



Study Abroad in China



Higher Education in China

- There has been a huge rise in the number of international students studying in China in the past decade. The Chinese government have prioritised growing the university sector and creating more world class universities. International applicants can apply to approximately 600 universities, there are over 3,000.
- The most selective group of universities is known as the C9 (similar to the Russell Group and Ivy League)
- Usually, a Chinese university or college has two semesters in one academic year. Early September is the start of the first semester while mid-February is the beginning of the second semester.
- Undergraduate degrees are normally 4 years. Subjects range from business, technology, science and engineering to medicine and the humanities.

Entry Requirements & Application Process

- There is an online application process called CUCAS which also gives lots of help and advice about studying at over 300 universities. <https://school.cucas.cn/>
- A significant number of courses are taught in English and require acceptable TEFL and IELTS scores from students applying from non-English speaking countries.
- Students applying to study in Chinese will need to have Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK – Chinese proficiency test).

Fees

University fees are relatively inexpensive when compared with the USA or Britain. Larger cities on the east coast (Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong) will charge more for accommodation and tuition fees than smaller inland cities. Expect to pay between £1,500 and £2,700 in tuition fees per year for Bachelor's degrees, with courses in business, engineering and medicine costing an average of £18,500 to £38,500 per year.

Visas

After being offered a place at a Chinese university, you'll need to go to your local Chinese embassy, and apply for a visa appropriate for your length of stay. Chinese visa requirements state that for a stay of six months or more, you will need a Study Visa (or X-visa). For less than six months, a business visa (or F-visa) will do. If you do not receive your admission package in time, you may be able to apply for a tourist visa (L-visa) and convert this to a student visa when you arrive.

Highest Ranked University

Tsinghua University (17)

Peking University (18)

Fudan University (31)

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2022>

Working

International students can take up internships and some are entitled to work but you need to check if your visa permits working.

Further Information

China Admissions — for help and advice including a course search facility <https://www.china-admissions.com/>

China's University and Admissions System — advice and online admission <https://bachelor.cucas.cn/>

Study in China Admissions System—Advice about studying in China <https://www.sicas.cn/index.html>