SHANDONG UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2026-2027 Academic Year

SDU AT A GLANCE

Founded in 1901, Shandong University (SDU) is a key comprehensive university selected in China's "Double First-Class" Initiative with a long and honorable history. With campuses in Jinan, Qingdao, and Weihai, it is in the region where Chinese philosopher Confucius was born.

As a comprehensive university, it offers doctoral, master's, and bachelor's degree programs in almost all disciplines, including liberal arts, social sciences, science, engineering, and medicine. It is especially well-known for Chinese classical studies, financial mathematics, reproductive medicine, underground engineering, crystal materials, etc.

Shandong University partners with more than 300 institutions from over 45 countries and regions, such as Yale University, the University of Melbourne, Nanyang Technological University, Korea University and the University of Nottingham, etc.

FACTS AND FIGURES

- Full-time students: 75000+
- Full-time faculty: 6000+
- Management and support staff: 3000+
- International faculty and staff: 170+
- Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering: 19
- Academic Schools: 54
- Programs (open to international students): 140+
- Affiliated hospitals: 4
- Land Area: over 533 hectares

*Statistics as of February, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- Fall Semester: September 1, 2026 ~ January 17, 2027

- Spring Semester: February 21 ~ July 4, 2027

DEADLINES

	Fall semester，2026	Spring semester，2027
Nomination	May 20, 2026	November 20, 2026
Application	May 30, 2026	November 30, 2026

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Language of Instruction

Most courses are taught in Chinese. English-taught courses are available in 60+ bachelor's and master's programs. Please refer to our website for more information.

- Undergraduates
- Graduates

Course Load

- Undergraduates
  3 to 5 courses per semester (2 or 3 credits per course)
- Graduates
  The minimum study load is 1 postgraduate course or carrying out research with the consent of an SDU supervisor.

List of Schools

- Programs on the campuses in Jinan and Qingdao are open for application. Please confirm the location of the school/college you intend to apply for.
- School/college list: https://www.en.sdu.edu.cn/info/1162/4380.htm
- Notes: Almost all schools offer academic courses taught in Chinese. Some schools offer English-taught programs as follows: School of Economics (undergraduate only), School of Management, International School of Innovation and Transformation (graduate only), School of Political Science and Public Administration (graduate only) and School of Foreign Languages.

Restricted Study Areas

Medicine/Dentistry

Note: Students from faculty-specific agreements may be allowed to take courses from the faculties listed above.

Course Registration & Drop/Add

The second week of each semester

Transcript

- Official transcripts are usually issued in late March for the fall semester and late September for the spring semester.
- Department of International Affairs will post official English and Chinese transcripts to the home universities.

APPLICATION

Number of Exchange Students

- Per the student exchange agreement between the two universities.
- Exchange programs are open to undergraduates and graduate students.

Exchange Period

- One or two semesters
- Enrollment is possible in the spring semester or fall semester

Entry Requirement

There is no requirement for studying Chinese language.

For academic courses, students must meet the following requirements:

1. GPA: 70/100, 2.3/4.0
2. Year of Study
    - For undergraduate students, applicants should have completed the equivalent of at least one year of full-time study in the program in which they are enrolled at their home university.

- For graduate students, applicants should have completed at least the first semester of the master's or doctoral program in which they are enrolled at their home university.

3. Applicants must be enrolled as regular students in a partner university and not have graduated from their home universities before completing the mobility period at SDU.
4. Language proficiency
   - Chinese-taught academic courses
     HSK 5 (180 points and above). Non-native Chinese speakers must provide valid and acceptable Chinese proficiency proof.
   - English-taught academic courses
     No proof of English proficiency is required, but students are strongly recommended to reach TOEFL iBT 80/IELTS 6.
   - Chinese language and Culture program
     No Chinese proficiency is required.

Nomination

Nomination Form will be shared with partner universities in March and September.
Deadline: **May 20** for Fall semester，2026, **November 20** for Spring semester，2027

Application Period

Exchange students should apply through the SDU online application system.

- Fall semester: March 1 to May 30，2026
- Spring semester: September 1 to November 30，2027

Online Application

- Online application portal: http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn
  1. Create an account: click “Register” to register with your email and nationality.
  2. Activate the account.
  3. Log into the application system. Select “Exchange Students” and you will see a list of programs. Based on your intended study duration and instruction language, choose the one that suits you most, and then start the application.

  Notes:

All the exchange programs in the application system are listed under the College of International Education. The Admission Office will forward the applicants' materials to a relevant school/college according to the information in the nomination form, transcript, and study plan for further approval.

4. Fill in the application form.
5. Upload the following documents:
   - Passport-sized photo
   - Information page of your passport (including photo, name, date of birth, place of birth, county of citizenship)
   - Official up-to-date transcripts in English/Chinese issued by your home university
   - Nomination letter from the International Office in English/Chinese
   - Personal statement including study plan in English/Chinese
   - Physical Examination Record for Foreigner
   - Proof of language proficiency (if applicable)

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION RESULTS

- Fall Semester: mid-to-late June
- Spring Semester: mid-to-late December

ACCOMMODATION

We strongly encourage students to live on campus. However, if students do wish to stay off-campus, they can rent a room with the consent of the host school/college.

COST

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee of Shandong University will be waived for exchange students conforming with the exchange agreements. Students shall pay tuition fees to their home university.

Accommodation

1,200 – 1,500 RMB per month

Living Cost

1,000 – 2,000 RMB per month, depending on individual lifestyle

VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Admitted students must apply for a study visa at the Chinese Embassy/Consulate in their countries of residence with the Admission Notice and JW202/DQ Form.
- International students who will study in China for less than 6 months should apply for the X2 Visa.
- International students who will study in China for more than 6 months are required to obtain the X1 visa.
- To stay in China legally, it is mandatory for X1 holders to apply for the Residence Permit within 30 days of arrival in China.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

- According to the regulations of the Chinese Ministry of Education, international students coming to China must purchase medical insurance in Chinese mainland.
- The medical insurance fee is 400 RMB/semester/person.
- Students who have not purchased medical insurance will not be registered. Please log in to http://www.lxbx.net for insurance content and claims procedures.

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