

2014 Guidance for Incoming International Students

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1. Pre-departure Guidance

What to Bring

- Cash, but less than 5,000 Yuan (RMB).
- Visa/Master cards that allow you to swipe/draw cash in China while your sponsor pays the bill in your home country. Daily draw limits vary, please pay attention to your bank terms and conditions.
- Married students: marriage certificate with an extra authorization page issued by the local Chinese embassy, and Birth Certificate of your child(ren). These certificates need to be translated into Chinese before being used for your family's immigration documents.
- A temporary mobile phone SIM card with limited minutes that can be purchased at airport. The rate is very high so it's for emergency use only.
- Contact list, and stay in touch with your family and friends.
- Get immunized. Hepatitis A&B and other epidemic disease immunizations required for international travelling.
- Ethnic clothes will make you a star in school activities.
- Ethnic foods will help you through the homesick days.

What Not to Bring

- A lot of ID photos. You will find self-service Photo Express machines in every subway station.
- Electrical appliances. China's voltage is 220V. You may find some electrical wares, including cellphone, unusable in China. Besides, they are very cheap here. High power heaters are not allowed in university dorms.
- Bedclothes. The university provides some bedclothes and air conditioning for each dorm. Though students may still need to prepare some winter clothes to meet their own needs, they are also very cheap here in China.

Background Info

Our Financial Office at Jiangning Campus takes both cash and card payment.

You will have to apply for a local and 1-year or 2-year phone/internet plan when arriving on campus which saves money. To call from your country to China (e.g. Nanjing), you need to dial: 0086-25-the phone number.

Nanjing has long, cold winter (below 0°C) and long, hot summer (above 35°C).



Above: International Hall and its location on Jiangning campus. The cursor shows the path from south gate to the Hall

2. How to get to CPU

CPU now has two campuses, Xuanwumen Campus and Jiangning Campus. PhD students starting their degree programs in September without Chinese language training are supposed to arrive at Xuanwumen Campus and all the other students need to get to Jiangning Campus.

From Lukou Airport to CPU

There is only one airport in Nanjing, namely Lukou international airport. For students arriving at Lukou International Airport, take a taxi to the campuses is the most convenient. You may show the following to the driver:

中国药科大学 江宁校区 留学生楼

南京市江宁区龙眠大道 639 号

International Hall, Jiangning Campus CPU

639 Longmian Avenue, Jiangning District, Nanjing

(从学校南门即有旗杆的门进。东南门即体育馆门只能出)

中国药科大学 玄武门校区 留学生楼

南京市童家巷 24 号

International Hall, Xuanwumen Campus CPU

24 Tongjiangxiang, Nanjing

You can also take airport shuttle to Nanjing South Railway Station and then take subway line #1 to the campuses.

Taking Railway to CPU

For students arriving at Nanjing South Railway Station or Nanjing Railway Station, just take subway line #1 to the last station to Jiangning Campus or to Xuanwumen station to Xuanwumen Campus.

You can also take a taxi to either campus if you have a lot of luggage.

From Shanghai to Nanjing

In Shanghai, there are two international airports: Pudong and Hongqiao. For students arriving at Pudong International Airport, take high-speed train from Shanghai Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station. For students arriving at Hongqiao International Airport, take high-speed train from Hongqiao Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station.

From Beijing to Nanjing

For students arriving at Beijing Capital international Airport, Take the high-speed train from Beijing South Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station.



3. Registration

All students should do the registration at Jiangning campus.

Make sure to arrive and get registered at office 105, the International Office at CPU Jiangning Campus between August 28 and 29.

No on-campus residence or facility is provided to students who arrive prior to registration, so we suggest students who come too early seek for alternative accommodation in a hotel qualified to host foreigners.

Documents required for registration: Admission Notice, Passport, two photocopies of passport, student visa (X visa), JW201 or 202 Form.

After registration at Office 105, go to Immigration Officer at Office 107 for the paperwork.

You are supposed to submit application in writing and get approval from the office in case of late registration. Otherwise, your student status will be cancelled accordingly.

4. Settle Down!

Q: How to have a meal on-campus and off-campus?

A: In the first few days, student can go to Cafeteria #1 (First Floor near the entrance) to buy meal ticket (valid for one day only), and exchange meal with the ticket. Afterwards, when student ID card is provided, student may recharge the card with cash at 1F Simulation Pharmacy Building. Besides, there are a limited number of temporary cards available for non-degree students at Office 107, card deposit 20 Yuan for each. Return after use. Muslim cafeteria is at Cafeteria #2 Third Floor.

For those who prefer to cook for themselves, there are Suguo and Auchan supermarkets at Xiaolongwan and Hedingqiao subway stations, respectively. Besides, there are much more foreign restaurants along subway #1 and #2, such as Shanghailu Station and Xinjiekou Station.

Q: How to get a local cellphone number?

A: There are China Mobile, China Telecom and China Unicom stores in Jiangning Campus, near Graduate Student Dormitory #E. Instead of a monthly or prepaid SIM card which charges terribly high, you may apply for an annual mobile/internet plan. Different service providers have different contracts with our university and of course the terms and conditions vary. Consult before you pay.

When you have a local number, send text message (with your Name) to our Group Message System: 02583271423. Our office sends and receives important notices mainly through this system.

Q: How to take the subway?

A: There are automatic ticket vending machines in every subway station. There is an “English” option. Instead of buying ticket every time, you may buy a rechargeable card at the recharge services window by showing your passport to the staff.

Q: How to use the Campus Net?

A: After students are assigned an ID number, the International Office will forward a request to the Campus Net Center to open a free on-campus account for postgraduate-level students, for them to use in the classroom and laboratory. When use, try to open any off-campus website and it'll be redirected to the login page. You may use the given account ID (student ID) and password (initial password: test) to login.

Q: Where do I go shopping?

A: There are some grocery stores and services on campus, e.g. bicycles, books, lab suits, digital stuff, sleeping mats, package delivery and pick-up, printing service, etc. If you find them unsatisfactory, you may search for commodities online.

5. Finance Issues

Q: How to open a bank account?

A: Due to bank policy in China, all foreigners must apply for bank card in person with own passport. Invalid cards will be frozen. The Huaxia Bank nearest to CPU Jiangning Campus is:

Huaxia Bank, Jiangning Branch, Subway Line 1, Sheng Tai Lu Station, Exit #2. Find the lobby manager and show your passport.

For card loss: deactivate the card at Huaxia Bank and the new card will be issued within one week. Tell the new card No. to Office 107.

All forms of stipend are issued to the Huaxia bank card. Please take care of personal information and avoid phone fraud. Official customer service number is 95577.

Q: How to receive my scholarship?

A: After getting a Huaxia Bank card, report the card number to Office 107 (Tel: 025-86185052) so that the Financial Office will transfer monthly stipend accordingly.

Students are supposed to sign for the stipend in the third week of each month. The International Office is responsible for forwarding the name list and monthly/annual standard(s) to the Financial Office, which issues all forms of scholarships to students' Huaxia Bank card. It is supposed to be issued in the beginning of each month. The detailed time varies, depending on the efficiency of Huaxia Bank.

Q: How to pay my school fees? (Self-funded students only)

A: You have paid some, but not all, your school fees. A complete payment (required for getting the immigration documents) consists of: tuition, accommodation, and insurance fees, covering your whole period of study (pay at least one semester for each time). After registering at Office 105, take a

payment notification from the Immigration Advisor at Office 107 and go to Financial Office (Administration Building, turn left after you enter the South Gate of CPU, the office is on the First Floor). It takes both cash and card payment.

Special Notice: International bank transfer usually takes 2 weeks ~ 2 months to confirm, which is inconvenient for the student and for the university. So when student arrives at CPU, we recommend card or cash payment instead of international bank transfer.

Q: How to avoid running out of money?

A: Make financial plans and understand risks. Usually keep some savings. Sometimes you need to change some high-cost living habits and seek for low-cost solutions (e.g. take 1 shower a day instead of 3, turn off AC when you're not in the dorm, use public facilities instead of your own).

6. Toolkits

When you can speak Chinese and type Chinese characters, you will find life in CPU much more fun and colorful. But if you cannot, there are still some tools to help you feel the same. We recommend the following softwares and APPs to international students because they are free, powerful and commonly-used in China.

Chinese Character Input:

Sougou Pinyin (computer software & mobile phone APP)

Google Pinyin (computer software)

Antivirus:

360 (computer software & mobile phone APP)

Online translation tools:

Google translation (website)

Youdao Translation (computer software)

Baidu Translation (mobile phone APP)

Online map tools:

Baidu Map (website & mobile phone APP)

Gaode Map (mobile phone APP)

Communication softwares:

QQ (computer software, mobile phone APP)

Wechat (mobile phone APP)

Online Shopping:

Taobao (website)

Jingdong (website)

Amazon (books and ebooks)