



# SHANDONG UNIVERSITY

## EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

### (2020-2021 Academic Year)

#### University Introduction

Shandong University, under the direct jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, is a key comprehensive university with a long history, a variety of disciplines, strong academic strength, and distinctive characteristics, which has great influence both at home and abroad. Shandong University is a member university of Project 211 and Project 985, two national key construction projects to support the development of high-quality universities.

Shandong University is one of the first universities of modern Chinese higher education. Its medical school, established in 1864, signified the beginning of modern Chinese higher education. Its main body, Shandong Imperial College (Shandong Da Xue Tang) established in 1901, was the second national university in China, only after the Imperial University of Peking. Moreover, it was the first university to be established and run in accordance with a chartered constitution.



Shandong University now comprises 8 campuses (Central Campus, Hongjialou Campus, Baotouquan Campus, Qianfoshan Campus, Software Park Campus, Xinglongshan Campus, Qingdao Campus and Weihai Campus) in three different cities (Jinan, Qingdao and Weihai), covering an area of over 533 hectares (including 200 hectares of the Qingdao campus).

There are teaching and administrative staff of 7,493 people (not including affiliated hospitals). Its full-time student population totals up to 60,000, of which 40,789 are undergraduates, 18,816 are postgraduates and 3,791 are international students. It also has an excellent faculty team of 1,246 professors, including 897 doctoral supervisors.

The financial mathematics, crystal materials, condensed matter physics, colloid and surface chemistry, micro-biology, machinery, material science, cardiovascular functional recovery, new drug manufacturing, and classical Chinese philosophy have all listed in the first-class level within the country, and some are even known abroad.

## Academic Calendar

Registration	Fall semester: September 5, 2020 Spring semester: February 28, 2021 (Be subject to change, refer to the pre-arrival information)
Orientation	The first week of each semester
Fall semester	September 7, 2020 - January 24, 2021
Spring semester	March 1, 2021 - July 15, 2021

## Application

Number of exchange students	Per the exchange students agreement between two universities
Exchange period	One or two semesters
Target audience	Exchange programs are open to undergraduates and graduates
Entry requirement	<p>There is no requirement for studying Chinese language. For academic courses, students should meet the following requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) GPA: 70/100, 2.3/4.0</li> <li>2) Applicants have completed at least one year of study.</li> <li>3) Language proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chinese-taught academic courses: HSK 4 and above <i>Applicants will be exempt from providing Chinese proficiency test results if one of the following criteria is met:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Native Chinese speakers</li> <li>b. Applicants who have obtained their highest degree in an institution where the primary language of instruction is Chinese. Then official proof must be submitted.</li> </ol> </li> <li>▪ English-taught academic courses: No proof of English proficiency is required, but it is strongly recommended for the exchange students to reach the level of: TOEFL iBT: a minimum of 80 IELTS: a minimum of 6. <i>Applicants will be exempt from demonstrating English proficiency if one of the following criteria is met:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Native English speakers</li> <li>b. Applicants who have obtained their highest degree in an institution where the primary language of instruction is English. Then official proof must be submitted.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>

Nomination deadline	Please send a completed nomination form (template attached to the email) to Ms. Zhen MENG at <a href="mailto:zm.zhenmeng@sdu.edu.cn">zm.zhenmeng@sdu.edu.cn</a> Deadline: May 30 for fall semester November 30 for spring semester.
Application period	Exchange students should apply through the online application system. For spring semester, it opens from September 15 to November 30. For fall semester, it opens from March 4 to May 30.
Online application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Online application portal: <a href="http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/">http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/</a></li> <li>2. Create an account: click “Register” to register with your email and nationality.</li> <li>3. Activate the account.</li> <li>4. Log into the application system. Select Program “Intercollegiate Exchange Student,” and you will see a list of programs. Choose the one that suits you most considering duration and instruction language, and then start the application. <i>(Notes: All the exchange programs in the application system are listed under the College of International Education. Please continue and complete the application. After the application has been completed, Shandong University will forward it to the relevant school/college, after which the applicant will be admitted according to the information given in the nomination form and study plan that was uploaded into the system.)</i></li> <li>5. Fill in the application form.</li> <li>6. Upload the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport Photo</li> <li>• Information page of your passport (including photo, name, date of birth, place of birth, county of citizenship)</li> <li>• Official up-to-date transcripts in English/Chinese</li> <li>• Nomination letter from the International Office in English/Chinese</li> <li>• Personal Statement including study plan in English/Chinese</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

### Study Area & Course Registration

Website for exchange students	<a href="http://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn">http://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn</a>
Language of instruction	Most of courses are taught in Chinese. There are a number of courses taught in English. A full list of English taught programs will be sent to the partner university if requested by them.

Workload per semester	<p>Undergraduates Exchange students usually take 3 to 5 courses per semester based on 2 or 3 credits per course (subjected to home university's approval). There is no mandatory number of courses to be followed but six is the maximum per semester.</p> <p>Graduates Graduate students have to take a minimum of 1 postgraduate course or do research under the guidance of a Shandong University supervisor.</p>
List of departments	<p><a href="https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/About_SDU/Colleges___Institutions.htm">https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/About_SDU/Colleges___Institutions.htm</a></p> <p>Enrollment is possible in the spring semester or fall semester. The portal in which course registration is possible will be open for the first two weeks of the exchange semester. Please email <a href="mailto:zm.zhenmeng@sdu.edu.cn">zm.zhenmeng@sdu.edu.cn</a> to request a more detailed course list.</p> <p>Note: Six schools are in the Qingdao campus: School of Political Sciences and Public Administration, Law School, School of Life Sciences, School of Information Sciences and Engineering, School of Computer Sciences and Engineering, and School of Environmental Sciences and Engineering. Others remain in Jinan.</p>
Enrolled only possible if the cooperation agreement allows for it	Medicine and Dentistry (unless within the Medicine exchange program)
Receiving application results	<p>Release of Application results Semester 1 (Fall): mid-June Semester 2 (Spring): mid-December The admission letter will be sent to the International Office of the home university by EMS.</p>
Course registration & drop/add	The second week of each semester
Academic transcript	<p>Official transcripts are usually given in mid-March for fall semester and early September for the spring semester. The Department of International Affairs will send an official English &amp; Chinese transcript to the home university.</p>

## Accommodation

On-campus accommodation	Students can apply for housing after receiving the Admission Notice. The online application website is <a href="http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/">http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/</a> .
Off-campus accommodation	We strongly encourage students to live on-campus. However, if students do wish to stay off-campus, they can find local agencies to rent a room. They should inform SDU about their room locations.

## Costs

Tuition fee	Conform with the student exchange agreement, the tuition fee of the host university will be waived for exchange students. Students will need to continue to pay tuition fees to his/her home university.
Accommodation	1,200 – 2,000RMB per month
Living cost	1,000 – 2,000 RMB per month, depending on individual lifestyle

## Miscellaneous

Insurance requirement	Insurance is <b>compulsory</b> when studying at SDU. The Comprehensive Insurance & Protection Scheme for Foreigners Staying in China provides international students with basic cover for medical and hospital care while in China. Insurance premium is 400RMB per half year per person and 800RMB per year per person. For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/FAQ/Insurance.htm">https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/FAQ/Insurance.htm</a>
Airport pick-up service	We will offer free pick-up service for exchange students arriving on registration day from the Jinan International Airport and Jinan West-Railway Station.

## Host University Contact

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