

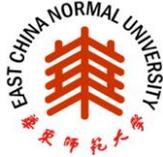
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Experience China Immersive Summer Course, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

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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 Shanghai East China Normal University (ECNU). It is an excellent opportunity for secondary or primary teachers in the UK to learn basic Chinese with a view to teaching beginners' level in their school on their return to the UK.

Eligibility

To take part in this course, you must:

- be a secondary or a primary school teacher based in the UK
- 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 the UK.

Costs

The following costs will be covered by Hanban:

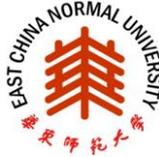
- Tuition at Shanghai East China Normal University
- Teaching material
- Accommodation on a twin room basis (a supplement will need to be paid if you wish to upgrade to a single room, see below)
- Some cultural activities

Participants will be responsible for meeting the following expenses:

- Return flights to China
- Visa
- Insurance
- Subsistence (this includes all meals in China but you will get subsidies for meals upon your arrival)
- Any cultural activities that are not part of the official programme
- Travel for free time at evenings and weekends
- Medical cost incurred

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.



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Topics covered are likely to include the following:

- Origins/history of Chinese language
- Basics about Pinyin, tones, characters and grammar
- 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

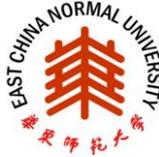
- understand words/phrases related to the above topics
- understand the gist of the sentences or short paragraphs on the above topics

Reading (Chinese characters)

- read numbers 1-100
- recognise key characters of the topics above
- can read sentences and short text and get the gist
- 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



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Other

- Have a basic knowledge of Chinese language
- Have a good foundation to lead to further study of the language
- Have an understanding of how to teach Chinese as a foreign language.

Continuing your Chinese studies

Upon your return to the UK, you will be expected to continue your Chinese language studies. You can do it through the Open University's Beginners' Chinese course. The course will begin in September/October 2014 and all Cexperience China 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>

The IOE CI are in a process of creating an online course which will assist your continued study of Chinese.

About Shanghai East China Normal University

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.

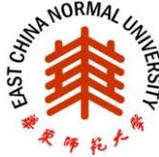
Adhering to the school motto of "Seek Truth, Foster Originality; and Live up to the Name of Teacher", giving full play to the advantages of its liberal and science disciplines, ECNU has been making notable achievements in skills-training, scientific research, community service and international exchange, 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/>



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Flights

You will be responsible for the cost and organisation of your flights to China. The average cost of a return flight range from £600-£900. If you travel from Shanghai Pu Dong International airport to ECNU, both the underground and taxi are 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

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

You will be responsible for organising this although the IOE CI will provide a letter of invitation from 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 8 August 2014 then your passport must be valid until 8 February 2015. 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/>

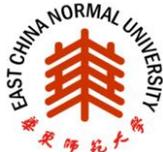
London visa centre

12 Old Jewry, London, EC2R 8DP

Call: 0207 710 6000

Fax: 0207 710 6001

E-mail: ukcentre@visaforchina.org



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Manchester visa centre

First Floor, 75 Mosley Street, Manchester, M23HR

Call: 01612361070

Fax: 0161 244 5883

E-mail: manchestercentre@visaforchina.org

Edinburgh Visa Centre

2nd Floor, Exchange Tower, 19 Canning Street, City of Edinburgh, EH3 8EG, UK.

Tel: 0131 2292519

Fax: 0131 2291598

E-mail: edinburghcentre@visaforchina.org

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

China Travel Service & Information Centre Ltd

124 Euston Road, London NW1 2AL, United Kingdom

Tel: 0044 20 7388 8838

Fax: 0044 20 7388 8828 E-mail:

E-mail: cits@chinatravel.co.uk

Diversity Travel

1st floor, 109 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 5AD

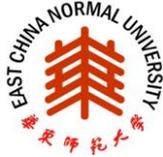
Tel: 020 3544 3550

Email: visas@diversitytravel.co.uk

www.diversitytravel.co.uk/visa.php

Insurance

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



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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 incl. the meals 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. UK debit cards are now widely accepted in banks and ATM's in China.

Accommodation

You will be staying in simple accommodation/hotels within a short distance of the campus where classes will be held. Twin rooms with access to a bath/shower room will be provided. You can upgrade to a single room for approximately 3,000 to 3500 yuan (approximately £300- 350) for the entire stay. This sum must be paid before your departure. You may be asked to leave your credit card details on arrival as a security deposit. Please note that any additional expenses you incur, such as room service and telephone calls, are your own responsibility.

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

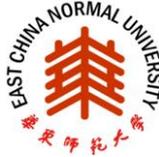
Food and Dietary requirements

There are several canteens on the campus and vegetarian food can be found in any of the canteens. There are also restaurants outside the campus. Compared to British 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.

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.



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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.

The same applies if you suffer from an allergy.

If you are allergic to something, please contact the IOE CI.

Health advice, disabilities and medical conditions

If you have a pre-existing medical condition which requires special arrangements, you must inform the IOE CI as soon as possible so that necessary arrangements can be made.

You should also inform airlines/travel agents of any 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)

Please consult your GP or Practice Nurse to establish if vaccinations are required for travel to your destination.