

2025 Application Instructions for International Students (Chinese Language Program) at Shandong University

I. Program Overview

The aim of this program is to cultivate foreigners with good Chinese listening, speaking, reading, writing ability and professional translation ability. After completing their studies, learners can improve their Chinese level, understand the development of Chinese culture and Chinese society, and have strong intercultural communication ability.

According to the students' Chinese level, which belong to stages of the primary, the intermediate or the advanced level. To ensure quality, teaching will be conducted in small classes of 20 students at the maximum.

II. Eligibility

1. General Requirements

(1) Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China, have no criminal record, and be non-Chinese citizens holding a valid regular foreign passport;

(2) Applicants must possess a high school diploma or above;

2. Applicants must meet the criteria specified in the *Notice by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International*

Students to China's Higher Education Institutions (Letter No. 12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education).

III. Application Time

The application time for fall semester (September 2025 - January 2026) is from March 15, 2025 to June 15, 2025;

The application time for spring semester (February 2026 - July 2026) is from October 15, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Note: Applicants can choose one semester of language study or one academic year (two semesters) of language study according to their own needs. After the application deadline, no supplementary materials will be accepted. Applicants are advised to complete their applications at least two weeks before the deadline.

IV. Curriculum Provision

The program consists of compulsory and elective courses. The compulsory courses will take about 20 hours each week.

1. Compulsory Courses

Below are the different class levels that this program offers, together with the objectives of the courses.

Courses	Course objectives	Hours
Elementary 1	Have preliminary listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Be able to make simple communication on familiar topics relating to daily life. Be able to use simple communication strategies to support daily communication. Have a	20 per week

	<p>small knowledge of the Chinese culture and contemporary China, and possess simple skills for cross-cultural communication. Through the completion of Elementary Chinese 1, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 1 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.</p>	
Elementary 2	<p>Have basic listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Be able to conduct simple communication on familiar topics relating to daily life. Be able to use basic communication strategies to support daily communication. Have a preliminary knowledge of the Chinese culture and contemporary China, and possess simple skills for cross-cultural communication. Through the completion of Elementary Chinese 2, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 2 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.</p>	20 per week
Intermediate 1	<p>Have general listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Be able to conduct simple communication on topics relating to daily life, learning, and work. Have the ability to carry out most daily communications. Have a preliminary knowledge of the Chinese culture and contemporary China, and possess simple cross-cultural communication skills. Through the completion of Intermediate Chinese 1, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 3 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language</p>	20 per week

	Education”.	
Intermediate 2	Have certain listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and preliminary translation skills. Be able to conduct more complete and effective communication on complex topics of life, learning, and work. Have a general knowledge of Chinese culture and contemporary China, and possess basic skills for cross-cultural communication. Through the completion of Intermediate Chinese 2, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 3 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.	20 per week
Intermediate 3	Possess certain listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and basic translation skills. Be able to conduct more complete and effective communication on complex topics of life, learning, and work. Have a sound knowledge of Chinese culture and contemporary China, and possess basic skills for cross-cultural communication. Through the completion of Intermediate Chinese 3, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 4 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.	20 per week
Advanced 1	Have certain listening, speaking, reading, writing skills and basic translation skills. Be able to conduct complete, smooth and effective social communication on complex topics relating to life, learning, and work. Have a sound knowledge of Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese,	20 per week

	possess preliminary skills for cross-culture communication. Through the completion of Advanced Chinese 1, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 5 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.	
Advanced 2	Have certain listening, speaking, reading, writing skills and general translation skills. Be able to conduct plentiful, fluent, and appropriate communication on the topics relating to learning and work of specialized fields. Have a sound knowledge of Chinese culture and contemporary China, and have certain competence for cross-cultural communication. Through the completion of Advanced Chinese 2, students will basically meet the assessment requirements for Band 6 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.	20 per week
Advanced 3	Be capable of dealing with language materials on a variety of topics and genres, and conducting in-depth communication and discussion. Be able to conduct formal and appropriate communication on complex topics relating to life and academic studies with clear logic, rigorous structure, and coherent and reasonable text organization. Be able to conduct communication flexibly with various communication strategies. Possess an in-depth understanding of Chinese culture, an international vision and cross-culture communication competence. Through the completion of Advanced Chinese 3, students will meet the assessment	20 per week

	requirements for Band 7, Band 8, and Band 9 of “Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education”.	
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2. Elective Courses

Apart from language courses, a wide variety of cultural experience is offered, which will help students to increase their understanding of China and its rich culture. Below is a short overview. The specific courses are arranged according to the interest of students and the number of courses selected during the semester.

Optional Courses	Course Objectives	Hours
Mandarin Pronunciation	To master the pronunciation of Mandarin.	2 per week
HSK Counselling	Through intensive training, students consolidate the words and basic Chinese grammar, are familiar with HSK test questions at all levels, and master certain examination strategies.	2 per week
All-media Chinese	Read the news in Chinese, master Chinese expressions of journalism terminology, and enhance the understanding of contemporary Chinese society.	2 per week
Writing in Standard Chinese-Advanced Written Chinese	Learn to master the vocabulary, syntax, and textual structure of standard written Chinese and improve the precision and appropriateness of writing in Chinese.	2 per week

Chinese Culture in Life- Food, Clothing, Housing and Transportation	By understanding the basic needs and its characteristics in contemporary Chinese daily life, get a deep understanding of the context of Chinese cultural development, and form a general concept of Chinese culture.	2 per week
The Beauty of Tai Chi: Chinese Martial Arts and Experience	Learn the basic routines and techniques of "Tai Chi 24 Form", and learn about spirit of Chinese martial arts, Tai Chi culture and exercise at the same time.	2 per week
The Speed of China – Contemporary Transportation	Learn about the ways of transportation in Chinese daily life, understand the rapid development of contemporary transportation in China, and explore the conditions and reasons for its development.	2 per week
A Collection of Chinese Art	Learn about the basic forms of traditional Chinese musical instruments and that of music and opera, Chinese calligraphy and painting. And gain an in-depth understanding of the Chinese Art and the Chinese aesthetics.	2 per week
A Travel Across Time and Space - Chinese Tea Culture	Learn words and expressions of Chinese Tea Culture. Understand the basic knowledge of tea, learn its brewing method. Understand the importance that tea holds in Chinese culture and how it has influenced Chinese people.	2 per two weeks
Green China – Documentary of Environmental Protection in China	Conduct Audio-visual and speaking of Chinese language (vocabulary and expressions) on the four themes of “Geography of China”, “Beautiful China”, “Climate Change and Environmental Protection”, and “Environmental Protection in	2 per two weeks

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V. Method of Assessment

The weight assigned to the results of each course will be the same as follows: daily performance 30%, the mid-term test 30% and the final test will be 40%.

VI. Application Method

Please visit Shandong University Application System for International Students (<http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn>) to register an account and complete the application. Hard copies of application documents are not needed.

VII. Application Documents

Applicants are required to ensure the authenticity and accuracy of the provided application information and materials. If the application information and materials are verified to be untrue, the applicant's application, admission, or enrollment qualification will be canceled.

1. Personal information page of the passport (regular personal passport valid beyond March 1, 2026);

2. High school diploma or pre-graduation certificate (the pre-graduation certificate must be stamped with the school seal, indicating the expected graduation date, and the graduation

certificate must be obtained before the registration date of the corresponding year);

3. Transcript of all high school courses (stamped with the school seal);

4. Letter of motivation in Chinese or English;

Applicants should follow the template provided by our university (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>- "Download").

5. Foreigner Physical Examination Form.

Applicants should undergo the examination strictly according to the required items stated in the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>- "Download").

Forms will be deemed invalid if they are incomplete, lack attached photos, do not have a cross-page seal on the photo, lack a signature of the attending physician, or are without an official hospital stamp. Please ensure the physical examination remains valid during the application as the result is valid for only 6 months.

6. Certificate of No Criminal Record;

Applicants must submit the Certificate of No Criminal Record issued by local public security management department. It should be valid within 6 months prior to the application date.

7. Scanned copies of the guarantee materials, including: (1) Scanned copies of passport or identification document of the financial guarantor (limited to the applicant or immediate family member); (2) Proof of financial support, with deposits of no less than 30,000 RMB or an equivalent amount in foreign currency.

8. If you are studying at another university in Mainland China, please submit a recommendation letter issued by the International Students Office or the school of your host university with their contact information.

9. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit scanned copies of the following documents:

(1) Guardian statement (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>- "Download"). The guardian must be an adult living in Shandong Province, China;

(2) A notarized paper to prove that the applicant's parents have entrusted guardianship to the guardian;

(3) The guardian's ID or passport.

10. Additional supplementary documents required by Shandong University.

Note: All application documents must be in Chinese or English. If the documents are in other languages, the original document and a certified translation in English or Chinese must be uploaded together.

Please use a scanner to scan the relevant documents in color, as documents taken with mobile phones or cameras, as well as photocopies, will not be accepted. Except for the "Foreigner Physical Examination Form" and personal signatures, handwritten documents will not be accepted.

VIII. Examination and Admission

Shandong University will select the best applicants for admission. Video interviews can be a part of the application process for some cases. Admission results can be checked through the SDU Online Application System for International Students. The application results for study in fall will be declared before July 30, 2025, and the results for study in next spring will be declared before January 30, 2026. Shandong University will issue an electronic admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or Short-term International Student's Information Form (DQ) to the admitted students.

IX. Registration

Admitted students must strictly follow the time specified in the admission letter to register at Shandong University. During registration, the original graduation certificate, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and other required documents will be verified.

Those failing to submit the corresponding certificates will be disqualified from enrollment.

X. Fees

1. Application fee: 400 RMB/person (Please pay the application fee after receiving the pre-admission email. Once the application fee is paid, it will be non-refundable.);

2. Tuition fee: 9,000 RMB/semester, 18,000 RMB/year;

3. Medical insurance fee: 400 RMB/person/semester, 800 RMB/person/year;

Failure to purchase the required medical insurance for international students studying in China will result in the inability to complete the registration procedures at the university.

4. Accommodation fee: Varied based on the room type, typically ranging from 23 to 45 RMB/person/day.

XI. Scholarship

Outstanding international students may apply for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship or Jinan Sister City Scholarship.

XII. Visa

Admitted students must take the electronic version of the admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or Short-term International Student's Information Form

(DQ) to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate abroad to apply for a study visa. International students studying in China for up to 6 months should apply for an X2 visa. Those studying for more than 6 months should apply for an X1 visa and apply for a residence permit within 30 days after arriving in China.

XIII. Contact

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