CCIS Study Abroad



Shanghai University, China Summer

Shanghai, China (Asia)

Quick Facts

Summer 2026
Dates: Approx. July – August
Application Deadline: March 15
Costs: Contact the program sponsor for updated cost

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Note - In-person learning at Shanghai University will resume with the Fall term. In-person learning is suspended through the Summer session.

Please know that if you see dates or costs for a prior term above, that future terms will have similar dates and costs. We will update info as soon as it becomes available.

*A non-refundable deposit of $800 is due within two weeks of acceptance. This deposit is applied towards the program cost and paid to the College of Staten Island.

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Program Overview

Students on this short term program study at **Shanghai University (SHU)** the largest municipal university in the city of Shanghai with more than 30,000 full-time students. SU is a comprehensive university with 58 colleges and schools that offers 58 undergraduate programs, 86 graduate programs, 20 Ph.D. programs, and 9 post-doctoral programs. SHU has colleges in many disciplines including Liberal Arts, International Business, Fine Arts, Engineering, Computer Science, Law and many others.

Originally established in 1922, SHU was recently designated as one of 100 key universities in China as part of the "211 Project" to receive special funding from the central government to develop the country's top institutions into world-class universities for the 21st century. Shanghai, literally meaning “on the sea,” is one of the world’s largest seaports and a major industrial and commercial center in China. Shanghai is China ’s largest city with a population of more than 17 million. Both the institution and the program location in Shanghai provide students with an ideal site to study the current state of business in the rapidly changing Chinese economy, to learn and use the Chinese language, and to explore contemporary Chinese society.

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Academics & Program

Shanghai University in Shanghai

Shanghai University (SHU) has three main campuses: the New Campus, the Yanchang Campus and the Jiading Campus. Students on this program study at either the Yanchang campus or the New Campus. The New Campus is located on Shangda Road, is SHU's newest and largest campus, and is on the outskirts of Shanghai to the northwest. The Yanchang Campus is on Yanchang Road, is an older campus with a large green lawn, and is the closest campus to the city center. Faculty from the SHU College of International Business teaches the business course in this program. The College of International Exchange at SHU administers the program and its faculty teaches the Chinese courses and some cultural content. Since 1976, the College of International Exchange has enrolled more than 10,000 international students from over 76 countries.

Course Offerings

Summer students take a four-credit course that includes: 36-contact hours of Mandarin Chinese language instruction (beginning or intermediate), 20 hours of lectures on a host of topics covering contemporary Chinese Culture and Society, and many out-of-class field trips and cross-cultural activities

Academic Highlights

Spoken Chinese & Conversation Classroom Teaching – 36 hours. Delivered by leading Chinese language teachers in the College of International Exchange at Shanghai University

Chinese Language Communication & Techniques Out classroom Practice – 6 hours. Accompanied by Chinese students in groups In addition, 20 hours of lectures address two broad topics: Chinese Culture in the Context of Globalization and Cross-Cultural Exchange: China's Open Door, Open Shanghai.

The lectures are: Globalization Chinese Culture, Chinese Tea Culture, Chinese Calligraphy Culture, International Metropolis – Shanghai, International Economic Center – Shanghai, International Cultural Center – Shanghai

Program Activities

The program has an active out-of-class component that puts students in touch with contemporary Chinese culture and society and allows a lot of interaction with the Chinese people. There are visits and field trips to the Shanghai Museum, the Museum of Chinese Martial Arts, the Shanghai Museum of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the Folk Culture Museum, the Confucius Temple in Jiading District, and the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall.

Also included is a visit to the highest structure in East Asia – the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, and the district of Lujiazui.

Students enjoy a Huangpu River Cruise, a tour of the beautiful and historic Yu Garden in the heart of the old city, and a fascinating chance to see a daring Acrobatic Show. Field trips to learn about business in contemporary China include a visit to the Bao Steel Corporation and to a large Coca Cola faculty. Field trips also lead students to explore the artistic and historic communities in the exciting areas of Tianzifang and Xintiandi.

"Field Investigations," which are Out-Of-Town Field Trips, enable students to learn about the traditional culture in the area south of the Yangtze River in the ancient town of Zhujiajiao. Students also see the many beautiful and historic gardens and sites of the two most famous and scenic cities in China, Suzhou and Hangzhou, which are said to be China's Heaven on Earth." "Exchange and Experience" activities enable students the opportunity to meet and interact with Chinese students and Chinese people. These activities include: Two Cross Culture Exchange Meetings, Cross cultural exchange activity in Daning International Community, and a visit to a school for disabled students in Zhabei District.

Student Life & Housing

Student Life

Students eat meals in on-campus student cafeterias and off campus at nearby cafes. SHU clubs, activities, and sports are open to all students and they are encouraged to join.

Housing

Accommodation is in on-campus student dormitories and is included in the program cost. Double and/or single room accommodation may be available, but this will be confirmed in the lead up to each session based on dormitory availiblity. Dorm rooms are equipped with an air conditioner, heater, and desk and lamp for studying. Students eat meals in on campus student cafeterias and off campus at nearby cafes.

Duration & Costs

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All costs, fees, and dates are subject to change without notification. Contact the program sponsor to verify all costs, fees, and dates for this program.

Costs Included: Overseas tuition, housing (double dorm room), field trips, orientation in the US and abroad, sickness and accident insurance

Costs Not Included: Airfare ($1,000-1,400), meals ($350-600), books ($35), personal costs ($450-$900), dorm security damage fee (100 Chinese Yuan, refundable), visa if needed (U.S. citizens - $140)

Please refer to your acceptance materials for information on arrival, orientation, and academic calendar. The refund policy is program specific and non-transferable. Refer to your acceptance materials for the comprehensive refund policy or contact the program sponsor.

Eligibility & Deadlines

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum class standing - students must have completed at least one semester (minimum 12 semester credit hours) of college-level coursework at the time of application.
- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students must be at least 18 years of age

Applications to Include

- Official transcripts
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher who knows the applicant from a classroom setting
- Statement of purpose

Application Deadline

Summer: March 1?5

*Late applications accepted on a space available basis

Have you talked with your study abroad advisor about your home institution's application process? Your institution's

deadline might be earlier than the CCIS program application deadline. Check now to make sure all of your material is submitted on time!