



2023 Guidance for September-intake Incoming International Students

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Part 1 Pre-departure Guidance

What to Bring

- Original transcripts/degree certificates, Admission Notice, passport physical exam record(s), JW202/201 form, and photocopies of each
- Bank Cards to withdraw money for School Fees. Read the payment details form attached in the admission bags for fee details.
- Cash equivalent to or less than 5,000 CNY.
- A temporary SIM card with limited minutes that can be purchased at airport. The rate is very high so it's for emergency use only. You will have to apply for a local phone/internet subscription when arriving on campus.
- Contact list, and stay in touch with your family and friends.
- Get immunized. Hepatitis A&B and other epidemic disease immunizations required for international travelling.
- Ethnic clothes will make you a star in school activities. Ethnic foods will help you through the homesick days.
- Bedclothes. Students may prepare some warm clothes, quilts or comforters to meet their own needs. BTW, they are also very cheap here in China.

What Not to Bring

- Electrical appliances. China's voltage is 220V. You may find some electrical wares, including cellphone, unusable in China. High power heaters are not allowed in university dorms.
- Carpets. May cause roaches, mould and smells due to the high humidity.
- CPU does not invite new student's family members to China. Since second semester of arrival, Master's and PhD candidates may apply. See details:
<http://international.cpu.edu.cn/56/65/c403a87653/page.htm>
- Foreign insurance plans that don't fulfil the MOE requirements
<http://international.cpu.edu.cn/b8/92/c403a112786/page.htm>
- Pregnancy (strongly suggested NOT to). Pregnancy-related medical expenses are high in China and not covered by your insurance. Besides, you will have to suspend study for childrearing.

For Your Info

CPU uses @stu.cpu.edu.cn email and admission email as primary method of communication. Text message, mobile phone calls and WeChat are supplementary. Student shall take responsibility in updating their contact info.

To call from your country to China (e.g. Nanjing), you need to dial: 0086-25-the phone number.

Nanjing has long, cold winter (below 0°C) and long, hot summer (above 35°C) and very high humidity throughout the year.

Chinese people use WeChat and QQ instead of Facebook, Twitter, Gmail.

CPU Map (Jiangning Campus)





Above: International Hall H1-2 (Postgraduate Dormitories Group H)

Right: The red cursor shows the path from south gate to the Hall

Part 2 How to get to CPU

CPU now has two campuses, Jiangning Campus and Xuanwumen Campus. All incoming new students shall register at Jiangning Campus.

Transportation Directions

From Lukou Airport to CPU

There is only one airport in Nanjing, namely Lukou international airport. For students arriving at Lukou International Airport, take a taxi to the campus is the most convenient. You may show the following to the driver to take you to the Main Entrance (south gate) of Jiangning Campus. Security Doorways deny entrance of all taxis. You may follow the map directions and seek help from volunteers to find the registration site in Gymnasium and then the office in H1-2.

南京市江宁区龙眠大道 639 号
中国药科大学（南门进） 江宁校区留学生楼
International Hall H1, Jiangning Campus CPU
#639 Longmian Avenue, Jiangning District, Nanjing

You may also take airport shuttle or **Metro S1** to Nanjing South Railway Station and then take Metro Line #1 to the campus.

Taking Railway to CPU

For students arriving at Nanjing South Railway Station or Nanjing Railway Station, just take Metro line #1 to the last station to Jiangning Campus or to Xuanwumen station to Xuanwumen Campus.

From Shanghai to Nanjing

In Shanghai, there are two international airports: Pudong and Hongqiao. For students arriving at Pudong International Airport, take high-speed train from Shanghai Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station. For students arriving at Hongqiao International Airport, take high-speed train from Hongqiao Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station.

From Beijing to Nanjing

For students arriving at Beijing Capital international Airport, take the high-speed train from Beijing South Railway Station to Nanjing South Railway Station.

**No official pick-ups will be available if there is significant variance between students' time of arrival. Volunteers will be in the train station wearing CPU uniforms to show the way to take the metro.*

Part 3 Registration

All incoming students shall register at Jiangning campus **on the date specified in Admission Notice (August 31, 2023, Thursday)** and during the **daytime** only (9am-5pm, beijing time).

Late Registration (after August 31): For reasons including but not limited to passport/visa/air ticket, you are supposed to submit application in writing or with signature and get approval from the Admission Office beforehand. Otherwise, your admission will be cancelled and **no fees will be refunded!**

Coming to China too early will cause many problems. You will have much less time preparing for the payment since X1 visa is only valid for 30 days and the school requires the whole year's payment within 2 weeks upon arrival. **No on-campus residence or facility** is provided to students who arrive prior to the date of registration. We suggest students who come too early seek for hotel qualified to host foreigners. Either you stay in friend's home (private household) or unqualified hotels, you must register your own Temporary Residence through WeChat within 24 hours of arrival in Nanjing (see guidance in Part 4 below. Directions for WeChat registration is provided in a form below. Failure to register may cause a CNY 2,000 police penalty.

International students registration will be arranged in the same spot-Gymnasium with all new Chinese Students. International Students Volunteers for registration will wait by the CPU entrance gate to show the way.

Documents required for registration on-site:

Passport with Student visa (X visa), and its photocopy,

Original transcripts, degree certificates, graduation certificate and their photocopies,



Admission Notice, JW201 or 202 Form (from 2023, students have to download the JW202 online by their application email address which will be a barcode on it for verification),

Original Physical Examination Certificates/ Records and the photocopies,

Completion Certificate and transcript if you take preparatory courses in another university (CSC students only)

Part 4 What can you do for registration?

Being a new student means more than taking your course curriculum and buying new books. Everyone has to familiarize with Nanjing, deal with his/her mobile account, personal banking and immigration issues. The following is a list of what you need do for registration. For a complete direction and transportation guidance, please visit our school website <http://international.cpu.edu.cn/373/list.htm>

No.	When	What	Who	Where	Supplement Materials
1	24 hours upon arrival in Nanjing (rental apartments, private households off-campus)	Register Temporary Residence to Nanjing Police	Those arriving before Registration Date	Use WeChat to scan the QR code 	Original Passport ID photo in white background Print the Temporary Residence Form upon "successful" receipt for Residence Permit application (Student who don't have WeChat may require the host to)
2	At least one week before applying for bank account	Apply for a local mobile phone number	All	On-campus stores: China Telecom, Unicom, China Mobile	Original Passport Some cash
3	Before online payment	Open a China Construction Bank Account	All	China Construction Bank Longmian Dadao Sub-branch	Original passport Local mobile phone number Some cash Temporary Residence Form (as printed in Step 1)
4	At least 24 hours before applying for Residence Permit	Buy Insurance	All	Online by following WeChat gh_303a1fb24158 (Jiangsu PingAn insurance)	Photo of passport, WeChat Wallet at least ¥600/year *Log in with Passport number and birthdate to finish the payment
5	As soon as you arrive in Nanjing	Register for Physical Exam Online (daily quota highly limited and early registration preferred)	All	Hygiene Center 	Online Reservation Required in advance Empty stomach required. Original passport Fee: 300-400 Yuan Two 2-inch photos.

* The office will make a group appointment with the Hygiene Center but still with limited seats. If you fail to make the reservation online by yourself, you can also book a seat with the office when doing registration on campus. Please be noted that without the physical examination report issued by the Hygiene Center, you cannot apply for Residence Permit.

Part 5 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will I get Campus Card and Campus Net Account?

A: Within 1 month of arrival.

Q: How to take the Metro?

A: There are self-service machines in every Metro station. There is an “English” option. Press the button for your destination and insert coins/scan the QR code to pay. Or, instead of buying ticket every time, you may buy a rechargeable card at the human services by showing your passport to the staff. After opening Alipay account, you may also swipe your phone.

Q: How about my pre-admission deposit?

A: Before admission, all students are required to pay RMB 400 Yuan one-time non-refundable Registration/Application Fee and 2000 Yuan Admission Deposit. The 2000 yuan will only be calculated as part of your accommodation fees upon Financial Office confirmation. If the payer didn't mark the transaction properly with student application ID, the transaction will not be confirmed by Financial Office so that some students will be asked to pay the full accommodation fee.

Q: How to pay my school fees?

A: Within two weeks of the beginning of semester (before September 15), student must complete the Online Payment of the 1st academic year tuition, accommodation and buy insurance for getting the immigration support papers from school. The payment items can be viewed and paid <http://pay.cpu.edu.cn/payment/>, login with your 11-digit Application ID (same with password) which can be seen on Admission Notice. Continue with online banking which can be any Chinese UnionPay bank card. Some banks impose an amount limit (about CNY 5000) to new student cards, the limit will be cancelled only after student get a >180 days Residential Permit on their passport. So we suggest transferring money via your Chinese guarantor's bank account for your first year payment.

Telegraphic transfer or payment made in US dollars are not acceptable ways of payment for registered students. It can take up to 4 months to confirm an international wire transfer and sometimes the transaction end up nowhere. If your parents/sponsors insist using telegraphic transaction to the CPU official account, you will have to do a lot of extra work to confirm the transaction with the receiver's bank and Financial Office!!!

Visit international.cpu.edu.cn *Student Life* section for more details about payment and banks.

Q: Can I live off-campus throughout the first semester?

A: No. On the day of registration, each student will be assigned a double room. Living on-campus for the first year is compulsory. Living off-campus is applicable only: for degree candidates second-year and up with overall attendance rate >80% and no demerit records.

Q: How much is the free electricity?

A: At the time of arrival, each double room has been provided 80kwh free electricity. If you keep the AC on, it'll only last for a few days. When the free amount is used up, students have to buy electricity at the Logistics Service Center on their own expense. Negotiate with your roommate about sharing the cost.

Q: How to open a bank account?

A: Due to bank policy in China, all foreigners must apply for bank card in person with own passport. Either you leave China or your passport expires, the card will be frozen.
China Construction Bank (best option for Tuition Online Payment) the nearest sub-branch is East TianYuan Rd. Sub-branch. Take Metro Line 1 to LongMian Dadao Station, Yiwu Mall A1.
Find the lobby manager and say you want to open an account. Prepare: original passport, a local mobile phone number, address and some cash.
For card loss: deactivate the card at the same sub-branch and the new card will be issued within one week. Tell the new card number to the office.
After creating the account, you will need to download the official APP of the bank. Generally, CPU's all payment and billing services are provided via online banking.
Meanwhile, please take care of personal information and avoid phone fraud. Official customer services never ask for your PIN or verification code.

Please note that the account name in the bank system may be different from your passport name. To get the detailed bank account information (e.g. use it for insurance claims), save or draw small amount of money at the bank counter (not ATM) so that the complete account information (without asterisk “*”) will be printed.

Q: How to avoid running out of money?

A: All students are advised to get prepared for the study & life expenses. Students who continue study after the first year must ensure a stable financial support and pay the school fees as required. Life in China is growing expensive. Students should learn to make financial plans and understand risks. Usually keep some savings for emergency. Give up high-cost living habits and seek for low-cost solutions (e.g. buying second-hand textbooks or legally distributed E-books, turn off air conditioner when you're not in the dorm, use public facilities instead of your own, use free campus WIFI instead of expensive commercial subscriptions).

Part 6 Customize your smart phone

When you can speak Chinese and type Chinese characters, you will find life in CPU much more fun and colorful. But if you cannot, China's advanced Information Technology helps you feel the same. We recommend the following mobile phone APPs to international students because they are free, powerful and commonly-used in China.

Communication

Wechat (must-have. For class groups, insurance, mobile pay, taxi, etc.)

Mobile Pay

WeChat Wallet (in WeChat settings, must)

Alipay

(requires a Union Pay bank card and 11-digit Chinese mobile phone number)

Map & GPS

Baidu Map (website & mobile phone APP)

Gaode Map (mobile phone APP)

Chinese Character Input

Sougou Pinyin (computer software & mobile phone APP)

Google Pinyin (computer software)

Translation/Interpretation

Tengxun Fanyi Jun (mobile APP)

Youdao Translate (mobile APP)