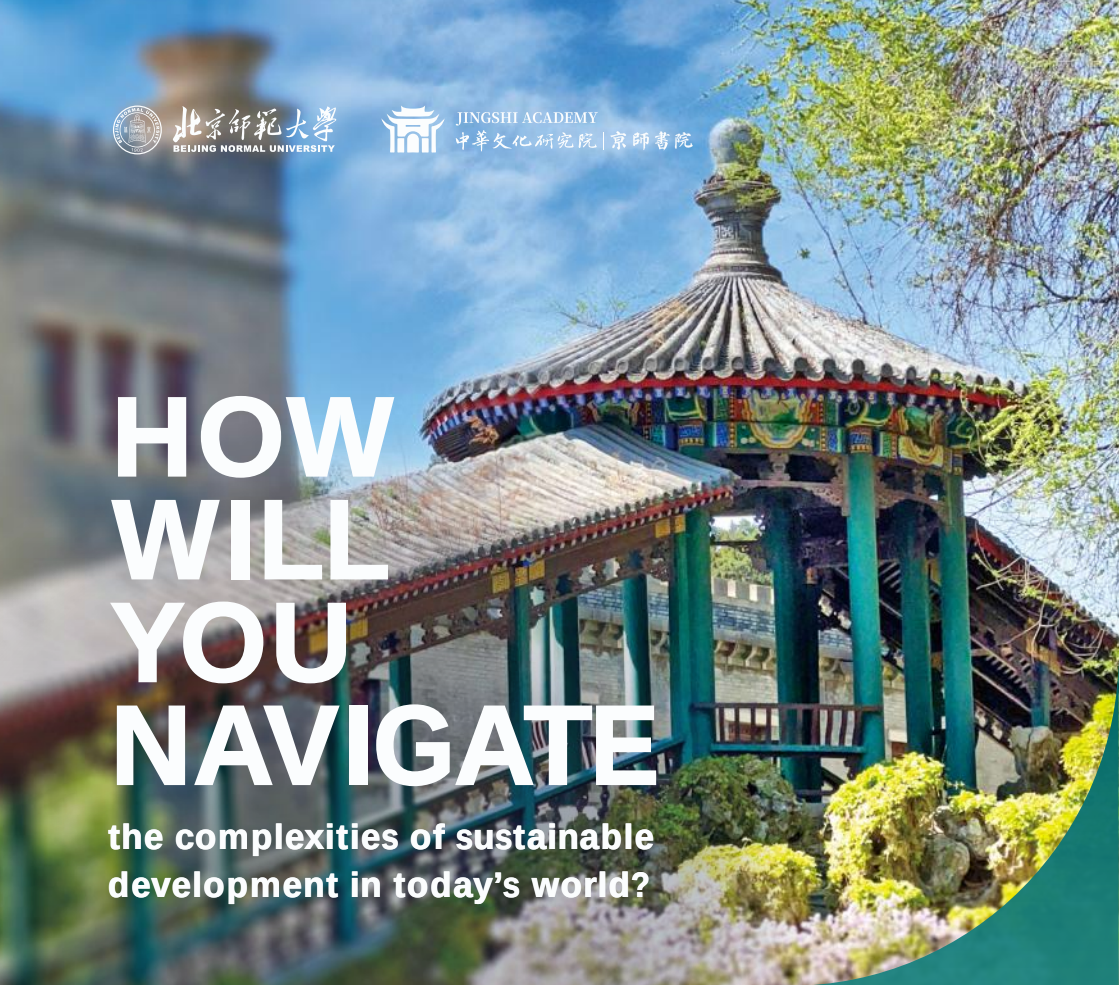




HOW WILL YOU NAVIGATE

**the complexities of sustainable
development in today's world?**

The English-Taught Master's Program in Global Development and Governance

empowers aspiring young talents to explore and address the world's "wicked problems", from inequality and just transition to technological disruption and public health issues, and to develop innovative, actionable solutions.

You will master problem-driven frameworks forged through our specially enhanced PBL approach, tackling real-world challenges with a focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Based in China and embracing a global perspective

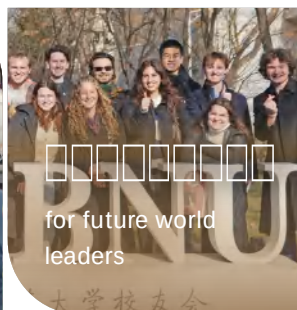
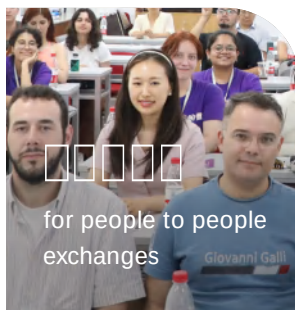


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The Jingshi Academy is located on the Xicheng Campus of Beijing Normal University, a site in the capital's historic core alongside the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Beijing Central Axis. This architectural treasure first served as a Qing Dynasty royal mansion, later transformed into the Fu Jen Catholic University campus, and now provides a perfect environment for intercultural exchange and sharing insights from Chinese culture with academic visitors from around the world.

Exploiting synergies between development, governance and culture in a global context, the Jingshi Academy aims to be a:





Academic Structure

- Two-year applied Master Program
- 40-credit curriculum
(30 course credits + 10 thesis project/practicum credits)
- Selective cohort of 50 students annually



Bilingual Exposure

- 100% instruction in English
- Learn Mandarin and practice your language skills during summer camps, cultural activities, field studies, etc.

Scholarships



tuition fees



accommodation



stipend for
living expenses



one round-trip
travel fare



field study
costs

Full scholarships available to all admitted students, including tuition fees, accommodation, stipend for living expenses, one round-trip travel fare, field study costs, etc.





Our graduates have excellent career prospects in diverse areas, such as:



Government Agencies

Policy analysts, public administrators, diplomats



International Organizations

UN staff or consultants, NGO leaders



Private Sector

Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) managers, international business consultants, sustainability officers



Academic & Research

Researchers and think tank associates

Highlights and Advantages

With the UN SDGs as a framework, the program leverages **real-world case studies**, merging **humanities, social sciences, and engineering technology** to build cultural literacy and critical thinking. You will analyze global, regional and local governance challenges, crafting solutions for sustainability through evidence-based, cross-disciplinary strategies—equipping you to drive lasting impact in a complex world. Building on this, the program also embeds core ESG concepts into the curriculum to cultivate professionals qualified to respond to the growing global demand for environmental, social, and governance expertise.



SDG Lab

Decode real-world puzzles through analyzing successes and failures of the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Interdisciplinary Synergy

Develop cultural literacy, fostering an approach that integrates perspectives from social science, scientific reasoning, and engineering technology



Glocal Nexus

80% international peers + China's development insights = unparalleled multicultural perspectives



Dual Expertise

Top academic mentors × senior UN/industry partners co-design courses and fieldwork



Leadership Engine

Prepare for successful careers in international agencies, government think tanks, civil society organizations, enterprises and other sectors

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Sustainable Natural and Built Environment



Sustainable Economic Development

Course Category	Course Name	Credits	Class Hour
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From Ideas to Practice: Achieving Results through Project Leadership and Management	2	32
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Social Policy: From a Comparative and Global Perspective	3	48
International Education and Global Development	3	48
Economic Issues in Sustainable Development	3	48
Environmental Issues in Sustainable Development	3	48
Innovation, Digitalization and Intelligentization	3	48
Global Climate Change: Impacts and Responses	3	48

*Changes may apply.



Guided by visionary experts from top-tier institutions, the Master Program brings together 60+ celebrated and young scholars from various disciplines and fields related to global development and governance.

Through strategic alliances with international institutions (UNESCO, UNICEF, UNIDO, etc.), the program unites 20+ industry practitioners as guest mentors, bridging theory and practice.

This faculty model, featuring leading scholars and industry experts, equips students with both cutting-edge theories and actionable skills. They can and will decode real-world trends and build essential networks for impactful careers.

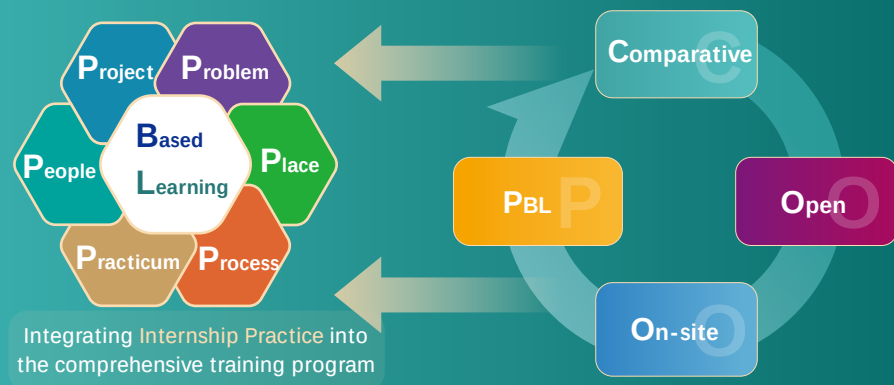
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Adopting **P⁶BL** model for teaching:

Win-Win **CO-Operation**





Eligibility

- Minimum of a good Bachelor's degree in any field
- Interested in advancing sustainability, responsible investment or social impact initiatives with career aspirations in the public or private sectors
- Aspiring to pursue studies in China and keen to learn more about Chinese society, culture and policies
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary study
- Extracurricular achievement, i.e., community engagement, social commitment, and leadership potential, etc.
- Proficient in English



Materials

- Completed Application Form for International Students
- Notarized copy of Diploma(s) and/or Certificate(s) of Enrollment
- Original copy of transcript(s)
- Two academic letters of recommendation
- Personal statement (1000 words max., preferably on an SDG topic)
- Curriculum Vitae (two pages max.)
- Video self-introduction (1 minute)
- English requirements and minimum scores*
 - IELTS (Academic): Overall 6.5
 - TOEFL (iBT): Overall 100
- Copy of the photo page of your valid personal passport
- Valid Certificate of Non-Criminal Record

We look forward

to welcoming you to the Jingshi Academy and embarking on a journey of academic excellence, cultural exchange, and global leadership.



Apply here

through our online admissions portal:

<https://admission-is.bnu.edu.cn/english/index.html>

* Note: Native English speakers and students or alumni of primarily English-taught degree programs (undergraduate or above) are not required to provide English proficiency test scores.

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