University Overview

Founded in 1898, Peking University (PKU) is the first national university in Chinese modern history. Peking University now consists of five faculties: Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Medicine, and Information and Engineering. The University has 41 colleges and departments, and offers 101 undergraduate programs, 244 postgraduate programs, and 201 doctoral programs.

In October 2005, there were 14,456 undergraduates, 10031 postgraduates and 5088 doctoral candidates. There were also on campus approximately 4,000 long-term and short-term international students from 80 countries. Among them, there were 1701 Degree-Seeking students.

The University has 5,381 full-time faculties, of whom 1,428 are professors and 1848 are associate professors.

The Peking University library is the largest university library in Asia, with a collection of 5.3 million books, and more than 7200 titles of Chinese and foreign journals and newspapers. The library also serves as a comprehensive modern information center.

Peking University places great importance on academic exchange and cooperation with foreign universities. She has signed agreements with more than 200 universities in 50 countries and regions.

Peking University Homepage: www.pku.edu.cn,
For academic lessons and courses information, please visit website at:
Undergraduate students:  http://www.pku.edu.cn/academic/lesson/lesson.html
Graduate students:  http://www.pku.edu.cn/academic/graduate/lesson.html
If you are interested in applying to Medical Sciences, 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, reduce or extend the duration of study upon application.

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 follows the schedule of Chinese New Year.

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 in good health, with 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 between 4 to 6 years and fulfill the designated number of credits. Successful graduates will receive a graduation certificate along with the bachelor's degree, according to the regulation of the Degree Committee.

Master's Program: Students are required to complete the curriculum between 2-3 years, fulfill the designated number of credits, complete the master's thesis and defend of 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.

Doctorate Program: Students are required to complete the curriculum between 4-6 years (in 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 in 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 options are available for joining undergraduate courses or enhancing proficiency in Chinese language.

**Research Scholars:** Candidate must have a doctoral degree or have the title of Associate Professor or higher. Research Scholars will be given access to the school's resources and be allowed to collaborate with professors of the accepting college or department to conduct specific areas of research. Most successful candidates have established prior contacts with the professors in their particular fields, anyone wishing to come for a Research Scholars 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 from one month, one semester to one year.

**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 suggested to study Chinese in the International College for Chinese Language Studies for one or two semesters. For those who have already received an intermediate B certificate or above on the HSK 7 (Hanyu shuiping kaoshi) exam, 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 of no communication obstacles with their supervisor.

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

**Selecting procedure:** It takes approximate 8 to 10 weeks after the application deadline to receive the notifications of admission. We may inform you the missing materials according to your application process during this period. If admitted, we will send you the admission notice and other relevant documents. Information about the progress of an application can be obtained by contacting the International Students Division either by email or telephone. Due to our limited staff, we cannot reply promptly to all enquiries.

**Medical insurance:** Peking University requires all international students to have sufficient medical insurance throughout the duration of study, which at least covers Accident Insurance and Hospitalization. Students can either buy the insurance before coming to China, or buy it here in China. Upon registration, foreign students should submit documents from their insurance companies, which must prove that they are covered for accidents and hospitalization within the duration of study. The documents should be in Chinese or English.

Failure to submit the insurance documents will result in refusal to registration.

**Accommodation information:** There are different types of housing facilities for international students at PKU. Shaoyuan Accommodation Office is in charge of the Housing on campus for Foreign Students. For reservations and related information, please contact the office directly.

Phone No.: 86-10-6275 2264, 86-10-6275 2218 website: www.shaoyuan.com

Students can also choose to live off campus, but must register to the local police station.

**Tuition (per person per year)**

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