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Peking (Beijing) University

At a glance...

- **Site:**
Peking University
- **WWW Home Pages:**
<http://en.pku.edu.cn/>
- **Location:**
Beijing, China
- **Language of Instruction:**
Mandarin
- **Subjects:**
Chinese language and culture, international relations and business, arts and humanities.
- **Credits:**
Transferable to UNL by dept. validation
- **Housing:**
Student residences
- **Program Dates:**
Early September to Mid-January
Early September to Mid-July
Spring semester placement is on a space available basis.
- **Type of Program:**
Exchange
- **Approximate Costs: (2007-2008):**
Year: \$8,182 + airfare
Semester: \$4175 + airfare
- **Eligibility:**
Undergraduate; Graduate
- **Application Deadline:**
January 31
- **Contact:**
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The University Community

Peking University began in 1898 as the Metropolitan University and was the most prestigious institution of higher learning as well as the highest administrative organization of education in China. The institution has continued to be an outstanding institution for Chinese scholars as well as students from home and abroad. Playing an important role in ushering in new ideas, Peking University attains its renowned reputation of intellectual freedom and academic achievements.

In the modern period of reform, Peking University again stands on the forefront of contemporary issues by introducing topics like women's studies and encouraging a program of international exchange. Since the adoption of the restructuring and open-door policy in the past seventeen years, more than 10,000 international students from 100 countries have studied at Peking University. In addition to the visiting students, there are also high-level international students who are proficient at Chinese language and enrolled in the regular Master's and Ph.D. programs. Peking University has been widely regarded as an ideal institution for learning Chinese language and culture. Chinese language instruction is provided by experienced language professors to international students at different levels. Specific arrangements are made to assist students who have briefly encountered Chinese language.

Situated in the northwest suburbs of Beijing with a 230 hectares of "garden like" campus, Peking University (called Beida in Chinese) is surrounded by beautiful, natural scenery. To the north of the university are the remains of the Yuan Ming Yuan Palace (old summer palace); to the south are the rolling western mountains, and to the west the Summer Palace. Amidst the shimmering lake and ancient architecture, the campus of Peking University is both quiet and vibrant, an ideal location for studies.

The city of Beijing is the capital of the People's Republic of China and is the second largest city, next to Shanghai in terms of population. Located on the 40th Parallel, Beijing occupies the same geographic position in China as New York City does in North America. Yet the surrounding mountains and Chinese architecture quickly remind visitors of the cultural heritage of China and its many differences from other countries around the globe. Students attending Peking University will find their study abroad experience enhanced by the cultural and historical riches of this ancient and yet modern city.

Courses of Study

Peking University School of Overseas Studies provides language and cultural courses in Chinese for visiting international students. They are designed for the beginner and for those who know basic Chinese but have a limited vocabulary and grammar. Special topics in China's economy, history, music, political relations and religion offer students the opportunity to further their intellectual understanding and appreciation of China and its culture.

Living Arrangements

Room and board is arranged by Peking University for each exchange student. Students live in dormitories on the campus. Several restaurants serving various kinds of food are available on and around the campus. There are also food centers serving snacks, drinks and bakery items in the dormitories for international students. Western foods are available in off-campus restaurants within walking distance.

Duration

The academic year of Peking University is divided into two 16-week semesters. The first semester begins in early September and ends in early January; the second semester begins in mid-February and ends in mid-July. Students may participate in the exchange program for one semester or the academic year.

Type of Program

The exchange program is based on an agreement between Peking University and UNL for a reciprocal exchange of students and scholars. UNL students pay program costs to their home institution and then swap places with a scholar from Beijing. The number of students selected to participate in the exchange varies from year to year and depends on the balance of the exchange.



Still have questions?

What does International Affairs Do?

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is committed to fostering international competence and respect for different perspectives. Many of UNL's faculty have national and international reputations and have formed strong linkages with scholars and institutions around the world. Through International Affairs, UNL brings these resources to bear on the challenges of preparing you for life and work in a rapidly changing and increasingly interdependent world.

To enhance your total educational experience, stop in at UNL's International Affairs Office and discover the many programs we coordinate overseas. Our staff is dedicated to finding just the right program that will fit your style and apply toward your graduation at UNL. And you will gain the unique experience of education through the eyes and ears of another culture.

Credits earned at Peking University are transferable to UNL by department validation. UNL students remain eligible for most scholarships and other forms of financial aid they normally receive.

Am I Eligible to Apply?

Undergraduate students who have completed at least one college year and are in good standing are eligible to apply. A 3.0 GPA or better is preferred. Students applying for the program should demonstrate an interest in Asian studies, languages, or international experience. Graduate students who are fluent in the Chinese language may apply for the program with the approval of Graduate Studies and their graduate committee.

When Should I Apply?

The deadline for the U.S. fall semester (August-December) or academic year is January 31. Late applications and spring only are accepted on a space available basis.

How Much will it Cost?

The 2007-2008 program cost is \$4,175 for one semester, and \$8,182 for the academic year. This includes instructional costs, room and board, and insurance. Not included are transportation (about \$1,200-1,600), books, personal expenses.

What About Transportation?

A list of suggestions for student discounted airfare is available from International Affairs.

What else will I need?

Passport pictures; passport and visa information; books and materials about living, traveling, and working abroad are available in the International Affairs resource center at 420 University Terrace; 472-5358.

Can I Get More Information?

Complete course descriptions, more program information, and general books about living, traveling, and working in China are available in the International Affairs resource center at 420 University Terrace, Lincoln, NE 68588-0682; (402) 472-5358.

Academics:

Students should discuss general academic information about study in China at Peking University with their regular academic advisers.

Financial Aid:

International Affairs offers limited scholarship assistance to promote diversity in UNL study abroad programs. Contact International Affairs for details. For information about applying your financial aid to study abroad programs, contact Caroline Routh in the UNL Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, (402) 472-2030.

Administrative Details:

For applications and details about studying abroad, transferring credit, etc., see additional handout materials or contact a study abroad adviser at International Affairs, 420 University Terrace; 472-5358.

Related Programs:

Additional UNL exchange programs in Asia include an academic year program at Nanzan University and a semester program at Senshu University or Sapporo University in Japan, and a semester or year at Keimyung University in South Korea. Several sites are also available in Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Thailand through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) of which UNL is a member institution.

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