



Graduate Thesis

毕业论文

In the spring quarter students are expected to schedule their thesis defense with the OSU graduate school and the Flagship office. Students usually defend after the end of their internship and before the end of the quarter in June.

The paper is written and defended in Chinese before a panel of professors including Flagship faculty and other Chinese experts on the student's domain (often through international videoconference). Upon successful completion of the defense, the student is awarded a Masters of Arts in East Asian Languages and Literatures with a program in Advanced Chinese Language and Culture from the Ohio State University as well as a language proficiency certificate from the Language Flagship.

Below is a list of some of the past thesis topics of Flagship graduates:

- Chinese real estate and foreign investment
- Microfinance in China
- Chinese media: Analysis of critical incident coverage; Analysis of changes in reporting structure
- China's service industry as related to online role-playing games
- Daoism as it relates to modern marketing
- Popularization of Chinese language worldwide
- Multiculturalism in China
- Intellectual property protection and rural development
- Case Studies: Rural vocational education support programs, Translation services for 2008 Beijing Olympics, China's labor contract law.

*** Note about second year costs:**

OSU M.A. graduation requires a minimum of 65 completed credit hours. The majority of these are taken during the first year of the program. For summer, fall and winter quarters of the second year students are not directly enrolled in the university and as such do not pay tuition (except for NSEP fellows, whose fellowship stipulates continuous enrollment). However, students register for classes spring quarter before their thesis defense as per graduation requirements by the university.

* Students are still expected to pay fees relating to Qingdao center study (approx. \$2800) and study with Nanjing University (approx. \$1500) in addition to housing, insurance, transportation and other living expenses.