

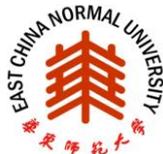
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**Experience China Immersive Summer Course, Beijing Normal University / Shanghai East China Normal University, China**

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## Introduction

Generously supported by Hanban, the office of Chinese Language Council International, this three-week intensive language course is planned to take place at Beijing Normal University (BNU) and Shanghai East China Normal University (ECNU). It is an excellent opportunity for secondary MFL teachers or for primary teachers in England to learn basic Chinese with a view to teaching beginners' level in their school on their return to England. (Should demand be insufficient, the course will only take place at one of the Universities)

## Eligibility

To take part in this course, you must:

- be a secondary MFL teacher or a primary school teacher
- plan to deliver beginner's level Chinese on your return
- have support from your school to teach beginners' level Chinese on your return,
- be prepared to continue your study of Chinese on your return to England.

## Costs

The following costs will be covered by Hanban:

- Tuition at Beijing Normal University/Shanghai East China Normal University
- Teaching material
- Accommodation on twin room basis (a supplement could be paid if you wish to upgrade to a single room, see below)
- Some cultural activities

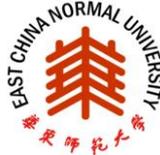
Participants will be responsible for meeting the following expenses:

- Return flights to China
- Visa
- Insurance
- Subsistence
- Any cultural activities that are not part of the official programme
- Travel for free time at evenings and weekends

## The course content

The aim of the course is to equip you with a basic knowledge of Chinese language. You will receive 30 hours of tuition a week. The emphasis of the course will be on developing your pronunciation, speaking and listening skills, although reading and writing will also be covered. There will be one lecture on Chinese culture each week, which will be delivered in English.

Topics covered are likely to include the following:



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- Origins/history of Chinese language
- Pinyin and tones
- Basic greetings and introduction to self
- Numbers
- Family and pets
- Food and drinks
- Hobbies (likes/dislikes)
- Other topics related to daily life

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

### *Speaking*

- introduce yourself and family
- count from 1 to 100
- list basic food and drink items and order them
- talk about hobbies using likes and dislikes
- speak about other topics related to daily life

### *Listening*

- understand words/phrases related to the above topics
- understand the gist of the sentences or short paragraphs on the above topics

### *Reading (Chinese characters)*

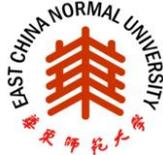
- read numbers 1-100
- recognise key characters of the topics above
- identify basic radicals and understand how radicals work
- count the strokes correctly

### *Writing (Chinese characters)*

- basic strokes
- stroke order
- radicals
- combination of characters to form words
- copy characters correctly
- write numbers 1-100
- write basic characters related to the above topics

### *Other*

- Have a basic knowledge of Chinese language
- Have a good foundation to lead to further study of the language



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- Have an understanding of how to teach Chinese as a foreign language.

### **Continuing your Chinese studies**

Upon your return to England, you will be expected to continue your Chinese language studies through the Open University's Beginners' Chinese course. The course will begin in October 2013 and all BNU/ECNU course participants will be part of the tutor group so that you can continue your studies together. Information about the course and examples of the materials used can be found on the following website:

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/course/l197.htm>

### **About Beijing Normal University**

Beijing Normal University (BNU) has a history of more than 100 years, which is almost as long as the history of Chinese modern education. The University developed from the Faculty of Education, Capital Metropolitan University which was established in 1902 and initiated teacher training in Chinese higher education. After several reforms and mergers, Beijing Normal University has moved into an age of rapid development.

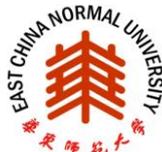
Beijing Normal University places great emphasis on exchange and cooperation with educational institutions nationally, regionally and internationally. The University is a national base for Teaching Chinese as Second Language and has made great efforts to expand its programmes for international students. There are 2,015 long-term international students from 58 countries and regions studying at Beijing Normal University, making it the university with the fourth largest international student body in China. Beijing Normal University-University of California Summer Program, Princeton in Beijing, and the Beijing Normal University-Dartmouth College Short-Term Chinese Language Programme are all highly regarded in the USA. Moreover, BNU established 4 Confucius Institutes overseas, two in the USA, one in Canada and one in UK, aiming to promote Chinese language and culture globally.

For more information about the university, please refer to the following website:

<http://english.bnu.edu.cn/>

The campus where your classes will be held is to the north of Beijing. It is ideally located for exploring Beijing's traditional narrow streets, the hutongs, and Houtai lake, a beautiful area with several restaurants, bars and cafés. There is easy access to many bus routes and several underground stations. Taxis to the centre of Beijing are also reasonably cheap.

### **About Shanghai East China Normal University**



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ECNU is a high level normal university founded in October 1951. It was one of the first 16 universities officially graded as National Key Universities in 1959. ECNU was also one of the first 33 higher education institutions authorized, by the State Council in 1986, to establish their graduate schools.

Adhering to the school motto of “Seek Truth, Foster Originality; and Live up to the Name of Teacher”, giving full play to the advantages of its liberal and science disciplines, ECNU has been making notable achievements in skills-training, scientific research, community service and international exchange, contributing significantly to the development of Chinese basic education and teacher education, and the advancement of economics, sciences and society locally and nationally.

With two campuses located in Minhang and Putuo District respectively totalling an area of over 220 hectares, East China Normal University has long been reputed as a “Garden University” for its beautiful campus scenery.

The campus where your classes will be held is in Minhang next to Zhongshan Park. There is easy access to many bus routes and several underground stations. Taxis to the centre of Shanghai are also reasonably cheap.

For more information about the university, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.ecnu.edu.cn/>

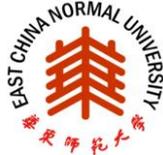
## Flights

You will be responsible for the cost and organisation of your flights to China. The average cost of a return flight is £600- £900. Taxis from Beijing International airport to your accommodation at BNU will cost approximately £15 (150 Yuan). If you travel from Shanghai Pu Dong International airport to ECNU, the underground is convenient. More detailed direction will be available to the successful candidates.

If you have special dietary requirements, you should inform the airline when booking your flights. Please note, special requirements normally catered for by airlines are as follows (vegetarian, vegetarian non-dairy, vegan, kosher, Muslim, diabetic gluten free, non lactose) and some airlines require a form to be completed in the case of a severe nut allergy.

If you will be carrying syringes or other medical equipment on the flight, please obtain a letter from your GP to confirm why the equipment is required. In addition, if you need to take your medication regularly, we would recommend carrying this in your hand luggage in case of delays to flights or baggage. Again, it may be necessary to carry documentation regarding your medication

## Visas



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In order to travel to China, you will be required to apply for a Business visa (F- visa) and you can find the cost of the visa fee from the link below.

[http://www.visaforchina.org/MAN\\_EN/visainstruction/250155.shtml](http://www.visaforchina.org/MAN_EN/visainstruction/250155.shtml)

You will be responsible for organising this although the IOE CI can provide advice and a letter of invitation from Beijing Normal University and Shanghai East China Normal University.

At the time of travel, you **must** hold a passport which is **valid for 6 months from the return date**. For example, if you return to the UK on 9 August 2013 then your passport must be valid until 9 February 2014. If your passport falls short of the valid days, we recommend you renew it as soon as possible.

- **Please note:** All visa applications must be lodged with the Chinese Visa Application Service Centre either directly or through a travel agency.

<http://www.visaforchina.org/>

#### *London visa centre*

Office Address: 12 Old Jewry, London, EC2R 8DP

Call: 0207 710 6000

Fax: 0207 710 6001

E-mail: [ukcentre@visaforchina.org](mailto:ukcentre@visaforchina.org)

#### *Manchester visa centre*

Address: First Floor, 75 Mosley Street, Manchester, M23HR

Call: 01612361070

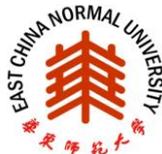
Fax: 0161 244 5883

E-mail: [manchestercentre@visaforchina.org](mailto:manchestercentre@visaforchina.org)

You can also apply through the travel agents The travel agent that we recommend for assistance (for a fee) is Diversity Travel.. Their contact details are:

Diversity Travel, 1st floor, 109 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 5AD. Telephone: 020 3544 3550 or Email: [visas@diversitytravel.co.uk](mailto:visas@diversitytravel.co.uk)

[www.diversitytravel.co.uk/visa.php](http://www.diversitytravel.co.uk/visa.php)



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## **Insurance**

We strongly recommend that you take out fully comprehensive travel and health insurance for the duration of your trip to China.

## **Money**

At the time of writing, the exchange rate is 9.87 RMB (also described as Yuan) = £1.

You will need to bring enough money to cover your subsistence costs as well as to pay for any activities and sight-seeing you wish to carry out during your spare time and any souvenirs you wish to buy. As a guide, a can of Coca Cola costs less than 2 yuan in supermarkets. Canteen food will cost around 30 yuan per day. UK debit cards are now widely accepted in banks in China so there is no need for travellers' cheques.

## **Accommodation**

You will be accommodated in simple hotels within a short distance of the campus where classes will be held. Twin rooms with an en-suite bathroom will be provided. You can upgrade to a single room for approximately 3,125 yuan (approximately £300) for the entire stay. This sum can be paid upon your arrival in China. Please note that any additional expenses you incur, such as room service and telephone calls, are your own responsibility.

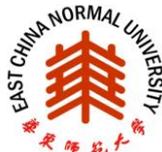
Please note that Beijing Normal University and Shanghai East Chinese Normal University will select the hotel and changes are not permissible.

## **Food and Dietary requirements**

There are several canteens on the campus including one serving halal food for both BNU and ECNU. Vegetarian food can be found in any of the canteens. There are also restaurants outside the campus. Compared to English restaurants, the prices are usually very reasonable.

Salads and fruit should be washed with purified water or peeled where possible. Ice cream is usually OK if it is a reputable named brand but beware of ice cream which is sold on the street or has melted and refrozen.

Tap water is not considered safe to drink anywhere in China although it is chlorinated in most cities. Bottled water or soft drinks are fine. However, Chinese vendors do not always store bottles in clean environments so it may be best to wash off the bottle or can before opening it.



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Outside the university, dietary requirements such as vegetarianism/veganism or religious observances such as halal meat/kosher food are not widely understood in China in the same way as they are here in the UK because they are not as widespread.

Vegetarian/vegan participants may find themselves limited to a smaller number of dishes and are unlikely to be given a separate meal. The IOE CI will provide cards with Chinese explanations of these requirements but participants are asked to be flexible in their approach and be prepared to explain carefully and many times that they do not eat meat.

Participants who are strict about only eating kosher food for example will find it extremely difficult to find this food during the trip and may need to consider a vegetarian diet.

### **Health advice, disabilities and medical conditions**

If you have a pre-existing medical condition which require special arrangements, you must inform the IOE CI as soon as possible so that the arrangements can be made. Depending on the condition, you may be asked to liaise directly with airlines/travel agent for special requirements. If you take medication, you may need to obtain a doctor's note. Please check with the travel agent and/or the IOE CI if this is applicable.

For up to date health and travel advice regarding China, please visit:

[http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-\(east\)/china.aspx](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/asia-(east)/china.aspx)

If you have not already done so, please consult your GP or Practice Nurse to establish if vaccinations are required for travel to your destination.