Exchange Scheme with Peking University

Where is Peking University? - Founded 1898 - Peking University (abbreviated PKU and colloquially known in Chinese as Běidà), is a major Chinese research university located in Beijing. Peking University is consistently ranked as the top higher learning institution in mainland China. In addition to academics, Peking University is especially renowned for its campus grounds, and the beauty of its traditional Chinese architecture.

Who can go?

- Five places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18, with priority for Philosophy students.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/

Courses

- York students must take 20 credits a semester, with a total of 40 credits over the year being equivalent to 120 York credits.
- PKU has some courses taught in English, but students going on a 2nd year replacement credit year will be required to speak Mandarin, having passed a HSK level 6 test. Students going on a 3+1 exchange will not need this language requirement.
- A catalogue of courses taught in English (or prospectus) is available online: http://dean.pku.edu.cn/englishcourses/index.html

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) Tuition Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to PKU and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

2) Visas: Please check the costs related to applying for a visa as these can vary depending on your nationality.

3) Medical certificate: All students who are studying in China for more than 6 months must obtain a medical certificate issued by the Beijing International Travel Healthcare Center (BITHC). Students may be required to run several tests at the
BITHC in order to get a medical certificate. New students who have their health report from their home country must have it verified by the BITHC.

4) Insurance:

- The Chinese Ministry of Education requires that all international students be medically insured throughout their study in China. This policy is crucial to the health, wellness and success of international students.
- Peking University international students are required to purchase the Comprehensive Insurance Plan for Foreign Students, which is offered by the Ping An Annuity Insurance Company of China on the day of registration. Please note that students without valid medical insurance are not allowed to register.
- Medical insurance can be purchased online (http://www.lxbx.net) 15 days before the day of registration. The insurance company’s staff will come to PKU on the day of registration, and students can also purchase their medical insurance on the spot.
- The Ping An Medical Insurance is RMB 300/semester.(2015/16)
- For more information about the insurance plans offered by Ping An, please visit http://www.lxbx.net.

5) Additional costs to consider: flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Visa

- All visiting students need a Xi visa. An X1 Visa is for people studying in China for more than 6 months. Once issued, it allows applicants 30 days to register at the international student office at PKU and apply for a residence permit. Before applying for a residence permit, however, students are required to get a health report from the Beijing Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau. More information on visas can be found at: http://www.isd.pku.edu.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=lists&catid=179
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a visa in their home country and not in the UK.

Where will I live?

On-Campus Housing:

- All exchange students’ accommodation is located on-campus in the global village http://www.pkugv.com however, this is not guaranteed. Availability of this accommodation will vary year by year. The number of dorms available each year will be known in early January/July, students will receive emails inviting them to apply. The accommodation cost in the global village is around 2500-3500RMB/person/month.

Off-Campus Housing:

- The off-campus accommodation cost would be 2000-5000RMB/person/month, depending on location and room condition.

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Useful web links:

Main PKU site: http://english.pku.edu.cn/
Incoming Exchange Students: http://www.isd.pku.edu.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=121&id=142
Visa information: http://www.isd.pku.edu.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=lists&catid=179
Global Graduates (the new name for Third Year Abroad): https://globalgraduates.com/
Foreign Commonwealth Office: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china

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