Methods in Education	1	18	2	credits
	ICT in Education and Development	2	36	2	
	China's Educational Development: Achievements and Experiences	2	36	2	
Compul	Academic Exchange	4	72	3	4 credits
sory Items	Orientation Education (for international students)	1	18	1	1 credit
Total	No less than 31 credits				

1) Compulsory Courses

Course	Content
General Situation of	Course content is broad with diverse themes.
China/Contemporary	The contents include marriage, family,

China	feminism, food and drink, sports, legal
	system, education, language, construction,
	professions, environmental protection,
	religion and traditional culture. There are
	themes including essay, prose, novels,
	conversation, report, summary, survey, book
	review, and poetry and so on.
	This course relies on the usage and
	impression clue, to understand important
	grammatical composition patterns and
Elementary	dialogue, through practice and task-based
Comprehensive	learning, training students to apply Chinese in
Chinese	daily communication, literature reading, and
	writing ability to meet their study and daily
	living needs, as well as understanding the
	foundation of Chinese culture.
	This course aims at helping the students
Fundamental Theory	understand and grasp the basic concepts of
in Education	education, basic principle, form overall
	understanding of the system of educational

	theory. Form a relatively broad view of
	education, scientific educational ideas and
	thought, preliminary ability to analyze all
	kinds of educational theories and existing
	facts to lay a solid foundation for further
	study.
	This course is based on the general logic of
	social science research, divided into four
	parts: introduction of the research,
	including the overview, method,
	methodology and paradigm, determine
	research questions, data collation and
Research Methods in	literature review, research ethics and
Education	academic norm; the research-design part,
	which includes an overview of the study
	design, questionnaire design, case study
	research design, and hybrid research design;
	data analysis, including quantitative analysis
	and qualitative data analysis; the presentation
	of the research results.

	This course mainly focuses on some
	important problems in the process of
Educational History:	educational thought and practice
International	development. On the one hand, it discusses
Comparison	the change and continuity from the angle of
Comparison	history; on the other hand, it discusses the
	universality and particularity from the
	comparative point of view.
	This course is the application of theories and
	methods of Social Science in the field of
	international education. The characteristics of
	comparative education research in domestic,
	international, multilateral and cross-system of
Comparative	education are analyzed and compared.
Education	"Analysis" refers to helping us understand
	things from two aspects of quantity and
	quality, "comparative" refers to the
	understanding of the framework for the
	analysis of the relationship between entity
	and phenomenon.

	This course is an introduction to the subject
	of educational administration and
Educational	management, the historical development, the
Administration and	school management in the reform period, the
Management	different aspects of educational
	administration system and educational
	administration in different countries.

2) Optional Courses

	between education and national development.
	This course introduces the historical development of educational policy from research and research
Educational	content perspective using the global education
Policy	reform policy and teacher professional
Comparison	development policy as an example, to illustrate
	how to make a comparative analysis of
	educational policy
	Taking United States, United Kingdom, Japan and
	China as cases, this course investigates
	educational policy, educational administration
Basic Education	system, school management, teacher professional
Reform:	development, and curriculum reform related to
International	basic education. The course aims to help students
Comparison	understand the context and trend of basic
	education reform around the world, and learn how
	to do country study and comparative study in this
	field.
Higher	This course begins with the discussion and
Education	research of the objective of higher education in
Reform:	cultivation of talents, major changes in the field
Multinational	of school running system and functions of

colleges and universities, the process of major
reforms in universal higher education, and the
influencing factors; through international and
specific national higher education topics it will
discuss details of the reform process,
characteristics and its implications for the
developing countries. These topics include:
international higher education gender equity
system reform; the establishment and the
influence of the California Master Plan for the
higher education; the process and characteristics
of the higher education reform in South Africa;
the transformation of the enrollment system of
American colleges and universities; the
development and reform of China's distance
higher education.
This is a practice-oriented course that is based on
a holistic process of educational research and
characterized with its hand-on experiences. The
design of the course is centered on the process of
educational research, whilst the delivery is a
combination of theoretical guidance and practical
activities. It aims at facilitating postgraduates to

	independently conduct educational research with
	quality and to complete their master's theses or
	PhD dissertations successfully.
	This course introduces the development and
	influence of Information and Communication
	Technology (ICT), as well as analyzes its
	influence in education and development and the
ICT in Education	transformation that Information and
and Development	Communication Technology has brought to the
	knowledge structure, teaching, and learning.
	Useful software in research and teaching are also
	taught in this course.
	This course aims to give international students a
	deep understanding of the development
	experience of Chinese education. This course is
China's	mainly based on the current situation of education
Educational	development in the countries where the overseas
Development:	students live, and discusses China's changes,
Achievements and	achievements and experiences in the fields of
Experiences	educational governance, universal compulsory
	education, professional development of principals,
	teacher education, education finance, education
	poverty reduction, vocational education, etc.

3) Profiles of Instructors

There are 9 professors, 18 doctors, 9 associate-professors, 4

lecturers, and 1 guest professor at Institute of International and

Comparative Education (IICE). Parts of profiles are as follows:

Name	Sex	Institution	Position	Title	Research Area	Remarks
Liang Xiaoyan	F	World Bank	Chief Educatio nal Expert in African Areas	Profe ssor	Exploring Education Development	Guest Professor
Wan Xiulan	F	Institute of International and Comparative Education, ZJNU	Deputy Dean	Profe ssor	American Community College, African Higher Education and Technical and Vocational Education	Full Time
Chen Mingku n	М	College of Teacher Education, ZJNU		Profe ssor	African Higher Education	Full Time
Yu Rong	М	K.P.PIN Institute of Educational Science, ZJNU		Profe ssor	Foreign Education History, Higher Comparative Education	Full Time

Qian Xusheng	М	College of Teacher Education, ZJNU		Profe ssor	ICT Curriculum, Teachers' Education Curriculum	Full Time
Huang Xiao	F	Joint Education Institute of Zhejiang Normal University& University of Kansas	Dean	Profe ssor	Science Education	Full Time
Tian Xiaohon g	F	K.P.PIN Institute of Educational Science, ZJNU		Asso ciate Resea rch fello w	Comparative Education/Teach er Education	Full Time
Zhu Jian	М	Joint Education Institute of Zhejiang Normal University& University of Kansas		Asso ciate Resea rch fello w	Gender Question in Higher Education and Higher Education Comparison	Full Time
Liu Aisheng	М	K.P.PIN Institute of Educational Science, ZJNU		Asso ciate Resea rch fello w	American Higher Education Governance	Full Time

Zhang Yanjun	М	Institute of International and Comparative Education, ZJNU		Asso ciate Profe ssor	STEM Education, Educational Exchange between China and America	Full Time
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(2) Teaching Methods

Master on Comparative Education Program 2025 will last for two years and provides three specific directions: comparative research of educational strategies and policies, education and development research and African education research. The training content not only takes care of the students' learning demands for macroscopic decision-making and development, but also takes care of their practical interest in microscopic observation and research. The teaching method is mainly based on the teachers' classroom instructing and supplemented by case analysis, on-site visits and expert lectures according to the teaching needs. Students are required to participate in class interactions, group discussions, and complete group reports if necessary. In addition, students are required to complete the orientation education (for International students), academic exchange and the writing of course papers.

(3) Semester Arrangements

The first year of teaching plan involves course work. The second year involves training students to complete academic exchange and

thesis writing. The training will give students more in-depth understanding of the principles of education, possess a scientific research capacity towards educational policy and practice, have a broader perspective of the domestic and foreign education reform and development, be able to promote the Sino-foreign cross-cultural and educational exchanges, understanding and cooperation for/in professional personnel.

Academic Year	Semester	Time
N O	1 st Semester	2025/9-12
Year One	Winter Vacation	2026/1-2
(2025-2026)	2 nd Semester	2026/3-6
	Summer Vacation	2026/7-8
Year Two	3 rd Semester	2026/9-12
(2026-2027)	Winter Vacation	2027/1-2
	4 th Semester	2027/3-7



(4) Graduation Thesis

1) Specific Requirements for Graduation Thesis: Students should select a topic for the thesis under the direction of his/her supervisor, usually in the 2nd semester. The thesis should be written in English with at least 20 thousand words (Page Amount: 60-80; Font: Times New Roman; Line Spacing: 1.5 times)

2) Specific Requirements for Oral Defense: Students should attend the proposal defense at the end of the second semester, mid-term examination of the third semester mid-term paper, and submit papers and defenses in the middle of the fourth semester.

(5) Degree Award

Students completing the prescribed credits and dissertation, passing oral defense will be awarded a master's degree by the academic degree evaluation committee in the university.



The African Museum of ZJNU

Part II - Application

1. Requirements

All applicants must meet the following admission requirements:

- 1) The Applicants must be healthy non-Chinese citizens under the age of 45 (born after Sept. 1, 1980) from the developing countries;
- 2) All applicants shall be in good physical and mental conditions. A health certificate or medical report issued by a local public hospital is required. The Applicants should have no diseases prohibited by China's Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Laws and Regulations from entering China or from staying in China for a long time, including severe hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, other chronic diseases, mental disorders or infectious diseases which may have a serious impact on public

health. Applicants who are in the period from a major surgery recovery, onset of the acute disease, or have severe disabilities will not be considered. Female during pregnancy are not allowed to participate in training in China. If the Applicant becomes pregnant while studying in China, she will be expelled from school.

- 3) Bachelor degree or above with three or more years of work experience;
- 4) Applicants with professional learning or working background related to the program and still in service will be preferable;
- Serving as public officials at the department level or above (or corresponding levels) of the government of the home country, senior management personnel of various institutions and enterprises, or academic backbones of universities and scientific research institutions;
- 6) The Applicants must be proficient in English and utilizing English for specialty course study. (Reference Standard: IELTS 6.5 or above in overall band score, or new TOEFL 90 or above).
- 7) Applicants should be equipped with the potential for career development in this field and intends to promote friendly exchanges and cooperation between the home country and China

 Students having studied in China or having been admitted to other Chinese government scholarship programs are not allowed to apply.

2. Procedures

1) Application Process

Please visit Zhejiang Normal University online application system at *https://admission.zjnu.edu.cn/StuApplication/Login.aspx*, register for an account and submit application documents online.

When applying, choose "Comparative Education" as your major and "MOFCOM Scholarship" as your scholarship category.

2) Materials

Applicants should prepare the following materials before submitting the application:

	Documents	Requirements
1	Institutional Recommendation Letter	Issued by the applicant's institution to introduce your basic information and indicate that they are willing to recommend you to study in China
2	2 Academic Recommendation Letter	Issued by associate professors or professors to introduce the applicant's academic background,

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		professional direction, previous
		performance and research capability
		An original copy and a photocopy
3	Highest Degree	shall be prepared for your graduation
5	Diploma	certificate and degree certificate of
		the highest academic qualifications
	Official	Transcripts must cover all major
4		courses taken by the student in the
	Transcript	previous degree
		The study plan must be written in
		English and be at least 1,000 words
		in length. The content should cover
5	Study Plan	the applicant's academic
		background, work experience,
		research proposal, future career
		plans and other basic elements
		Scanned copy of the passport photo
		page, including name, passport
6	Photocopy of a	number and other information. The
	Valid Passport	passport must be a personal regular
		passport. A diplomatic passport or an
		official passport is not acceptable for

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		application
		Applicants who are not native
	English/Chinago	English speakers or whose
	English/Chinese	undergraduate education was not
7	Language Profisionay Tast	conducted in English shall provide
	Proficiency Test Results	the TOEFL or IELTS test score. The
	Kesuits	GRE test is recommended but not
		required
		Please visit our website at
	Physical Examination Form	http://iso.zjnu.edu.cn/wownloads/list
		.htm for the Physical Examination
		Form template. The result should be
8		within 6 months. It should indicate
		that the applicant carries no
0		infectious diseases which may have
	TOTH	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
9	No Criminal	The document should be valid
7	Record	within the last 6 months, usually

		issued by the local police station
10	Language Proficiency Certificate	Applicants whose mother language is not English should provide IELTS, TOEFL or other certificates; if you have Chinese learning experience, you can upload relevant certificates together
11	Bank Statement	Provided by bank
12	No Drug Addiction Statement	You could down the template from: http://iso.zjnu.edu.cn/wpplicationww ocuments/list.htm, and sign on it.
13	Certificate of Your Parents' Nationality	Proof of parents' nationality: Parents' ID cards or passports
14	International Student Mental Health Questionnaire	Please finish the test on: https://forms.gle/HRm2CNcmPzxbTf Cj6, and submit the screenshot of the test result
15	CV	Including your personal background and study or work experience after high school

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		2 2-inch photos with white
16	Photos	background, taken in the past 3
		months

3) Submission

- A. The Applicants can apply for this scholarship program only after having obtained the approval and recommendation of the relevant responsible department of the home government and submit the materials according to the specific requirements of the relevant department in your home country.
- B. If the home government allows the applicant to submit the materials directly to the Chinese embassy, the applicant must obtain a relevant certificate or recommendation letter for allowing study in China from the host country. Then submit all the application materials listed above in step 1) and 2) in both hard copy and scanned copy to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy in your home country. The Hard copy must include both the original copy and the photocopy, as indicated in the table. For emails and addresses of the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office.

C. The relevant responsible department of the government in your home countries will submit a written request to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office of Chinese Embassy for an official recommendation letter and clearly state: whether the applicant is willing to be considered for the same or a similar program at other universities if there is no vacancy in the programs at ZJNU. Other special requests if any.

4) 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.** In addition to submitting a copy of important documents like degrees, official transcripts and English language proficiency certificate, the originals must be submitted at the same time for verification by the Economic and Commercial Office of the Chinese Embassy. After the verification of the personnel of the business office, the students should send a scanned copy of the application materials to the enrollment contacts of the university projects.
- C. Applicants should get back all the original hard-copy materials from the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office by themselves and safe keep the materials. If admitted, they must take

<u>Academic Education Programs Sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce of People's Republic of China</u> the documents to China and submit them to the Admission Office of Zhejiang Normal University for verification and filing.

3. Deadline of Application June 6th, 2025

Part III –Other Important Notes

1. Contacts

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E-mail: admission@zjnu.edu.cn; zjnu@vip.126.com

Website: http://iso.zjnu.edu.cn

2. Other Notes

1) None of the materials will be returned regardless of the result of application.

2) The Chinese government will not explain the reason for the result of application.

3) It is not allowed to bring a spouse or children to China to accompany the students. The scholarship doesn't provide the students' spouses and children with fees for coming to China to visit

4) The procedures for coming to China and related requirements will be explained in the admission documents.

