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## Honours & Masters in China Studies Advance Preparation Program

Canberra, Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July 2025

Each year the Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW) of the Australian National University hosts a China winter school for undergraduate students from Australian universities intending to undertake honours or masters in any social science or humanities discipline with a primary focus on China.

This program has been running since 2023 and has seen participants attending from numerous universities around Australia. Since then, it has gained overwhelmingly positive feedback, with the majority of participants stating the program had deepened their interest in China and encouraged them to consider further studies.

The Honours & Masters in China Studies – Advance Preparation Program is supported by the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations.

### Program:

Over one week, successful applicants will participate in an intensive program of seminars, workshops and discussions on various topics related to China, including politics, international affairs, economics, contemporary culture, and social change. As part of the program, participants will meet with experts from ANU and other universities to learn how an honours degree can expand career opportunities. Participants will be expected to attend all program activities.

A draft program is attached below. Note that all content is indicative only.

### Eligibility:

- You must be a second- or third-year undergraduate student enrolled at an Australian university engaged in Chinese studies or related major and

considering completing an honours or masters degree. Note that preference will be given to third-year undergraduates (or equivalent).

- Participants are required to have completed at least one year FTE of study in a China-related field.
- You must be an Australian citizen or have Australian permanent residence status.

### Cost:

Successful applicants will be required to contribute \$150 to attend the program. (Note: Canberra-based ANU students will only be required to contribute \$75). To ensure participation in the program, successful applicants will be required to make this payment to CIW by 5pm Thursday 5 June.

Remaining costs for attending the program—including transport, accommodation, and one meal per day (lunch) as well as morning and afternoon teas—will be contributed by CIW. Transport and accommodation will be arranged by CIW in coordination with the participants as appropriate. Accommodation will be shared 2 or 3 room apartments on ANU campus with small kitchen facilities.

### Applications:

Applicants should submit the following:

1. the application form;
2. a CV;
3. a transcript of university results.

Applications should be submitted to the contact person at the applicant's university by 5pm Wednesday 14 May. We expect successful applicants will be informed by email in the following week.

Applications from ANU students can be sent directly to [nathan.woolley@anu.edu.au](mailto:nathan.woolley@anu.edu.au).

### Selection Process:

Each participating university will make a preliminary selection based on applicants' suitability, qualifications and motivation. Each participating university will then forward the applications of their final nominees to CIW. The final selection of participants for inclusion in the program will be made by CIW

based on consultation with partner universities. We envision a total of approximately 20 participants.

Preference will be given to students studying Chinese language, but any student with a demonstrable interest in a China-related field will be considered for inclusion in the program.

Enquiries:

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact:  
[nathan.woolley@anu.edu.au](mailto:nathan.woolley@anu.edu.au).

Website:

<https://ciw.anu.edu.au/honours-and-masters-advance-preparation-program>

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Draft Program - Note: All Content TBC

Monday 30 June	
8:00am–9:00am	Registration
9:00am–9:10am	Welcome: Purpose and Expectations
9:10am–10:40am	Topic 1: Politics in China I
10:40am–11:00am	Break
11:00am–12:30pm	Topic 2: Politics in China II
12:30pm–1:30pm	Buffet lunch
1:30pm–3:00pm	Topic 3: What is China?
3:00pm–3:30pm	Break
3:30pm–5:00pm	Topic 4: Inequality in China

Tuesday 1 July	
9:00am–10:30am	Choosing good research questions
10:30am–11:00am	Break
11:00am–12:30pm	Introduction to Chinese Collections, Menzies Library, ANU
12:30pm–1:30pm	Buffet lunch
1:30pm–3:00pm	Topic 5: Australia-China Relations
3:00pm–3:30pm	Break
3:30pm–5:00pm	Topic 6: Chinese outside China
5:00pm–6:00pm	Free time
6:00pm–9:00pm	Program Dinner

Wednesday 2 July	
9:00am–10:30am	Topic 7: CCP and Confucianism
10:30am–11:00am	Break
11:00am–12:30pm	Topic 8: TBC
12:30pm–1:30pm	Buffet lunch
1:30pm–3:00pm	Introduction to Chinese Collections, National Library of Australia

Thursday 3 July	
9:00am–10:30am	Workshopping research questions
10:30am–11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:00am–12:30pm	Topic 9: Hong Kong & Taiwan
12:30pm–1:30pm	<i>Buffet lunch</i>
1:30pm–3:00pm	Topic 10: China's Foreign Relations
3:00pm–3:30pm	<i>Break</i>
3:30pm–5:00pm	China Knowledge in the Public Service

Friday 4 July	
9:00am–10:30am	Topic 11: National Unity: Xinjiang, Tibet, Mongolia
10:30am–11:00am	<i>Break</i>
11:00am–12:30pm	Topic 12: TBC
12:30pm–1:30pm	<i>Buffet lunch</i>
1:30pm–3:30pm	3-Minute Research Question Pitches & Wrap-up
3:30pm	<i>Finish</i>