Exchange Scheme with Peking University

Where is PKU?

Founded 1898, Peking University is a major Chinese research university located in the Haidian district to the north west of 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. Haidian district is home to many of Beijing’s universities as well as Zhongguancun, a technology hub referred to as “China’s Silicon Valley”.

Who can go?

- Six places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2020/21, with priority for Philosophy and History of Art students opting into the 3+1 (with a year abroad) programme.
- Due to the limited number of modules taught in English this exchange is only for students on (or able to opt into) 3+1 degrees (with a year abroad).
- Chinese nationals cannot apply for this exchange.
- Please consult with your department to see if you are eligible for this exchange.

Courses

- York students must take 15 credits a semester, with a total of 30 credits over the year being equivalent to 120 York credits.
- Students can choose to study in the School of Chinese as a Second Language for the first term at PKU. These classes are different from PKU undergraduate courses as they have class hours but no credits. Students wishing to study these classes must get agreement from their departments.
- 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 the 2019 courses taught in English (or prospectus) is available online to be used as a guide: pku.edu.cn/englishcourses/index.html
- Please note that term times are different in China and they will not close for the Christmas holiday period. For example 2018/19 term one dates early September to mid January.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades at PKU will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.
Costs

Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.

- **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to PKU and in 2018/19 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas:** Please check the costs related to applying for a visa as these can vary depending on your nationality.
- **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.

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 (https://www.pingan.com/cshi-internet/en/index.action)
- The Ping An Medical Insurance is RMB 300/semester approx. (2016/17)
- **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

Financial Assistance

- **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

- All visiting students need an X1 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.
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a visa in their home country and not in the UK.

What’s it like to study there?

Please contact us if you would like to know what it is like to study at PKU.

Where will I live?

On-Campus Housing:

- All exchange students’ accommodation is located on-campus in the global village 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.

**Is it the right choice for me?**

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the [Considerations Checklist](#) on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

**Contact details at Peking**

- International Students Division, Office of International Relations, Peking University
- In charge of Incoming Students: Xue Meiman
- Address: Shao Yuan Bldg.3, Peking University
- Tel: +86-10-6275-1012
- Fax: +86-10-6275-1233
- Email: exchange@pku.edu.cn

**Useful web links**

- Main PKU Site
- [Incoming Exchange Students](#)
- Visa information
- [Global Graduates](#)
- Foreign Commonwealth Office
- [Beijing Tourist Information](#)
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site

*Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.*

*All information included in these guidelines correct at time of printing, October 2019.*
Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.