

General Information

Peking University Application Information for International Students

University Overview

Founded in 1898, Peking University (PKU) is the first national university in Chinese modern history. Peking University now consists of six faculties: Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Health Science Center, Economic and Management, and Information and Engineering. The University has 49 colleges and departments, and offers 125 undergraduate programs, 282 graduate programs, and 258 doctoral programs. While still emphasizing fundamental sciences, the university has paid special attention to the development of applied sciences. In December 2018, there were 16,058 undergraduate students, 17,403 postgraduate students and 11,268 doctoral candidates. There were also approximately 6,712 long-term international students from 116 different countries enrolled in various programs on campus; among whom 2,742 were Degree-Seeking students.

Peking University is also known for outstanding research facilities and highly qualified teachers and researchers with extensive research interests and in-depth knowledge. Today the University has 3,358 full-time faculties, of whom 1,468 are professors and 1,451 are associate professors, along with 78 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and 18 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. At present, Peking University has 9 national key laboratories, 126 state key laboratories, 2 national engineering research centers and 10 affiliated hospitals and health centers.

The Peking University library is the largest university library in Asia, with a collection of 7.331 million books, as well as Chinese and foreign journals and newspapers. The library also serves as a comprehensive modern information center.

Peking University Homepage: www.pku.edu.cn

Homepage of the International Students Division, Office of International

Relations: <http://www.isd.pku.edu.cn>

If you are interested in applying for the Medical Sciences program, please contact the Peking University Health Science Center, or visit their website: <http://www.bjmu.edu.cn> for more information.

Study period and Academic Schedule

The normal period of study for each program is as follows: 4 years for undergraduate degrees, 3 years (or in some cases, 2 years) for master's degrees, and 4 years for doctoral degrees. Students may, in particular cases, apply for early or delayed graduation. .

Peking University divides every academic year into spring and autumn semesters, with the latter marking the commencement of the academic year. The autumn semester starts in September and ends in January of the following year while the spring semester begins in February and ends in June. There will be a winter and summer vacation every year. The summer vacation usually lasts 2 months and there are various summer vacation courses available for students. The winter vacation lasts 4 weeks and normally coincides with the Chinese New Year. The starting date of every semester differs yearly, depending on the time of the Chinese New Year. Please check the latest academic calendar for details.

Programs

International students have the following options of study at Peking University:

- (1) Undergraduate or graduate degree-granting programs;
- (2) Visiting students program (non-degree granting);
- (3) Pre-university program;

(4) Short-term language courses or Chinese studies programs.

Applicants must be non-Chinese citizens with good health, valid passport, above the age of 18, and should abide by Chinese law and the regulations of Peking University. They should also respect Chinese social customs.

Undergraduate program: Students are required to complete the curriculum within 4 to 6 years and fulfill the designated number of credits. Successful graduates will receive a graduation certificate along with a bachelor's degree, according to the regulation of the Degree Committee.

Master's Program: Students are required to complete the curriculum within 2-3 years, fulfill the designated number of credits, complete a master's thesis and defend it in front of a panel of experts. Successful graduates will receive a graduation certificate along with the Master's degree, according to the regulation of the Degree Committee. The application period is usually in the autumn semester of every year, while the faculty test takes place during the spring semester of the following year (to be notified by respective faculties).

Peking University currently offers 12 master' s programs fully conducted in English, in a variety of areas including international relations, Chinese law, public policy and business administration. Detailed descriptions may be found in respective program brochures.

Doctorate Program: Students are required to complete the curriculum within 4-6 years (under normal circumstances), fulfill the designated number of credits, conduct research, complete the doctoral thesis and defend it in front of a panel of experts. Successful graduates will receive a graduation certificate with the doctoral degree, according to the regulation of the Degree Committee.

Senior Visiting Students Program: Candidates must have at least a Master's degree. Senior Visiting Students are normally supervised by a professor of the accepting college or department to conduct research on a specific subject. The program is one year, however, upon request the student may be considered for an extension. Upon graduation, the student will receive a certificate of achievement.

General Visiting Students Program: Candidates must have completed at least one year of undergraduate study at their own university. The following options are available for joining undergraduate courses or enhancing proficiency in the Chinese language:

- **GVS1:** Overseas Universities with student exchange agreements with Peking University may select students of non-Chinese nationality for an exchange program at Peking University for a Chinese language course or specific undergraduate courses.
- **GVS2:** International students awarded with Chinese Government Scholarships or Confucius Institute Scholarships may take Chinese language courses or undergraduate courses at Peking University.
- **GVS3:** Students may apply for a Chinese language course or undergraduate courses through individual or group applications.

Research Scholars: Candidates must have a doctoral degree or have the title of Associate Professor or higher. Research Scholars will be given access to the university's resources and be allowed to collaborate with professors of the accepting college or department to conduct specific research. Most successful candidates have established prior contact with professors in their particular fields, anyone wishing to come as a Research Scholar is strongly advised to find a supervisor in advance. Research scholars enjoy flexible application dates and durations of research. The applications can be submitted anytime, and duration of

study varies between one month, one semester or one year.

Note: For detailed application information, please refer to individual program brochures.

Requirement of proficiency in Chinese language:

General Visiting Students are required to take the Chinese language proficiency exam after registration. Only those students whose results meet the standard are allowed to take specialty courses, otherwise they are advised to study Chinese in the International College for Chinese Language Studies for one or two semesters. For those who have already received a certificate of the HSK (Hanyu shuiping kaoshi) of level 7 and above, or level 6 and above for the new HSK, the Chinese language proficiency exam will be exempted.

Senior Visiting Students and Research Scholars are not required to take the Chinese language proficiency exam, on the premise that the candidate experiences no obstacles in communicating with their supervisor.

Undergraduates, Master and Doctoral candidates are not required to take the Chinese language proficiency exam.

Application Processing

It takes at least 8 to 10 weeks after the application deadline to send out the formal Letter of Admission. We may inform you to attend an interview or request additional materials according to your application process during this period. If you are accepted, we will send you a Letter of Admission and other relevant documents. To track the progress of your application, please contact the International Students Division either by email or telephone. Due to our limited staff, we may not reply promptly to all enquiries.

Visa

Successful applicants should bring their Letter of Admission and their JW201/202 form to the Chinese consulate or embassy to apply for their Student Visa. A study period of 6 months and above requires an X1 visa. Accepted applicants need to exchange their X1 visas to a Residence Permit at the Office of International Relations within 30 days of arrival in China. If your period of study is less than half a year, you may apply for an X2 visa.

Medical insurance

Peking University's regulations require that all international students must be medically insured throughout their entire planned period of study. Students are required to purchase the Comprehensive Insurance Plan of Foreign Students provided by Ping An insurance company on the day of registration, which has been recognized and recommended by the Chinese Ministry of Education. Students who do not have valid medical insurance are not allowed to register.

Accommodation information

There are different types of housing facilities for international students at PKU.

For further information regarding Zhongguanxinyuan, you are welcome to visit the following website: <http://www.pkugv.com>, or for specific advice please contact 010-62752288.

Self-funded Students are required to find their own living accommodation. Please note that students who live off campus must register at the local police station.

Tuition

	Humanities Subject	Science Subjects
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Undergraduate Program	26,000 RMB/Year	30,000 RMB/Year
Master' s Program	29,000 RMB/Year	33,000 RMB/Year
Master' s Program in English	Please refer to respective program brochures	
Doctorate Program	32,000 RMB/Year	40,000 RMB/Year
GVS 1	26,000 RMB/Year	30,000 RMB/Year
GVS 2	26,000 RMB/Year	30,000 RMB/Year
GVS 3	18,000 RMB/Semester	
Senior Visiting Students Program	30,000 RMB/Year	34,000 RMB/Year
Research Scholar Program	3320 RMB/Month	
Pre-University Program	36,000 RMB/Year	
Short-term Programs	Tuition fees vary according to the period of the courses, please refer to the flyer of 'Short-term Programs'	

Estimated cost of living (For your reference)

Accommodation: approximately 35,000 RMB/year

Board (meals): approximately 15,000 RMB/year

Transportation and other miscellaneous costs: approximately 5,000 RMB/year

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