



Q & A for incoming exchange students to Peking University

Q: Is electrical signature acceptable?

A: No, all documents need to be hand-signed and/or stamped.

Q: Can I send you color-printed documents or personal photo?

A: Strongly not recommended.

Q: What if I do not have a guarantor in China?

A: You can put your home university's contact in that space.

Q: What is the difference between “School of Chinese as a Second Language (对外汉语教育学院)” and “other schools/departments (专业院系)”?

A: The School of Chinese as a Second Language offers Chinese language training courses, which are exclusively for international students who do not speak Chinese well. Other schools/departments offer PKU undergraduate courses (Chinese-taught/English-taught). If you are enrolled in “other schools/departments”, that means (1) your Chinese is good enough for you to select Chinese-taught courses university-wide, or (2) you give up Chinese language learning and only take English-taught courses.

Q: I want to go to “other schools/departments”, but I do not have HSK 6 during application. What can I do?

A: You may test your Chinese language proficiency by tests that are suggestive of your Chinese language proficiency.

Q: If I choose “other departments/schools” during application period, can I change it to Chinese language studies at School of Chinese as a Second Language when I register?

A: No. But if you choose “School of Chinese as a Second Language” during the application period, you may apply to give up Chinese language learning and only take undergraduate courses at other departments/schools.

Q: Is medical test compulsory?

A: It relates to the visa you received. Normally X1 visa requires medical test by the Beijing Public Bureau while X2 visa does not.

Q: Can I do the medical test upon arrival?

A: Yes.

Q: I am applying/changing my passport. Can I provide the copy of passport later?

A: Yes, please update the information prior to December 15.

Q: Do I need to pay deposit money to rent a room?

A: Yes. Usually local agent will charge one month rent as deposit. You may lose the deposit if you want to move out prior notice to the tenancy or you damage the room facilities. It is strongly recommended to check the room before making a decision.

Q: PKU will provide accommodation for me as part of the scholarship, can I arrive at PKU a few days earlier than the day of registration?

A: Yes, but normally no more than 4-5 days before day of registration.

Q: I will be in my graduate year, can I still apply for exchange at PKU?

A: NOT recommended. But if you have been nominated, please make sure that you have completed all necessary credits for graduation at your home university before you start exchange at PKU.

Q: I am required by my home university that I must take one certain undergraduate course at PKU, can I be guaranteed to get that course?

A: This cannot be guaranteed. The undergraduate course registration system at designated time automatically picks up students when a certain course turns out to be very popular (applications outnumber the capacity). Please DO make sure that you do not have such compulsory burden before you come to PKU.

Q: I am a law school student who does not speak Chinese, can I take LLM graduate courses from PKU Law School?

A: English-taught graduate courses of special Master programs (MBA, MIR, LLM, MPP, Yenching Academy, etc.) are **NOT** open to exchange students. PKU Law School only offers two English-taught undergraduate courses. If you are a law school student and have the requirement of transferring law school credits back, we cannot guarantee that you get enough credits.

Q: I am a medicine student, can I take courses from the PKU Health Science Center?

A: No. Courses from the PKU Health Science Center, School of Software and Microelectronics are **NOT** open to exchange students.

Q: I also have Hong Kong citizenship, can I come to PKU with my 回乡证 rather than the passport and visa?

A: NO. Nominated exchange students must keep the consistency of his/her nationality at PKU. Once the students apply to PKU with one valid passport, they cannot change it to other passports or Hong Kong citizenship.