

Xi'an

Xi'an, historically known as Chang'an in the ancient China, was the seat of capital for 13 feudal dynasties of the *Zhou* (11th century B.C. – 256 B.C.), *Qin* (221 B.C. – 206 B.C.), *Han* (206 B.C. – 220 A.D.), *Tang* (618 – 907), etc. Rich historical heritages highlight Xi'an as an internationally renowned tourist city, which attracts overseas visitors on sightseeing tours in their millions every year. The city marks the point of departure for the Silk Road in the ancient times and has Qin Shi Huang Museum of Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses -- "eighth wonder of the world", the Big Wild Goose Pagoda constructed in the *Tang* Dynasty, Xi'an Museum of Steles where are gathered treasured calligraphic works of China, and the cultural theme park of *Tang* Paradise Garden. Xi'an lies where the central and western parts of China join, with advantageous location and moderate climate.

Xi'an is the provincial capital of Shaanxi Province and has a population of 6.70 million people, who acquire higher level of education on the average and communicate mostly in the universally accepted Chinese. Xi'an has the tradition of accepting international students. As early as in the *Tang* Dynasty over 1,000 years ago, Xi'an, the capital of the dynasty, began to take in students from Japan, Korea and other nations of Asia. In the recent years, with growing worldwide interest in acquisition of Chinese, Xi'an has become a major city for international students eager to learn Chinese.

Xi'an International Studies University

Founded in 1952, the University is one of the earliest four institutions of higher learning established to offer foreign languages in the new China. It is also the only government-run institution of higher learning to offer foreign languages in the northwest. In the recent year, the University, taking a firm grip on the historic opportunity of big strides in higher education and large-scale development in the west, has realized transformation from an institution of single branch of foreign languages to a new type of interdisciplinary sort to cover the aspects of literature, economy, management, legal science, engineering and pedagogy by deepening reforms on teaching and adjusting structures of specialties.

The University takes a total land area of 1,593 mu , with a floor space of five hundred and fifty thousand square meters. There are multimedia classrooms, language labs, computer labs, electronic reading-rooms, computer networks, reception systems for satellite-relayed TV, etc. The teaching facilities are valued at RMB¥39.4412 million. The library covers an area of forty-three thousand square meters and stores a total collection of 1.26 million books in Chinese and foreign languages. Moreover, it has an electronic bank of academic journals and document data.

The University has 25 schools and faculties that run 34 specialties under 4-year programs. The branch of Foreign Linguistic Literature is authorized with the right to confer a Master's degree, which is shared by thirteen more delicate branches of literature. It also coordinates with two foreign universities to train postgraduates for a doctoral degree. English Linguistic Literature, French Linguistic Literature and German Linguistic Literature are all approved as major branches

of learning in Shaanxi. English, German, French and Japanese languages are designated as top brand specialties in the province. The Research Center of Euro-US Linguistic Literature occupies an important position in social science of philosophy among Shaanxi universities.

The University has an enrollment of 20,000 students, of whom full-time regular students under 4-year programs account for 9,721, postgraduates for MA reach 633 and international students are 517. In addition, personnel dispatched abroad by the state exceed 300.

School of Chinese Studies

The SCS is in the main responsible to teach international students Chinese and Chinese students whose major is teaching Chinese as a foreign language under 4-year program. The School began to enroll international students in 1979. The subjects offered include Chinese, Chinese Literature, Chinese Culture, Chinese History, China Economy, etc. From 1998, the School enrolled international students under 4-year program of Chinese. Over the past 20 years, more than 5,000 international students graduated and returned to their home countries. They came from 32 countries, e.g., USA, UK, Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Spain, Belgium, Australia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Kirghizia, etc.

In 2004, the School began to recruit Chinese students under 4-year program whose major is to teach Chinese as a foreign language. The specialty characteristic of bilingual teaching in both Chinese and English attaches to cultivation and enhancement of professional knowledge and comprehensive qualities on the part of students. In the same year, the SCS began to enroll students for MA in comparative literature studies. In 2006, postgraduates will be recruited for MA in studies of teaching Chinese as a foreign language with an aim directed to bring up upgraded personnel able to teach Chinese as a foreign language and conduct trans-cultural exchanges.

The SCS offers good conditions and opportunities for Chinese and international students to learn from one another and communicate together, by the way of which cultural features of Chinese are brought to full play and thorough understandings of Chinese and Western cultures are distinctly felt.

The SCS has a staff of 25, of whom 20 full-time teachers are granted with *Certificates for Senior Proficiency to Teach Chinese as a Foreign Language* by the Ministry of Education. Besides, the school has 9 professors and associate professors as well as 15 doctors and masters. There are 25 part-time teachers who teach courses pertaining to China issues in foreign languages for students with poor mastery of Chinese.

The SCS, as one of the educational establishments responsible for teaching Chinese as a foreign language, has the longest history and the biggest scale in the northwest. It is an executive director of the World Chinese Educational Association and a head member of the Shaanxi Educational Research for International Students.

The SCS undertakes extensive academic exchanges on good terms of co-operative partnership with nearly 80 foreign universities and agencies in more than 30 countries.

Enrollment of International Students

I. Length of Schooling

1. Class for Credential Education under 2-year and 4-year Programs

The SCS offers 2-year and 4-year programs to international students. Duration of study may be prolonged in special cases, the former to 4 years at most and the latter to 6 years at best. Those having acquired the required scores ahead of scheduled time may get corresponding diplomas.

Apart from the specialty of Chinese, international students may also be admitted into the specialties of English, Russian, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, Korea, International Politics, Business Management, Finance, Law, Journalism, International Economy & Trade, Accounting, Radio/TV Program Writing and Directing, Tourism Management, Performing Arts, Advertising, Broadcasting and Anchoring Arts, Theatrical and Movie Literature, Photography, Animation. Diplomas may be conferred upon those having acquired the required scores.

2. Class for Credential Education

(1) *Advanced Study of Chinese Language*

a. Fall Semester: 18 weeks from 1st day of September

b. Spring Semester: 18 weeks from 1st day of March

(Enrollment any time in the Fall or Spring Semester)

(2) *Short-term Session for Advanced Study of Chinese Language*

a. Spring Session: 4 weeks from 1st day of March

b. Autumn Session: 4 weeks from 1st day of September

c. Golden Week Session: 7 – 10 days from end of April to early in May

d. Summer Session: 4 weeks from 20th day of July

(3) *Chinese Learning & Culture Tours Class*

The class is designated for at least ten-member groups. Duration of study and tour routes can be arranged to meet specific demands.

(4) *Lectures on Specific Themes*

Lectures cover History of Xi'an, Folk Customs in Shaanxi Province, China Economy, etc.

(5) *Coaching Class for HSK Examinations*

II. Application

1. Foreign universities or social organizations may contact the SCS when they wish to dispatch their students (our address seen at the bottom).

2. Individual applicants may contact us by correspondence or by telegram for Application Form and then submit the filled form back to the SCS two months before school starts. They may also fill up the Application Form carried in our web page. When your application is granted, the School will mail the Letter of Admission and the Application Form for Entry into China (JW202). With these, applicants may proceed to apply for entry visas from Chinese embassies (consulates) in their countries or regions. Individual applicants may also contact our agents in your countries or regions.

III. Arrangements of Courses

1. Curriculum

(1) Credential Education under 2-year and 4-year Programs

Compulsory:

Chinese Intensive Reading	Journalism
Chinese Listening & Speaking	Classical Chinese
Chinese Fast Reading	Chinese Culture
Audio-visual Chinese	Chinese Literature
Chinese Writing	Chinese History
Chinese Characters Basic	China Survey
Chinese Translation	Modern Chinese Grammar & Rhetoric

Optional:

Chinese Calligraphy	Chinese Martial Arts
Chinese Painting	Application of Computers
China Contemporary Society	China Contemporary Economy
Folk Customs of China	China Tourism
Sino-foreign Comparative Culture	Humanistic Geography
Business Chinese	China Laws

(2) Non-credential Education

Students are assigned in classes of junior, intermediate or senior level based on their mastery of Chinese. Courses offered are Chinese Intensive Reading, Chinese Listening & Speaking, Audio-visual Chinese, Chinese Fast Reading, Chinese Writing, Chinese Characters Basic, Journalism, Chinese Literature, Chinese History, Chinese Martial Arts and Chinese Painting.

2. Allotment of Classroom Hours

Twenty classroom hours are arranged for compulsory courses in the mornings while optional courses take 8 to 10 classroom hours in the afternoons from Monday through Friday. Tests are scheduled towards the end of each semester. Corresponding certificates to the programs are granted to qualified students.

3. Proficiency Tests

The SCS holds Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK) three times (May, July & December) a year. Students who pass the test are conferred *Certificates for Chinese Proficiency* by the state.

4. Social Practice

Students are organized each semester to visit historical sites of interest within the province, e.g., Qin Shi Huang Museum of Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, Famen Buddhism Temple, Qianling Mausoleum Museum, Xi'an Museum of Steles, etc. Besides, they are also organized to go beyond the province to practise language exercises and travel on sightseeing tours so that they may know more of China.

IV. Expenditures

1. Tuition fee:

Classification of students	Tuition fee	Commencement of semester
Chinese language (two-year program & four-year program)	RMB¥16,000 /year RMB¥8,000 /semester	March & September
Advanced study of Chinese language	RMB¥14,600 /year RMB¥7,300 /semester	March & September
Advanced study of Chinese language	RMB¥2,400 /4 weeks, RMB¥4,100 /8 weeks, RMB¥5,700 /12 weeks (fee on teaching staff included)	
Enrollment fee	RMB¥160 / person	
Registration fee	RMB¥250 / person	

Note: Fee on teaching staff is charged unless indicated
Free coaches are provided to new students for enrollment

Other Short-term Class

- a. Spring Session: RMB¥ 2400/ person
- b. Golden Week Session: RMB¥ 1550/ person
- c. Summer Session: RMB¥ 2400/ person
- d. Chinese Learning & Culture Tours Class: Charges depend on duration of study and tour routes.

2. Facilities available

No. 3 Apartment of overseas students Tel: +86-29-85309532	Types of rooms	beds, bookcases, desks, wardrobes	rent/ day
	double rooms	washroom, radiator, shower bath, TV, cool-air conditioner,	RMB¥35/ bed
	single rooms	201 card phones	RMB¥60/ room
	public facilities	card phones, wash machines, refrigerators	

3.Charges for visa, residence permit, physical check-up or certification for physical check-up are paid to related offices in Xi'an.

4. Cost on food ranges from RMB¥300 to RMB¥500/ month on campus.

5. Tuition fee is non-refundable to dropouts, which conforms to the stipulations of the state.

6. School facilities available to international students

libraries: library & reference room of the University

gym. of the University

table tennis room: exclusively open to international students

dining halls: for foreign teachers, international students and Chinese students respectively

network: classroom in which DDN network joints are provided

7. Facilities within an easy access

network bars: expenditure \cong RMB¥ 2 /hr.

banks: 7 banks nearby

post office: opposite to the front gate of the University

supermarkets: Home Club & Metro

V. Requirements for enrollment of international students

Submission of application		March to June & September to December
Age		16 – 45
Academic education		Graduation from senior middle school and above
Requirements for enrollment		Graduation from senior middle school and above; under age of 45
		Attainment of HSK at junior C level. Students of no foundation in Chinese language may first go into preparatory class.
		healthy physically
Application stuff	Upon enrollment, deliver by post	Upon registration, hand in
	Application form of Enrollment	Certificate of final academic education
		School list of final academic education
		8 photos (40mm×50mm)
	Registration fee RMB¥ 250	
First application allows of two years at most. Duration of study may be prolonged after enrollment.		

VI. Registration

The Letter of Admission, the JW202 Form and eight 2-inch passport photos are needed for registration. Health certificates are required for students who have studied for one year or more. Free coaches are provided to new students when they notify of their specific time of arrival by plane or by train.

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