

## [China] – [Shanghai Normal University]

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## I. Your overall feeling after your semester abroad

*Help : How was your experience abroad? If you could go back I time, would you go to this university and why ?*

*Unfortunately I wasn't able to go abroad because of covid related restrictions (no issuing of student visas) however I did get online courses from the Shanghai university and had a positive experience. We used VooV meeting, the Chinese version of Zoom, to follow the online courses. In my class we were 6 total and the other students were in the same situation, they weren't able to fly to China. For communication you must have a WeChat account.*

*The courses were very enriching, if you are interested in Asian culture in general I think you will like it because the main focus for most of the courses was on Chinese culture combined with marketing and tourism and at the same time you will learn Chinese language. All teachers speak perfect English and you are not required to know Chinese to follow the courses.*

*You will learn a lot about Chinese culture and history, as for personal work for Tourism Culture and Chinese Culture classes, you will have to prepare oral presentations based on a topic the teacher chooses, on average expect to prepare two presentation every 2 weeks. For the final examination of both subjects, you will have to prepare a research paper and an oral presentation that briefly sums up your research.*

*The Chinese language course offered high-quality teaching so expect your Chinese to improve really fast, especially if you get the opportunity to be in Shanghai at the same time, you will have more speaking experience with other Chinese students so you will progress tenfold faster. The requirement for this course is speaking, reading, and understanding, you are not required to learn to write the characters for the final exam however it will be way much easier if you do. The teacher will send you a textbook and each lesson you will progress through it learning new vocabulary and grammar. At the start of every new class, the teacher ask questions to see if you memorized the previous lesson.*

*Overall I had a great experience, I wasn't there in person but I had the opportunity to get a virtual tour through voov meeting. From what I saw the campus is really big, most students use bikes to move around, since it is an university based on Tourism there are restaurants and hotels within the campus. There is an international students building, you will also find supermarkets, student housing, gymnasiums, libraries, gardens, a lake and cafes run by students. The location is in the center of Shanghai and access to transportation is convenient.*

## II. Before the travel

### A. Preparation

#### 1. Visa

*Help : Do I need a visa ? If yes, what is the process ?*

*You do need a student visa, contact the Chinese embassy in Marseille.*

#### 2. The flight

*Help : what flight did you take (the company name, airport etc.) and when did you take your flight ticket*

N/A

#### 3. My luggage

*Help : what to not forget in the luggage (what was useful and what you would like to have taken)*

N/A

#### 4. Bank account

*Help : did you have to change bank? To respect some amount requirement on the bank account etc.*

N/A

#### 5. Insurance

*Help : What insurance did you subscribe to ?*

N/A

### B. Housing

#### 1. Where to live

*Help : Do a google maps capture and circle the area you recommend to live in (and the one you do not recommend)*

N/A

#### 2. Find a flat or a room

*Help : How did you find your flat? Do you have any recommendation*

N/A

#### 3. Cost

*Help : How much should I plan for a room?*

N/A

### III. When I arrive at the university

#### A. Inscription at the university

*Help : How was the process, what did you have to do?*

N/A

#### B. Information on the university

##### 1. Courses

*Help : List the different courses, and for each course, describe the format, the content, the exam, what did you like and not like, would you recommend it for the next student?*

*Chinese language: Teaching based on textbook, focus on reading and speaking. Final exam has vocabulary questions/translations, writing short sentences about a subject using vocabulary from the lessons, listening to audio and write down the meaning.*

*Tourism Culture: Teaches about Chinese culture and tourism in China (attractions, historical monuments...). Every two weeks you will have to prepare an oral presentation, the topics I had were: ethnic groups in your country, important historical moment that impacted your culture, choose one unesco heritage from your country and present it. For the final presentation you will have to prepare a research paper and a 5-minute oral presentation, the theme was "choose one aspect of your culture and explains how it is attractive to chinese tourists and how to promote it in china"*

*Destination Marketing: the course is based on Marketing aspect of Tourism in China. You will also have a lot of conversational exchange with the teacher to talk about aspects of your country and the comparison with China. The final grade is based on attendance, participation and class activities.*

*Chinese Culture: In this course you will learn about many aspects of Chinese culture and history. A lot of content is presented in this course via powerpoint presentations by the teacher and also watching documentaries with the class, it covers topics such as Chinese dynasties, silk road, Taoism, Buddhism, Chinese good, Chinese minorities, the great wall, Chinese emperors, minorities and ethnic groups in china...*

*The final exam is similar to Tourism Culture, you have to make an oral presentation of around 10-20min long and submit a research paper. The theme is "choose any aspect of chinese culture and present it".*

*I enjoyed all the courses and recommend it.*

## 2. Advice on “contrat d’étude”

*Help : would you recommend for a student when picking its courses*

*You can not choose your subjects for this university.*

## IV. When I life there

### A. Safety

*Help : Is it safe? Is there areas or times I should avoid*

*N/A*

### B. Phone and Internet

*Help : How to be able to call and have internet*

*N/A*

### C. Events

*Help : How to know about the events?*

*N/A*

### D. Sports

*Help : What sport can I do ? and how?*

*N/A*

### E. Eating

*Help : Any recommendation? Or good tips (e.g. aninternational house buffet)*

*N/A*

### F. Go to the university : bus, car, bike

*Help : How did you get access to the bus, car or bike*

*N/A*

### G. Travels

*Help : What do you recommend and what do you not recommend*

*N/A*

### H. Any other information you would have liked to know about

*Help : What would I liked to know if I could have gone back in time*

*N/A*

