



Hauser Global Law School Program

Peking University

Exchange Program Information Package 2009-2010



The University campus occupies the former Qing Dynasty formal gardens and is surrounded by Weiming Lake.

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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with the Peking University in Beijing China. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by student handbook, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend and information session. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important NYU Dates

January 21	NYU application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 16	PKU application deadline

I. Program Description

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at Peking University per academic year for one semester. The program is open to second- and third- year student only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law.

The Peking University Exchange program at the Peking University Law School provides international students and legal professionals with an intensive instruction in Chinese law. Courses in the LLB program are taught in Chinese. Courses in the LLM program are taught in English. For more information on the program, please visit http://www.law.pku.edu.cn/lmp/En_001.asp

B. Peking University Law School

Peking University enjoys a reputation as the pre-eminent university in China. It is known for its long history, rich culture, distinguished alumni, enlightened education policies and exciting campus life. Established in 1904, the Law School has become a leading institution for legal education and a potent force for legal development in China. The Law school frequently partners with the government, with law firms and with the business community in the development of cutting edge legal, social and commercial policy. The Law School also has many international links and partnership programs with leading universities and legal institutions around the world.

With China's rapid economic growth and growing presence on the world stage, knowledge of Chinese law has become an essential resource for international students and legal professionals engaged with China. Peking University Law School has established the LL.M. Program in Chinese Law to address the needs of an international community seeking a comprehensive and systematic understanding of Chinese law from a first-rate legal institution.

C. Beijing, China

Beijing (also formerly known in English as Peking) is a metropolis in northern China and the capital of the People's Republic of China. It is one of the four municipalities of the PRC, which are equivalent to provinces in China's administrative structure. Beijing is one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China. The municipality of Beijing borders Hebei Province to the north, west, south, and for a small section in the east, and Tianjin Municipality to the southeast.

Beijing is China's second largest city, after Shanghai. Beijing is a major transportation hub, with dozens of railways, roads and motorways passing through the city. It is also the focal point of many international flights to China. Beijing is recognized as the political, educational, and cultural center of the People's Republic of China, while Shanghai and Hong Kong predominate in economic fields. The city hosted the 2008 Olympic Games.

Few cities in the world besides Beijing have served as the political and cultural centre of an area as immense as China for so long. The Encyclopedia Britannica describes it as, "One of the world's great cities," and declares, "The city has been an integral part of China's history over the past eight centuries, and nearly every major building of any age in Beijing has at least some national historical significance." Beijing is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, and huge stone walls and gates. Its art treasures and universities have long made the city a centre of culture and art in China.

D. Program Dates

Program dates for the 2009/2010 academic year are currently not yet available. Peking's academic calendar is divided into two semesters. The program dates are roughly as follows:

The autumn semester starts in September and ends in January of the following year while the spring semester begins in February and ends in June. There will be a winter and summer vacation every year. The summer vacation usually lasts 2 months and there are various summer vacation courses available for students. The winter vacation lasts 4 weeks and normally follows the schedule of Chinese New Year.

E. Courses

Exchange courses of the Law School taught in English are offered at master's level and in the following fields:

- Chinese Judicial System
- Chinese Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Chinese Civil Law
- International Law as Applied in China: Theory and Practice
- General Information of China
- Chinese Intellectual Property Law
- Chinese Contract Law
- Chinese Foreign Investment Law
- Resolution of Civil and Commercial Disputes in China
- Chinese Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
- Chinese Economic Law
- Chinese Family Law

The full course listing is available online at http://www.law.pku.edu.cn/llmp/En_02.asp

Course Requirements

NYU School of Law students will be expected to take a minimum of four courses adding up to 12 Peking University credits in order to earn 12 credits towards their NYU Law degree. Additionally, in order to ensure compliance with all ABA regulations, NYU School of Law requires that all courses be approved by our office before your schedule has been finalized. Credits are awarded to students who have successfully completed a course.

F. Exams and Grades

Assessment is usually based on a student's class participation, oral presentations or assignments, and a written paper or a final examination. The Chinese grading system scale ranges from 1 to 10:

A	Excellent
B	Good
C	Average
D	Satisfactory
F	Unsatisfactory (Fail)

As the Peking U and NYU calendars diverge with regard to the end of semester and exams, a special exam schedule is set up for North American exchange students. You will need to contact your coordinator if you need to take an exam earlier than scheduled.

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by Peking U faculty in accordance with the Peking U grading system. Peking U grades its students in the International Program on a scale of 10 to 1. However, because grading standards between NYU and Peking U may differ, a direct translation to NYU's letter grading system is extremely difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Peking U will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

G. Program Cancellation

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Beijing, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. Peking University and Facilities

A. International Student Affairs

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B. Library Facilities

The Library

At Peking University, law students have ready access to the materials of legal research through library collection and networked electronic information sources. Databases like Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw are available in the law library.

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition

Peking University does *not* charge tuition fees to exchange students. Because this is a revenue-neutral exchange program, participating NYU Law students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a 12 credit-hour semester at NYU Law.

Living Expenses

During your stay at Peking you can expect to spend about ¥5,500 Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY) per month on living expenses. A rough estimate of living costs is as follows:

- Accommodation: ¥1000-1500 CNY (\$150-200 USD) per month
- Living expenses: ¥1000-1500 CNY (\$150-200 USD) per month
- Insurance: ¥50 per month
- Books: ¥800-1,000 per year
- Public transport: ¥1200 CNY (~\$175 USD) per month (unless you live outside of Beijing)

One China Yuan is approximately \$0.14 USD. The cost of everyday goods and services in Beijing is generally lower than in New York. If you plan to do any traveling around the country or Asia while in China, you will want to budget for those expenses as well.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

There are different types of housing facilities for international students at PKU. Shaoyuan Accommodation Office is in charge of the Housing on campus for Foreign Students. For reservations and related information, please contact the office directly. Phone No.: 86-10-6275 2264, 86-10-62752218 website: <http://www.shaoyuan.com>. Students can also choose to live off campus, but must register to the local police station.

C. Visa and Residence Permit Information

China Student Visa - X or F Visa

A valid passport and visa are required to enter and exit China and must be obtained from Chinese Embassies and Consulates before traveling to China. Americans arriving without valid passports and the appropriate Chinese visa are not permitted to enter and will be subject to a fine and immediate deportation at the traveler's expense. Travelers should not rely on Chinese host organizations claiming to be able to arrange a visa upon arrival. Chinese authorities have recently tightened their visa issuance policy, in some cases requiring personal interviews of American citizens. Although a bilateral United States-China agreement provides for issuance of multiple-entry visas with validity of up to one year for tourists and business visitors, Chinese consulates often limit visas to only one entry. Visit the Embassy of China web site at <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/> for the most current visa information.

Please prepare and bring the following documents to a Chinese consulate or embassy (unless using an travel agency to get your visa):

1. Actual passport, signed, valid at least 15 month beyond stay with blank visa page US passport page 22, 23 and 24 are not visa pages and won't be acceptable for visas. If you also need passport service, please refer to: [US passport Adding Visa Page](#) or [US Passport Renewal](#)

2. One [Visa Application Form Q-2007](#) per person completely filled-out and signed. Fill out either on your computer or using black or blue pen. Do not use pencil or pen with red ink.
3. One recent [passport-type photograph](#): full face, frontal with a plain white or off-white background, 2"x2" in size. Photo printed on regular paper or photo of poor quality is not acceptable.
4. One approved JW201 or JW202 issued by the State Education Ministry of China. Please send in the original JW202. It will be returned when visa is ready. [Click here for sample JW-202](#)
5. One admission letter from the receiving school. Please bring in the original admission letter. It will be returned when visa is ready.
6. One online [Visa Service Request Form](#). This is the best way to tell us your application is coming as well as your return address and contact information so that confirmation and status updated can be sent to you via email.

Financial Proof

When applying for the residence permit, non-Chinese citizens will need to prove that they have enough money to live on while they are in Beijing. The monthly amount considered adequate for students is ¥20,000 and 25,000 Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY) per month.

This money can come from any or all of the following sources. The proof document required in each case indicated.

- a student grant: take with you a document from the body that gives you your grant, which states the amount of the grant and its duration.
- if you are a student with money of your own: take with you a statement with your name on it from a Chinese bank or an internationally known bank which shows that there is enough money in your account to cover your costs in China.
- if someone else is sponsoring you (e.g. your parents), take with you a written statement of your sponsor which states the amount and the duration of the sponsorship, plus proof that your sponsor is in possession of the money himself.

ID Card

In most foreign countries, everyone aged 14 and older must always carry a valid identity card. This document may be your passport or a residence permit. If you are not able to identify yourself when so requested by the police, you may be taken to the police station where your identity will then be verified. You will usually be fined for not carrying your ID (foreign driver's license is not considered a valid identity card).

D. Health Insurance

Peking University requires all international students to have sufficient medical insurance throughout the duration of study, which at least covers Accident Insurance and Hospitalization. Students can either buy the insurance before coming to China, or buy it here in China. Upon registration, foreign students should submit documents from their insurance companies, which must prove that they are covered for accidents and hospitalization within the duration of study. The documents should be in Chinese or English. Failure to submit the insurance documents will result in refusal to registration.

The Department of State strongly urges Americans to consult with their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to confirm whether their policy applies overseas and whether it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. Please see our information on medical insurance overseas: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1470.html.

Insurance to cover the costs of repatriation is also strongly recommended. This means that if you should become seriously ill or die, a family member can be flown to China to take you back home. Finally, it is wise to insure yourself against theft and the costs of accidents and legal advice.

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do have an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 80%/20% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/waiving_plans.htm or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before your waiver request is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: The southeast coast of China is vulnerable to strong typhoons, usually from July to September. Travelers planning a trip to China can obtain general information about natural disaster preparedness on the Internet from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at <http://www.fema.gov/>. Additional information about currently active typhoons can be obtained on the University of Hawaii tropical storm page at <http://www.solar.ifa.hawaii.edu/Tropical/tropical.html>. On May 12, 2008, China's Sichuan province experienced a severe earthquake resulting in the deaths of the tens of thousands of people. The region continues to experience aftershocks, and Americans should continue to avoid the areas of Sichuan province most severely affected by the earthquake and be prepared for travel delays in other parts of the province. Recovery and restoration

operations in the area are ongoing; infrastructure has been damaged and road, air and rail transportation disrupted.

E. Liability Insurance

If you are to blame for an accident that injures someone or damages another person's property, you are responsible for paying all the costs that result from the accident. You might, for example, break something where you are working or studying, or cause damage to your rented room. The resulting claim for damages could be very expensive. You are therefore strongly urged to have good liability insurance. You can arrange for such insurance either in your own country or through your host institution in China.

F. Provisions for Students with Disabilities

Some Peking U students suffer from a disability or a chronic disease, including physical impairments, repetitive strain injury, asthma or diabetes, learning disabilities such as dyslexia, or a mental impairment.

If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs who will contact PKU to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

G. Resources for Living and Studying in China and Traveling Around

Below are some websites that may be helpful to you as you prepare for your trip.

<http://www.oir.pku.edu.cn/ORIENTATION/index.html> This is PKU's international office with very useful orientation information.
<http://www.study-in-china.org/living/>
<http://info.iiepassport.org/country/china.html>

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

Budget Airlines

www.flychina.com

www.airchina.com

www.flychinaeastern.com

www.jal.co.jp/en

www.nwa.com

www.fly-ana.com

Most national carriers have changed their fare structure to compete with the budget airlines. You may be able to get a reasonable airfare using those airlines. Bear in mind that many budget airlines often use an airport that is further away than the city's main airport, and you may incur additional expenses when traveling to/from the city centre.

By train, bus and taxi

<http://www.beijingtraveltips.com/transport.htm>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/china/beijing/>

<http://www.mybeijingchina.com/>

<http://www.beijingtravelbug.com/>

<http://travel.nytimes.com/travel/guides/asia/china/beijing/overview.html>

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with Peking.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program at Peking University, you must complete a written application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/applicationprocedures/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The timetable for the application process is as follows:

January 21	NYU application deadline
Mid January-Mid February 2009	Applicants screened and initial interviews completed
Mid-late February	Selections made
March 16	PKU application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with Peking University, you will be given their application to complete and submit to the Hauser Office by **March 16, 2009**. We will then forward your application to Peking where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Peking U, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.