

Further Study Opportunities in Our Region
(China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Singapore)

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Why consider Asia?

- Global and vibrant cities
- Jobs, jobs, jobs! 90%+ placement
- Importance of Asia in global economy
- Safety
- Affordable study/living options
- Affordable travel in the region
- Global recognition
- Research opportunities
- Preparation for Graduate School



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CHINA



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Benefit of Studying in China

- A large number of universities(3000+) and a lot of program choices
- A lot of exchange programs in UK, US, Canada, and other countries
- Low Cost: Tuition: 30,000 RMB(Less than 4000 USD) per year, 75000 for MBBS
- Scholarship Opportunities: full scholarship
- Safe
- Chinese Culture and diverse landscapes to explore
- Job opportunities
- People are generally super friendly and hospitable



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Universities in China

- China has a large number of universities that recruit international students, offering a wide range of programs in both Chinese and English. As of recent estimates, over **1,000 universities** in China admit international students. These institutions offer degree programs (undergraduate, master's, and PhD) as well as non-degree programs like Chinese language courses.
- China has several universities that were established in partnership with overseas universities, aiming to offer international-quality education by combining the strengths of both institutions. These joint ventures are part of China's efforts to internationalize its higher education system and attract global talent.



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Universities in China

Programs taught in Chinese

- Public Universities: Tsinghua, Peking, Fudan, Shanghai Jiaotong, Zhejiang

Programs taught in English

- Public Universities
- Joint venture universities: NYU Shanghai, Kunshan Duke, Nottingham Ningbo, Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool, etc.
- MBBS: Zhejiang, Tongji
- Untraditional universities: Westlake University
 - Fully Taught in English
 - World-class international faculty
 - Stem-focused research university
 - Research exposure and experience from day one



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Universities in China

教育部关于规范我高等学校接受 国际学生有关工作的通知

教外函〔2020〕12号

各省、自治区、直辖市教育厅（教委），新疆生产建设兵团教育局，部属各高等学校、部省合建各高等学校：

依据《中华人民共和国教育法》《中华人民共和国高等教育法》和《中华人民共和国国籍法》，为维护我国高等教育公平，按照《学校招收和培养国际学生管理办法》的要求，现对高等学校接受国际学生申请进入我高等学校本专科阶段学习作出如下补充规定：

一、依据《中华人民共和国国籍法》第五条，父母双方或一方为中国公民并定居在外国，本人出生时即具有外国国籍的，不具有中国国籍。自2021年起，其申请作为国际学生进入我高等学校本专科阶段学习，除符合学校的其他报名资格外，还应持有有效的外国护照或国籍证明文件4年（含）以上，且最近4年（截至入学年度的4月30日前）之内有在外国实际居住2年以上的记录（一年中实际在外国居住满9个月可按一年计算，以入境和出境签章为准）。

- Started in 2021
- Both parents and the students are non-Chinese Passport holder
- If one or both parents are Chinese passport holder, the students have to lived overseas for at least 2 years within the recent 4 years.

2. Applicants who have acquired foreign nationality at birth, both of whose parents are Chinese citizens and have settled abroad, or either of whose parents is a Chinese citizen and has settled abroad, should submit the following materials:

(1) A certificate to prove that the applicant obtained foreign citizenship at birth.

(2) A certificate of permanent residence of the applicant's parents (Chinese citizens) in a foreign country before the applicant's birth.

(3) The exit and entry records on their passports (period: from April 30th, 2018 to April 30th, 2022).



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Application Procedure & Timeline

- Step 1: Fill out the application and upload all the required documents
- Step 2: Invited for Admissions Test(Case by Case)
- Step 3: Invited for an interview: academic oriented
- Step 3: Admission Result

Personal Statement:

- Differs by universities: Why school?Why Major?
- Resume
- A video for self-introduction(Case by case)
- Activity List
- Summer Programs

Timeline:

Jan-May

There are multiple round of applications.



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Document Name	Uploaded or Not
<p>* Senior High School Diploma or equivalent</p> <p>Memo: Senior High School Diploma or equivalent. Graduating students must submit official document issued by your current school to prove your current student status and expected graduation date. Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3MB.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Academic Transcripts</p> <p>Memo: Official transcripts (or equivalent) from your high school, including courses taken; Documents in languages other than Chinese or English must be attached with notarized Chinese or English translations. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3Mb.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Test scores of the national high school graduation exam or college entrance exam</p> <p>Memo: Test scores of the national high school graduation exam or college entrance exam in the country or region, such as SAT/ACT/IB/A-level/UEC, etc. If the test scores are not available at the time of application, providing predictive high school scores is permitted (the valid time of the test report is 2 years). Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3MB.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Chinese Language Certificate</p> <p>Memo: HSK 5≥200/HSK 6≥180/other equivalent certificates (valid time is 2 years). Not required for students taking entrance test. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3MB.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* English Language Certificate</p> <p>Memo: TOEFL/IELTS/Other English Language Certificate. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3Mb.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Passport information page (valid for more than 6 months).</p> <p>Memo: Should be JPG file, named in English, 100k-3M</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Personal Statement</p> <p>Memo: should be in Chinese or English with signature. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3Mb.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Two Recommendation Letters</p> <p>Memo: at least one of which has to be provided by one of the teachers in the high school; should be in Chinese or English, with signature of referrer. If your school want to post the recommendation letter directly to our university, please upload a statement. Should be PDF file, named in English, and less than 3Mb.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>* Personal photo (full-face photo, taken within the past six months)</p> <p>Memo: Should be JPG file, named in English, 100k-200k.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>Guardian's Letter of Guarantee</p> <p>Memo: Applicants under 18 years old (until April. 30, 2021) should provide a Guardian's Letter of Guarantee. Should be PDF file, named in English, less than 3Mb.</p>	Not Upload
<p>* Financial guarantee</p> <p>Memo: Financial guarantee proven deposit of not less than RMB 100,000 (or equivalent in foreign currency) in Chinese or English. Should be PDF less than 3Mb, named in English.</p>	Uploaded: View
<p>Required materials if one or both parents of the applicant are Chinese citizens</p> <p>Memo: Please provide required materials according to the application materials listed in the following website: https://isc.sjtu.edu.cn/EN/content.aspx?info_lb=212&flag=2; pdf file less than 3Mb, named in English.</p>	Not Upload
<p>Applicants applying for designing will need to submit portfolios.</p> <p>Memo: Should be PDF file and less than 3Mb, named in English</p>	Not Upload
<p>Other supportive materials required by SJTU</p> <p>Memo: should be PDF file less than 3Mb, named in English.</p>	Not Upload

Application Materials



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学院	国际标准化考试				HSK	IELTS/TOFEL
	SAT	IB	A-Level	ACT		
新闻学院、法学院、国际关系学院 商学院、经济学院、财政金融学院	总分1350分(含)以上	具有IB Diploma; 三门HL课程和三门SL课程, 需与申请专业有关; 必须包括英语、Mathematics SL, 总分35分(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 至少三门以上课程取得B(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 总成绩在28分(含)以上	6级200分(含)以上	IELTS 6.5 (含) 以上 或 TOFEL 90分(含) 以上
文学院 艺术学院	总分1100分(含)以上	具有IB Diploma; 三门HL课程和三门SL课程, 需与申请专业有关; 必须包括英语、Mathematics SL, 总分32分(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 至少三门以上课程取得C(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 总成绩在26分(含)以上	5级180分(含)以上	无
其他学院	总分1250分(含)以上	具有IB Diploma; 三门HL课程和三门SL课程, 需与申请专业有关; 必须包括英语、Mathematics SL, 总分35分(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 至少三门以上课程取得B(含)以上	所修课程须与申请专业相关, 总成绩在28分(含)以上	5级200分(含)以上	

Admission Test Waiving

★注: SAT成绩以1600分制为标准, 2400分制的成绩无效。

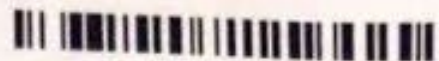
商学院Global BBA英文本科项目申请条件以项目要求为准, 不参照该简章要求, 具体申请要求请参见<http://globalbba.rmbs.ruc.edu.cn/>



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注册号: 2018050157

学号: 1800093203



录取通知书

王安娜

巴西 WAN LIU FENG, DIANA 女士:

我们高兴地通知您, 北京大学同意接收您于 2018年9月 至 2022年7月, 作为 本科生 来我
校 政府管理学院 学习。

在华期间, 您的一切费用自理, 其中学费26,000元人民币/学年。

如果您自愿遵守中国的法律、法规和学校的校纪、校规, 请您持本《录取通知书》、
《外国留学人员来华签证申请表》(JW202)、相关的体格检查记录及血液化验报告(均
为原件), 前往中国驻贵国大使馆(领事馆)申请来华学习签证, 并于 2018年8月31日到我
校报到。如因故不能按期报到, 必须事先征得我校的同意。否则, 将视为自动放弃入学资
格, 本录取通知书失效。

学生本人签字: _____

年 月 日



注意事项:

1. 请仔细阅读以上信息并签字确认。如有疑问, 请及时与北京大学留学生办公室联系。
2. 请于入境前仔细阅读《北京大学国际学生留学指南》或登录北京大学留学生网站浏览相关迎新信息
(<http://www.isd.pku.edu.cn>)。
3. 来华学习期限在半年以上者须持“X1”签证入境。学习期限在半年以下者, 请持“X2”签证入境。
4. 请准备至少 2 张照片。
5. 入境后, 请务必根据规定时间到北京大学留学生办公室办理报到手续。

Sample Offer: Chinese taught program of Peking University



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Student Cases

	Student A: Class of 2021	Student B: Class of 2024	Student C: Class of 2024
School Type	Bilingual School: AP	Bilingual School: AP	International School: IB
Nationality	Thailand	US	India
Parents' Nationality	Thailand & Chinese	US	India
Course/Major	Business Mangement	Architecture	Medicine
Applications	Around 10 Chinese Unis	US, Canada, China	UK, Canada, Australia, China
Academics	GPA: 4.22, DET: 125	GPA: 3.63 DET: 120	IB: 36/45
Fit Factors	Stay in China for undergrad	Stay in China for undergrad	IB Chemistry: 5, want to study medicine
Application Result	Renmin University	Tongji University, RPI, Syracuse, Waterloo, UToronto	MBBS: Tongji & Zhejiang, Fudan(HL Math), UToronto, UBC, Sydney, Edinburgh



Universities in China

- Pros:
- Easier to get in to the top universities than Gaokao students.
- Good reputation for the job market in China.
- English Taught programs
- Low cost and high acceptance rate for medicine programs
- Great opportunity to experience Chinese culture
- Flexible programs: degree programs, language programs, programs in different languages, summer programs.
- Exchange opportunities: KCL

- Cons:
- Lower diversity: most international students are from Asia; lower percentage of students are from UK, US, Europe, Australia, and other western countries.
- Cultural Identity
- Work Visa Policy



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Resources

- Policy: http://www.moe.gov.cn/srcsite/A20/moe_850/202006/t20200609_464159.html
- Sample Test instructions:

英语考试样题

(考试时间 90 分钟, 满分 100 分)

I. Grammar and Vocabulary (20%)

Section A

Directions: Beneath the passage, there are four choices marked A, B, C and D. Choose the one answer that best makes the passage coherent and grammatically correct.

The History of Roses

According to fossil records, roses are over 35 million years old and they were first cultivated in China about 5,000 years ago. A Chinese emperor in the 6th century BC apparently had over 600 books (1) _____ roses in his library, and oil was drawn from those (2) _____ in his garden. However, only the highest members of society were allowed (3) _____ (use) it. If anyone else (4) _____ with even a small amount, they were sentenced to death. Roses were also popular with the Romans, who used them as a medicine and a source of perfume.

Cultivated roses were only introduced to (5) _____ is now Western Europe in the 18th century. Napoleon's wife, Josephine, started a botanical garden near Paris, (6) _____ she collected all the known varieties of roses and encouraged the breeding of new ones. This led to the flowers (7) _____ (become) increasingly popular, and in Britain at that time so valuable (8) _____ roses become that they were often used as currency in local markets.

笔试试卷结构如下:

测试题型	题量		计分
选择题	12 题	25 题	36
填空题	11 题		44
解答题	2 题		20
合计			100

数学各部分内容在试卷中的占分比例:

代数	50%
三角	20%
平面解析几何	30%

按测量目标划分:

数学基本知识和基本技能	40%
逻辑思维能力、运算能力、空间想象能力	40%
分析问题与解决问题能力、数学探究与创新能力	20%



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Resources

- **MBBS: Research Tool**

Curriculum (for reference only)

Course Categories	Courses	
Chinese Culture & Natural Science Courses	Brief Introduction to China	Chemistry
	Chinese Language	Biological Sciences
	Medical Chinese	Computers
	Mathematics	Organic Chemistry
	Physics	
Liberal Arts & Basic Medicine Courses	Histoembryology	Immunology
	Anatomy	Microbiology
	Cell Biology	Parasitology
	Genetics	Pathophysiology
	Physiology	Pathology
	Biochemistry and	Medical Ethics
	Molecular Biology	Pharmacology
Clinical Medicine Courses	Diagnostics	Psychiatry
	Diagnostic Imaging	Neurology
	Medicine	Dermatology
	Surgery	Oncology
	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Ophthalmology
	Pediatrics	Otolaryngology
	Preventive Medicine	Stomatology
	Epidemiology	Forensic Medicine
	Medical Psychology	Traditional Chinese Medicine

2019 Fudan MBBS Program

(An English-Taught Undergraduate Medical Program)

Program Overview

According to the "Provisional Regulations on Quality Control Standards of English-Taught Medical Undergraduate Education for International Students in China", the Ministry of Education of China has approved Fudan University as one of thirty universities in China permitted to enroll international students in English-taught undergraduate programs in medicine.

To promote international education, Fudan University began enrolling international students in the English-taught undergraduate medical program in fall 2008. The program aims to nurture high-caliber medical graduates with solid medical knowledge, competent clinical skills, and professionalism, while giving due consideration to the possible needs for them to serve in countries outside China. Graduates of the program will have the ability to work in medical and health institutions, making meaningful contributions to the areas of patient care, education, and research.

The program is taught completely in English and follows the principles of consolidating academic knowledge, with emphasis on technical skills, interdisciplinary studies, and clinical practice.

Offered by the Shanghai Medical College of Fudan University, this program is open to international students intending to pursue the science and practice of medicine. Students who excel will have the opportunity to participate in overseas clinical internship programs. After completing the required number of credits, students will be conferred a diploma from Fudan University, and qualified students will receive a degree of Bachelor of Medicine and the Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS). Graduates will have the opportunity to register for medical licensing exams in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulatory bodies of the countries in which they choose to practice.

HONGKONG



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Why study here?

- Very popular destination in Asia
- 4-year program of study
- Joint Program of Studies with other reputable universities*
- Recognize the IB Diploma, often scholarships for IB students (based on total points)
 - Credit awarded for some IB courses
- Globally recognized university qualifications; very high in global rankings
- Variety of degree programs in English
- More reasonable fees
- Multicultural, vibrant cities
- Good Airport Hub: Close to many major cities in Asia (i.e. Beijing, Shanghai, South Korea, Japan)



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HK Application Procedure & Timeline

- Step 1: Fill out the application and upload all the required documents
- Step 2: Invited for Admissions Test (not for all majors)
- Step 3: Invited for an interview: academic oriented (not for all majors)
- Step 3: Admission Result

Personal Statement: (THINK UK)

- Differs by universities: Why school? Why Major?
- Resume
- Activity Lists
- Internship or experience

Timeline:

Depends! Earliest is early Nov for University of Hong Kong
There are multiple round of applications.



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Counselor's Responsibility

- Provide students with the necessary documents
 - HS unofficial transcript
 - Confirmation of graduation letter (or enrollment letter)
 - English language waiver (if applicable)
- Guidance and feedback on Personal Statement
- Write letter of recommendation
 - Guidance on which teacher to ask LOR from
- Upload official documents for students
 - NOTE: DIFFERENT PLATFORMS for different Universities – but it's intuitive and easy to navigate.



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Universities in HK

University of Hong Kong (HKU)

- www.hku.hk/



Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

- www.ust.hk/eng/index.htm



香港科技大學
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chinese University of Hong Kong

- www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/index.html



香港中文大學
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong Polytechnic University

- <https://www.polyu.edu.hk/web/en/home/index.html>



THE HONG KONG
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香港理工大學



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JOINT PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES

- 1. University of Hong Kong (HKU) and Columbia University**
 1. Joint programs in public health and other interdisciplinary studies.
- 2. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and UC Berkeley**
 1. Collaborations in engineering and business programs.
- 3. Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and University of Southern California (USC)**
 1. Joint Master's programs in communication.
- 4. Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and Duke University**
 1. Joint programs in business administration and public health.
- 5. City University of Hong Kong and Purdue University**
 1. Collaborative programs in engineering and technology.
- 6. Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
 1. Joint programs in fashion design and technology.
- 7. The University of Minnesota and The Chinese University of Hong Kong**
 1. Programs in education and social work.

HK + US



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JOINT PROGRAMS OPPORTUNITIES

1. The University of Hong Kong (HKU) and University College London (UCL)

1. Joint Bachelor's programs in Architecture (HKU's Bachelor of Architecture recognizes UCL's qualifications).

HK+

2. The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and University of Toronto (Canada)

1. Joint Bachelor of Arts programs that allow students to experience education in both institutions.

GB+CA+AU

3. Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and University of British Columbia (Canada)

1. Joint programs in various fields including engineering and science.

4. City University of Hong Kong and University of Edinburgh (UK)

1. Collaborative undergraduate programs in engineering and information technology.

5. Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and Nottingham Trent University (UK)

1. Joint Bachelor's programs in Fashion Design and Technology.

6. Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) and Lingnan University (UK)

1. Joint undergraduate programs in various fields, particularly in creative arts and media.

7. Hong Kong Institute of Education (now known as Education University of Hong Kong) and University of Melbourne (Australia)

1. Collaborations in teacher education programs.



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HK Costs (approximately)

Hong Kong University

- Tuition = HKD 42,100 (residents) to HKD 182,000 (international)
- Campus Housing = HKD 17,290 to HKD 37,940 / year
- Annual Living Expenses = HKD 50,000 / year

Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

- Tuition = HKD 42,100 (residents) to HKD 155,000 (international)
- Campus Housing = HKD 12,660 – HKD 20,920 (resident) HKD 16,090 to HKD 26,570 / year (international)
- Annual Living Expenses = HKD 50,000 / year



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Why Japan?



Japanese language



Japanese culture and society



Popular culture & subcultures



Cutting edge science & technology



“Omotenashi” (Japanese hospitality)



Quality of education & research offered by Japanese universities



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279,000 international students



World rankings



Affordability & scholarships



Tokyo ranks as the best student city in Asia



Japan ranks as the ninth safest country in the world



Kyoto/Osaka/Kobe (combined) is also ranked as one of the best student cities



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Universities in Japan



Private Universities

- 4 year programs
- Bilingual and multi-national universities
- Interdisciplinary liberal arts programs
- Universities with a small English program



National Universities

- 4 year programs
- Many programs at these universities are very specialized with a small enrollment.
- There are a few with broader programs.



American Universities

- 2 & 4 year programs
- Temple University Japan
- Lakeland University Japan



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Universities with Undergraduate English Programs in Japan

- Akita International University
- Doshisha University
- Hokkaido University
- Hosei University
- International Christian University
- International College of Liberal Arts
- Keio University
- Kyoto University
- Kyoto University of Advanced Science
- Kyushu University
- Lakeland University Japan
- Meiji Gakuin University
- Meiji University
- Nagoya University



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Universities with Undergraduate English Programs in Japan

- Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
- Okayama University
- Osaka University
- Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Ritsumeikan University
- Sophia University
- Temple University Japan
- Tohoku University
- Tokyo College of Music
- Tokyo International University
- University of Aizu
- University of Tokyo
- University of Tsukuba
- Waseda University
- Yokohama National University



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Application at a Glance

- There is no one centralized system*
- The online brochure/application guideline is worth reading as requirements and processes may differ between institutions.
- Application rounds and window periods
- April and September start
- While most applications are online, some applications require paper documents to be mailed.
- Holistic admissions



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Application at a Glance

Online Application

Basic information, educational history, extra curricular activities, awards & achievements



School Documents

Certificate of expected graduation, HS transcript, school report, school profile



Standardized Tests & English Proficiency



Personal Statement/Essays



Recommendations



Miscellaneous

Application checklist, applicant's photo, copy of passport, possible interview, proof of payment



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Tips for Students



Check if the university you're considering offers the subject you wish to study.



Take a close look at the program. How many students are there?
Some programs are very small.



Do your research – are all courses taught in English or is it a bilingual program?



Read the application brochure with important details (eligibility, requirements, and more).



Be aware of different deadlines for application materials. Check if it's for the April or September entry.



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Resources:

Admissions Office. (n.d.). *Admissions portal*. <https://admissions-office.net/en/portal>

Japan Student Services Organization. (n.d.). *Study in Japan*. <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/>

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TopUniversities. (n.d.). *Best student cities*. <https://www.topuniversities.com/best-student-cities>



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KORÉA



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Korean universities are rapidly growing in global popularity. Compared to other English-speaking countries, Korea offers affordable tuition, low cost of living, many English-taught programs, and a safe, welcoming environment for international students.

Korea is known throughout the world for their excellent food and culture (including the ever-popular K-pop and K-dramas).



Popular universities include:

- **Yonsei University**
- **Korea University**
- **Chonnam National University**
- **Seoul National University**
- **Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology**
- **Sogang University**
- **Kyung Hee University**
- **Sungkyunkwan University**



INCHEON GLOBAL CAMPUS:

- **George Mason University Korea**
- **Ghent University Global Campus**
- **SUNY Korea**
 - **Stony Brook University**
 - **Fashion Institute of Technology**
- **The University of Utah – Asia Campus**

Application timeline:

**SPRING
SEMESTER**
(March – June)



Typical first term

**FALL
APPLICATIONS**
(May – June)



**FALL
SEMESTER**
(Sept. – Dec.)



Second term

**SPRING
APPLICATIONS**
(Sept. – Nov.)



Language requirements:



English language programs typically require an IELTS or TOEFL score.

- At the undergraduate and masters level, a minimum score of TOEFL 71 and IELTS 5.5 is required.
- At the PhD level, a minimum score of TOEFL 79 and IELTS 6 is required.

Korean language exam scores:

- For English language programs, Korean proficiency is probably not required.
- To study in Korean, students will need a Level 3 or higher on the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) with a Level 4 or higher by the time you graduate.

Singapore



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Types of higher education

Public universities

Foreign public universities with host campuses/partners in Singapore

Private institutions that can offer a wide variety of certifications, from individual A Level subjects through diplomas and in some cases a degree



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Public Universities



ntu.edu.sg/education

National University of Singapore (NUS) - est 1905
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) - est 1981
Singapore Management University (SMU) - est 2000
Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) - est 2005
Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) - est 2009
University of the Arts Singapore (UAS) - est 2023



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Public Universities

New, so often not on rankings. Just wait.

No centralised application system, apply to each individually.

Separate application deadlines for different qualifications!

NUS - IB applications due 5 Feb 2025

NUS - Singaporean A Level applications due “mid-March” 2025

NUS - All other international quals (British A levels, etc) due 26 Feb 2025



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Public Universities

Priority is Singaporean students, then PRs, then internationals.

Can see a difference of 5 points of more in some cases based on citizenship.

Less than $\frac{1}{3}$ live on campus at NUS, lower at other universities.

3 years to a degree, 4 if getting an honours degree.



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Public Universities

Application itself very straightforward. Emphasis on awards and grades, less so extracurriculars.

Letters of references aren't typically required unless a student is applying for a college/programme with a residential component or a uni specific scholarship.

Anywhere from 0-3 short answers (300 words max) about the course of study.



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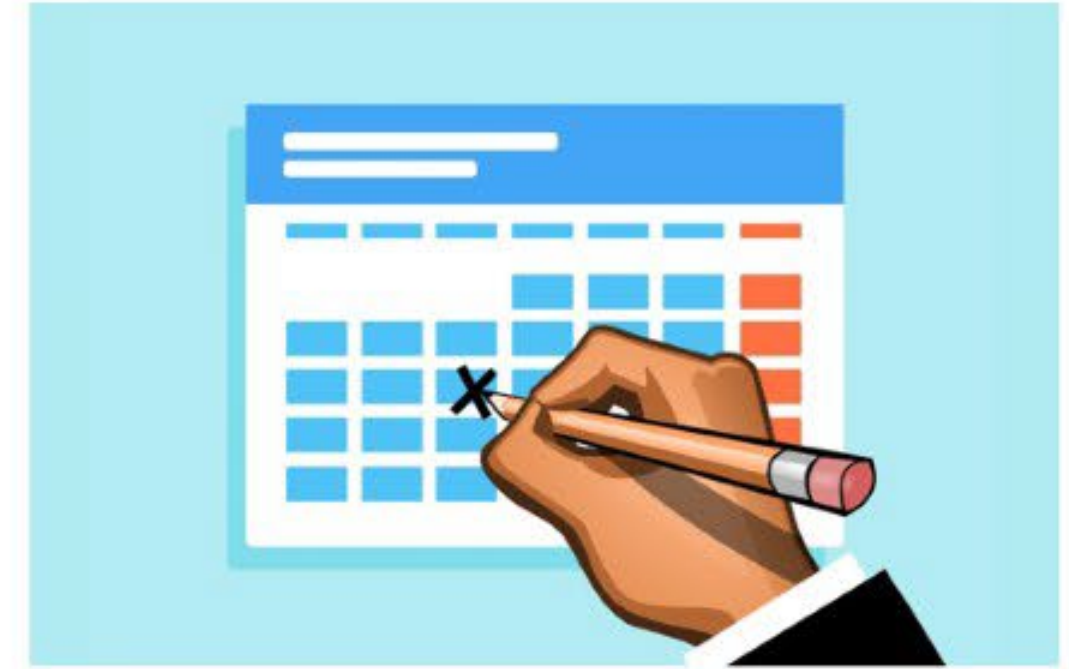
Public Universities

No decisions until final scores are out!

IB students often find out 1-2 weeks after sending scores. School year often starts the first Monday in August. Quick turnaround time (and withdrawal/loss of deposits for other universities)

If scores come out later than the start date (British A Levels), students will have to take a gap year.*

*Maybe an exception this year with SMU



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Public Universities

International students are offered a bond where the government will pay a *large portion* of their tuition and they must fulfill a 3 year bond after graduation, meaning they work in Singapore (exception if you work for a Singaporean company abroad, but that's risky)

No guaranteed job in Singapore, but very likely you will get one with a good Singaporean degree.



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Private Universities

No large scale Singaporean private universities, but *many* international universities hosted in Singapore (work smarter, not harder).

Less competitive admissions. Many host institutions often will provide their own internal Foundations Programmes that get you into their own hosted degrees (not a guarantee you will be admitted to the same university in the original country).

Some feel like a tutoring centre in a mall, some feel like a full on university campus. What does the student need?



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Private University Examples

SIM GE hosts La Trobe (Aus), Monash (Aus), RMIT (Aus), Sydney (Aus), Wollongong (Aus), Grenoble Ecole de Management (Fr), Warwick (UK), Birmingham (UK), UOL (UK), Stirling (UK), Buffalo (US)

Kaplan hosts Murdoch (Aus), RMIT (Aus), Northumbria (UK), Royal Holloway (UK), Essex (UK), Portsmouth (UK), University College Dublin (Ireland)

MDIS hosts Bangor (UK), Edinburgh Napier (UK), Teesside (UK), Leeds Beckett (UK), Northumbria (UK), Sunderland (UK), Roehampton (UK), Central Oklahoma (US)



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Local Schools

Polytechnics are technical schools for students aged 16-19, so they graduate 1 year later, with the idea that students are ready for work. They receive a polytechnic diploma and the programmes require a 6 month internship. Students can go onto university and many do, but it's designed for preparation for work.

Singaporean A levels are a common curriculum of local schools, similar to British A levels but students will take 4 subjects, 1 of which is the required “mother tongue” that all Singaporean students must take.



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Questions?
Thank You!



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