

Frequently Asked Questions

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*All the time information in this FAQ is **Beijing Time (UTC+8)**.

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Before Application

How many courses can I choose?

You can choose 1-3 content courses with up to 6 credits, and the language courses (for foreign passport holders only) and PE courses are optional. Each student should choose at least 1 content course. Those who fail all courses or do not earn any credits from the content courses will not receive the attendance certificate or the transcript.

How many credits is each course?

At Fudan University, one credit hour's teaching is 45 minutes. Most content courses are 2 credits totaling 36 credit hours. Some courses are 1 credits totaling 18 credit hours.

Language courses: Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Chinese will be 2 credits each totaling 40 credit hours.

PE courses: 18 credit hours' of teaching for each with 1 credit.

Can I choose more than 1 course from the same module?

Yes. Just make sure that the courses you want to take do not have overlapping teaching slots.

How can the credits be transferred back to my university?

Please consult your home university coordinator about the credit transfer. It will be up to the student's home university to decide how and how many credits can be transferred.

Please download the course syllabus from the FISS website and contact the academic office concerned for pre-approval. We would be glad to help if the academic office needs further information directly from us.

Will Fudan issue the transcript for the summer session?

Yes, students who pass the exams will have the official transcript issued by Fudan University.

Where can I check the course information and download the syllabi?

Please click the course title to download the syllabi:

https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/Courses/Course_List.htm

Cost of the Program

I wonder whether there is any scholarship that I can apply for.

In 2026 there will be no scholarship provided by us. But students may check if there is any fundings provided by their home university or Chinese Government.

Without the scholarship, how much will the summer session cost in total?

- ◆ **Application Fee:** CNY 400 (online payment, non-refundable), only refundable when the program is totally cancelled;
- ◆ **Tuition Fee:** CNY 22,000(full price) or CNY 19,800 (for students nominated by Fudan's partners if we are officially notified by partner universities.)
- ◆ **A return ticket** to and from Shanghai.
- ◆ **Accommodation:** for your reference, the average cost for a hotel room is around 300-500 yuan per day near Fudan.
- ◆ **A trip out of Shanghai** (voluntary to participate) costs around 350 CNY including the round-trip bus, lunch, tour guide, insurance. Other cultural activities such as Chinese painting, Ceramic art, acrobatic show, etc, are free of charge.
- ◆ **Food** at the university dining halls is reasonably priced with one meal costing 8-20 yuan.
- ◆ **Transportation** costs 2 yuan per bus ride, and 3-8 yuan per metro ride.
- ◆ You don't have to buy textbooks beforehand.

Does the tuition include accommodation?

No. Students should arrange your accommodation in advance.

The tuition only covers the courses and most of the activities of the session. Please kindly note that the accommodation around Handan Campus will be very limited in July.

Is the tuition fee refundable if I decide to withdraw from the program?

Please check the refund policy on our website:

https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/Tuition_Fees/Refund_Policy.htm

Application Processes

I have dual nationalities holding a foreign (non-Chinese) passport and the Hong Kong/Macau passport. Should I apply as an international student or a Chinese student?

Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan passport will not be accepted. Students from Hongkong, Macau and Taiwan, please apply as a Chinese student with your Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Residents.

Please also enter China's mainland with the same ID document used in the application.

Students holding passport from other countries can apply as a foreign student.

I want to do the online application as soon as possible. But my passport will expire soon. What should I do?

Please wait for the new passport before you submit the application because the admission documents need to be issued based on the passport with which you will enter China.

If it is close to the application deadline, please submit the application with your old passport first, and then email us a copy of the new passport later, so that we can review your application and issue the admission documents based on the new passport.

I am not a native speaker of English. Do I have to provide some proof of my English proficiency?

If you are currently taking a program in English at your university, you do not have to provide any proof of your language skills. If you are not, you are advised to provide a proof, which can be a TOFLE or IELTS score, or an assessment from your English teacher that you can follow courses in English.

I have submitted the application online, what should I do next?

After submitting the application, applicants need to pay the application fee (CNY 400). The online application cannot be reviewed and processed unless the application fee is paid. Once admitted, applicants will receive an admission notice. The tuition payment information and the course enrollment guide will be sent to you by email after your student number is issued.

When will I get my student number to enroll in courses online?

You will need the student number to enroll in courses online, which starts in May. The timeline is as follows:

- If you apply before April 13, 2026, your student number will be sent to you around Early May by email.
- If you apply before June 8, 2026, your student number will be sent to you around mid June by email.

If I am a foreign student, when will I get my admission documents?

Review result will be sent to you in 3-5 working days by Email after your application. The soft-copy of the admission letter and visa application documents will be **emailed** to you once they are issued. This process takes about 20 working days as the name list will also go through Shanghai Entry and Exit Bureau before the documents are issued by Fudan International Students Office. We suggest you apply as early as possible if you need an X2 student visa to enter the China's mainland.

How can I pay the tuition fee?

If you are a self-paying student, please wait for our email and complete the payment by following the instructions sent by us before 12:00 at noon, June 15, 2026. You can pay with an international credit card, a debit card, Alipay, or WeChat pay.

When is the deadline to pay the tuition fee?

The deadline for tuition payment is **12:00 at noon, June 15, 2026(Beijing time)**.

Course Enrollment and Tuition Payment

How can I enroll in the courses?

Please visit <http://xk.fudan.edu.cn/>, log-in and input the course code to find each course. The username is your Fudan student number while the password is the “fDu+last 6 digits of your registered ID number”, if it contains any letter, please substitute the letter with 0).

We will email you the instructions once your student number is issued.

Please note that courses may be cancelled if there are fewer than 10 students enrolled. Students will be notified about course cancellation before July 13, 2026.

Where can I find the course codes?

You can find the course codes on the course page of the FISS website.

When is the deadline to enroll in and drop the courses?

The deadline to enroll in and drop courses is **5:00pm, July 15, 2026**, Beijing time. Please double check your enrollment before the system closes.

If you have enrolled in one course by mistake and are not aware of it, there will be an F shown on your transcript.

On the other hand, if you think you are enrolled in a course but you actually are not, you won't get the grade even if you complete all the assessments.

Please also reconfirm your enrollment status with the course's TA before the system closes. Kindly note that eLearning is NOT the official platform for course enrollment. Even if your name is on the eLearning site of a course, it does not necessarily mean you are enrolled in the course.

<http://xk.fudan.edu.cn> is the only course enrollment platform where you can ensure your course enrollment status.

I am interested in two courses but in the enrollment system there is time conflict between them. Can I still have the two courses?

No. If there is a time conflict, you can only choose one of them.

The course I want is already full in the system. Can you increase the capacity?

The course enrollment will end on 5:00pm, July 15, 2026, and during the whole period, students are free to add or drop courses. It is possible that some students will drop the course and so you can register.

We will also keep a close eye on the number of students enrolled in each course. We may discuss with the professors the possibility of increasing the capacity of some courses, but there is no guarantee that the professors will agree.

What can I do to drop a course after the enrollment system closes?

You won't be able to add or drop courses after the system closes. If you fail to complete the course(s) that you have enrolled in, or if you are not able to take the final exam of the course(s), your grade for the course(s) will be F and shown on the transcript. If you fail all courses you're enrolled in, then no certificate or transcript will be issued.

What if I fail a course?

If you fail a course, an F will be shown on your transcript. And if you don't get any credits from the content courses, i.e. if you take no content courses or fail all your content courses, you will not be able to get the attendance certificate for the summer session.

There will be no deferred and make-up exams.

Registration and Orientation

When and where will we register?

9:00-17:00 on July 11, 2026, at the lobby of the School of Economics.

Will there be an orientation before the program starts?

There will be an opening ceremony including an Orientation at 14:00-16:30 on July 12, 2026 (Saturday, Beijing Time). It is not mandatory but highly recommended to attend this opening ceremony. More information will be sent later via email and WeChat.

Which documents do I need to bring along for registration?

You will need to bring the valid ID document (passport/Chinese ID, the same one you used for the application) and the insurance policy.

I will not be able to arrive on time for the registration. What should I do?

You will need to get permission from our office by emailing us at iss@fudan.edu.cn. We will notify you the time and place for late registration upon your arrival. Please also email your course instructors asking for leave if you will arrive after the courses begin.

What should I do after the registration process?

There will be a campus tour on Registration Day (July 11) after you finish the registration. On July 11th, there will be a Dumpling Night activity organized. Opening Ceremony and Ice Breaking activity will be held on July 12.

When can I get my campus card?

Campus card can be used digitally and physically.

We will collect your information and digital photo in late June to make the card for you and you could get your card on the Registration Day.

You can also use and log in to the "Fudan eCard" WeChat mini program to enter the campus and scan the code to pay for your daily meals at Fudan's canteen.

E-campus card office (Room 120, Multi-functional Building, Handan Campus, Fudan University 复旦大学邯郸校区综合楼120室) if you didn't submit a valid photo to us as we notified.

Activities

Where can I find and register for the activities?

The activities notice can be found on our website:

<https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/Courses/Agenda.htm>. And we will send sign-up link by email for you to sign up for the activities.

Do I need to pay for the activities?

No. Most of the activities are free of charge, such as Huangpu River cruise, acrobatic show, Chinese painting, Chinese calligraphy, etc. Only a day-trip out of Shanghai is not for free. All the activities are voluntary to attend.

How can I pay for the one-day trip to other city?

You will directly pay the travel agency at the registration site in cash, with Wechat pay or Alipay on July 11 if you would like to join the one-day trip.

I want to join the day trip but I didn't pay on the registration day. Can I still go?

Sure. You can pay before the deadline at the travel agency's office.

I paid for the day trip. But I don't want to go now. What should I do?

Please pay attention to the refund deadline on the receipt given by the travel agency. No refund will be processed after the deadline.

I have signed up for one free activity but I don't want to go anymore. Should I do something?

Yes. If you sign up and don't show up, it will be a big waste of resources. So please do cancel your sign-up with us before the deadline. For some activities, there are people on the waiting list, and so your withdrawal can give these people the opportunity to attend.

There is an activity that I really want to attend. But it's quite late when I want to sign up for it. Can I still attend even if there are no slots available?

In that case, please put yourself on the waiting list. From past experience every time there are people failing to show up despite the sign-up. When this happens people on the waiting list will be able to attend, in the order of when you waitlist.

Courses and Transcript

When will classes start?

Classes will start on July 13 and end on August 7. You can check your grades online around Aug 16. The official transcripts will be downloaded by yourself and your certificates will be emailed to your coordinator or yourself in early September.

What time do classes start every day?

- ◆ Morning content classes are 8:55-11:35am.
- ◆ Afternoon content classes are 1:00- 3:35pm.
- ◆ PE classes are 6:30-9:05pm.
- ◆ Chinese language courses are 15:45-17:20 pm on Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs and 13:00-14:40 pm on Fri.

Please note that the schedule in the course enrollment system is not 100% correct as it lists the teaching schedule of regular semesters and can't be changed to the summer session schedule.

Please find the correct course schedule on the official website: https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/Courses/Course_List.htm

What is the attendance policy?

Please note that three unexcused absences in a course will lead to an automatic failure (F as your final grade). If you are 15 minutes late for a class without prior permission, it will be considered as an unexcused absence. Unexcused absence means that you do not show up in a class without any prior notification. Therefore, please ask for permission from the course instructor if you have to miss a class for a good reason.

Please consult your course instructor about whether and how permitted absences will affect your final grade. However, you are not allowed to be absent for more than one-third of the whole course (both unexcused and permitted included). Otherwise, you're not qualified to take part in the final exam.

Where will our classrooms be?

You may have classes at different lecture buildings on the Handan campus. Most courses will be at Lecture Building 6. Ask us if you don't know where a classroom is. H6301 means Rm. 301 of Lecture Building 6. H2201 means Rm. 201 at Lecture Building 2. HGX201 means Rm. 201 of Western Building of Guanghua.

What are the learning platforms and tools used for this program?

Fudan's eLearning Platform is where you will download course materials (slides, lecture notes, etc.), upload assignments, take quizzes, etc. We will email you the login information for eLearning later.

We will set up a group chat for each course via WeChat to connect you with teaching assistants, classmates and program staff. So please download and familiarize yourself with these softwares/apps in advance.

What's the grading system like at Fudan?

At Fudan, students get A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, and F.

F means failure. The number of students getting an A does not exceed 30% of the whole class.

If you don't want to get a letter grade, students can also apply for P/NP. Please confirm with your home university whether P/NP can be applied for credit transferring.

Where can I check my grade for courses taken?

The online grade-checking instructions will be sent to you by email in late July.

When can I get the program certificate and course transcript?

The e-transcript will need to be downloaded by yourself after all course grades are released around August 16. Instructions will be emailed to you in advance. The certificate will be emailed to you in early September.

How will the FISS office send me my transcript?

We will only issue soft-copy of transcript, which can be downloaded online by yourself. Please note that if you fail all courses that you have enrolled, you won't get the transcript or the certificate.

How can I have a soft copy of my course transcript sent to my home university for credit transcript?

If you want to download e-transcript or officially sent it to your home university by Fudan, you may log in on Fudan eHall with your student ID and choose the service of 本科电子成绩单邮件发送 before your Fudan student number is expired. Your e-transcript will be sent by Fudan 本科生服务中心 to the designated party. More details will be sent to you in advance.

Can I apply for an extra copy of the transcript?

If you want an extra copy, please email iss@fudan.edu.cn.

Accommodation

Are there any on-campus accommodation provided?

The on-campus dormitory will only be provided to international passport holders. Other students should arrange their own accommodation in advance. You may refer to the hotel list recommended by FISS students before on our website:

https://iss.fudan.edu.cn/Admitted_Students/Accommodation.htm.

I am a Chinese citizen studying in Canada. Can I stay at the Fudan International Students Dorm (ISD) ?

No.

Can I rent an apartment instead of staying at the dorm?

Sure. Foreign students who stay in an apartment need to register at the local police station within 24 hours after arrival.

As a non-Chinese, how can I book a room at Fudan International Students Dorm?

We will send a booking link for all admitted international students to book a room in mid June. Students who stay in a double room should be in a same gender and you can choose to stay with your friends.

If I stay at Fudan International Students Dorm, how can I pay for the room fee?

The cost is: Single Room 150 RMB/day, Double Room 100 RMB/person/day. The room fee will be calculated by days. You will need to pay ONLINE before arrival. If you don't complete the payment, your reservation will be cancelled.

Electricity is included in the room fee. Students need to top-up the water card to use hot water.)

Bedding is not provided. There will be a supplier on check-in day and you can buy the beddings on site.

What is the mailing address for Fudan International Students Dorm?

上海市杨浦区武东路 57 号复旦大学外国留学生公寓

International Students Dorm, Fudan University, 57 Wudong Road, Yangpu District, Shanghai+Building No.- Room No.-.

If I buy something online at Taobao, will the package be delivered to my room?

In general, packages will be delivered to the courier station 菜鸟驿站. Please pay attention to the phone message from the courier which will tell you where your package should be picked up.

How can I use Internet at Fudan dorm?

You can buy a 30-day Internet card at China Unicom Fudan North Gymnasium branch office with your passport, which costs RMB 46/month. With this, you can have China Unicom Wi-Fi access for one device. If you need more than 1 device connected at the dorm, please bring your router, or buy a router on campus if you stay at ISD. The dorm for HK and Macau students is equipped with routers. Or you can simply buy enough data with your local SIM card or make use of the free Wi-Fi as router setup can be very complicated.

At ISD you may want to share Wi-Fi with your neighbors by splitting the cost. Thus you do not need to have your own router.

There is free Wi-Fi in the lobby of the main building of ISD (kindly ask the reception desk for a username and password), and in other parts of the campus such as dining halls, classrooms, and libraries. Please see your handbook.

Can I do laundry at the dorm?

There are self-serviced washing machines in the main building of ISD, the basement of Supplementary Buildings No. 2, 5, 8. You can use them via WeChat Pay or Alipay. The fee is 3 yuan per use.

What should I do if I have any problems at the dorm, like a clogged toilet?

Please ask for help from reception, or directly call maintenance whose number is posted on the back of your door at the dorm, which is the best and fastest way to solve your problem.

My room needs cleaning. What should I do?

Please contact reception. They can arrange cleaning with fee-paying.

What is the check-out process like?

Please return the room card, bath card, electric card, and air-conditioner remote control to the reception.

Can I rent an apartment instead of staying at the dorm?

Sure. But please note that, as a foreigner, if you choose to stay in an apartment other than a hotel, you should register at the local police station or service station for foreigners within 24 hours after their arrival.

Transportation Card & SIM Card

I need a local transportation card for metro and bus rides, but I know one may not be able to buy it or do the value-loading job at every metro station. What is your advice?

You can buy a transportation card with cash at the Metro station.

Please note that in Shanghai you can use the iPhone wallet to pay for bus and metro rides, and the Metro 大都会 app on an android phone to pay for metro rides, WeChat Pay, and Alipay to pay for bus rides. Please ask our TAs for help if you don't know how to set it up.

Where can I get a local SIM card for my phone?

You can buy one at the airport after arrival, or at a telecommunications branch store after you arrive at Fudan.

You are highly recommended to download WeChat and create an account at your home country before your departure since lots of students can hardly get the verification code sent via phone message if you don't open the mobile roaming service. Or you can download the WeChat after you got the local SIM card.

Visa

Do I need a physical examination if I apply for a one-month X1 or X2 visa?

The summer session is a one-month program and so a physical examination or a blood test is NOT required to apply for the student visa with the admission documents.

The Admission Notice says I should bring 8 photos to Fudan. Do I have to do this? Can I have passport photos taken on campus for the visa extension?

What the admission notice says about photos applies to long-term students. You do not have to bring 8 photos. 1 or 2 should be fine. If you don't have any, there is a photo booth close to the university entrance at Guoshun Rd., or at the metro stations.

If I already have a valid visa to enter the Chinese mainland, do I still need to apply for the X2 short-term student visa?

Please consult us first to make sure that you can use your original valid visa to enter the Chinese mainland.

Travel & Miscellaneous

Can I leave earlier before the session ends?

Yes, as long as you attend all the lectures of your courses and fulfill all the assessment requirements.

What clothes should I bring to Shanghai for the summer session?

The average temperature in Shanghai in July is above 32 degrees Celsius (around 90 degrees Fahrenheit). There would be days when the temperature is around 40 degrees Celsius. It is very hot and humid in Shanghai in July. Besides T-shirts and shorts, please also bring some business casual attire for the Farewell Party.

Is it mandatory to attend the farewell party?

No, but we usually have hundreds of students participate in the Farewell Party. Shows are welcome. Please let your TA know if you wish to contribute during the farewell, so we can make arrangements.

What document do I need to prepare if I plan to travel outside Shanghai?

You should take the original passport (or Chinese ID card) with you. Train ticket purchasing and hotel check-in do require your valid ID.

If I feel sick, where can I see a doctor?

There is an on-campus clinic at Building No. 5 (复旦大学校医院 5 号楼) where simple treatments are provided. If the doctor thinks it is serious, he/she will advise you to go to a big hospital. If you have communication problems at the clinic, you can ask a TA/Buddy to go with you.

It is important to have a list of local hospitals approved by your insurer on hand. If you get sick, you may want to go to a private hospital whose staff speaks English rather than a public hospital that locals usually go to, like United Family Healthcare in Shanghai, which is more expensive than public hospitals. Therefore, it would be great if your insurance covers visits to private hospitals such as United Family Healthcare.

Where can I study other than the dorm and lecture rooms?

Fudan University Liberal Library and the café area are good options to escape from the hot summer.

Can I borrow books from the Liberal library?

No. Students have the access to enter the Fudan Liberal library. Short-term

non-degree students can only read in the reference rooms, but can't borrow books from the library.

How can I get a taxi?

It would be a good idea to download the Didi app or AliPay for a taxi booking and fare payments.

Is there any place where I can store my luggage during my travel after the session ends? Yes, the nearest one is at Storhub 趣存自助仓, which has no affiliation with Fudan University, at 1581 Changyang Rd., Yangpu District. Call at 0211-5513-8960.

What are the emergency phone numbers?

Ambulance: 120, Police: 110, and Fire: 119.

How can I contact the program office?

If you have any questions please email us at iss@fudan.edu.cn or call us at +86 21 55664509 during office hours (8:30-11:30 am and 1:30-5 pm). You may also find us on WeChat.

WeChat

What is the WeChat group for?

WeChat is a daily must in China. It is not just a chat APP, but also a useful tool for purchases or various services.

A group chat will be set up during the summer session to communicate in a fast and efficient way, and also to connect with the peers, Tas and buddies. Announcements will be posted in WeChat, eLearning, FISS website as well as to your email. When you see useful information posted on WeChat, you can "Add to Favorites" so that you can retrieve it later.

How do I set up my WeChat account?

Please download the app and register according to the instructions. Our advice is you set a password you will be able to remember when registering your WeChat account and link your WeChat account to your email.

You are highly recommended to download WeChat and create an account at your home country before your departure since lots of students can hardly get the verification code sent via phone message if you don't open the mobile roaming service.