

BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Beijing, China

The University

Beijing Normal University evolved from the College of Education of the Metropolitan University, founded in 1902. In 1923, it was named Beijing Normal University and was established as a teacher training institution. Today it's one of China's top comprehensive research-oriented universities. One interesting point is that Beijing Normal University is the first university in China authorized to grant doctoral degrees in educational technology. There are currently over 16,000 students enrolled including 2000 international students.

At present, BNU has 22 schools, 6 departments, 14 research institutes and a number of research centers, and offers 52 undergraduate programs. BNU can confer Master's degrees in 127 disciplines and Doctorates in 70.

The City

Although Beijing is China's capital, it is the second largest city, following Shanghai in size. The population of Beijing, counting those who live there longer than 6 months per year, was 17.43 million in 2007, while the population of the city proper (urban center) is around 7.5 million. The popular tourist destinations of Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and Mao's mausoleum form only a small part of what there is to see in this large metropolis.

Academic Calendar

September 1 through January
Late February or early March through June.

Am I eligible for this program?

Students who have completed one year or more of Chinese language study would be eligible to apply. All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5.

What could I study?

Most University of Oklahoma students participating on programs at our partner universities in China will be studying only Intensive Chinese language and culture in the School of Chinese Studies. It is rare to find students with enough fluency in Chinese to take regular classes with the Chinese students because the level of reading and writing is not high enough, even for many heritage speakers of Mandarin Chinese.

What about academic credit?

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point

Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Where would I live?

Students live in one of several international student dorms that are available. Housing applications are done online with preferences ranked by the applicant. A comparison chart of the different options helps students make the decision.
http://www.bnulxsh.com/sabroad_ruxue_zhufang-en.htm

How much does it cost?

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

How do I apply?

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the "how to apply" section of our website.

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