

2026 Application Instructions for International Students (Chinese Language Program) at Shandong University

I . Program Overview

Chinese Language Program aims to cultivate foreigners with proficient Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and writing ability, as well as professional translation ability. Upon completion of the program, learners' practical Chinese application competence will be effectively enhanced. They will not only gain a systematic understanding of the connotations of Chinese culture and the overview of China's social development, but also acquire solid cross-cultural communication literacy, laying a solid foundation for cross-cultural interactions.

Based on students' Chinese level, the program offers beginner-level classes, intermediate-level classes and advanced-level classes, adopting a small-class teaching mode. In principle, teaching will be conducted in small classes of 20 students at the maximum.

II. Eligibility

1. General Requirements

(1) Applicants must be physically and mentally healthy, friendly to China, have no criminal record, and be non-Chinese citizens holding a valid regular foreign passport;

(2) Applicants must possess a high school diploma or above;

2. Applicants must meet the criteria specified in the *Notice*

by the Ministry of Education of Regulating Admission of International Students to China's Higher Education Institutions (Letter No.12[2020] of the Ministry of Education).

III. Application Time

The application time for fall semester (September 2026 – January 2027) is from March 15, 2026 to June 15, 2026;

The application time for spring semester (February 2027 – July 2027) is from October 15, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Note: Applicants can choose one semester of language study or one academic year (two semesters) of language study according to their own needs. After the application deadline, no supplementary materials will be accepted. Applicants are advised to complete their applications at least two weeks before the deadline.

IV. Curriculum Provision

The program includes compulsory courses and elective courses. Compulsory courses account for approximately 20 class hours per week, Elective courses 2 class hours per week.

1. Compulsory Courses

The program offers courses at different levels, with specific objectives as follows:

Course Level	Course Objectives	Course Setup	Weekly Hours
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Elementary 1	After completing Elementary 1, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Level 1 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to use simple communication strategies to assist in daily expression and gain a small amount of knowledge about Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	8
		Chinese Listening & Speaking	8
		Pinyin & Chinese Characters	4
Elementary 2	After completing Elementary 2, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 2 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to use basic communication strategies to assist in daily expression and initially acquire some knowledge about Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	8
		Chinese oral Communication	8
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
Intermediate 1	After completing Intermediate 1, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 3 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct short conversations on	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4

	basic daily life, study, and work topics and complete most daily social communications. They will initially understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Intermediate 2	After completing Intermediate 2, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Level 3 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct basic and effective social communications on daily life, study, work, and other topics and basically understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
		Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Intermediate 3	After completing Intermediate 3, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 4 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct complete and effective social communications and understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
		Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Advanced 1	After completing Advanced 1, students'	Intensive Chinese	8

	<p>Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 5 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct relatively complete, smooth, and effective social communications on complex daily life, study, work, and other topics and understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.</p>	Chinese Audio-Visual & Speaking	6
		Chinese Reading & Writing	6
Advanced 2	<p>After completing Advanced 2, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 6 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct relatively rich, fluent, and appropriate social communications on learning and work topics in some professional fields, understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions, and possess certain cross-cultural communication capabilities.</p>	Advanced Chinese Vocabulary	6
		Advanced Chinese Audio-Visual & Speaking	6
		Advanced Chinese Grammar	4
		Advanced Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Advanced 3	<p>After completing Advanced 3, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Levels 7-9 of the International Standards for Chinese</p>	Advanced Chinese Vocabulary	6
		Advanced Chinese	6

	Language Education. They will be able to conduct standardized and appropriate social communications on complex topics in social life, academic research, and other fields, flexibly use various communication strategies, deeply understand Chinese culture, and possess an international perspective and cross-cultural communication capabilities.	Audio-Visual & Speaking	
		Advanced Chinese Grammar	4
		Advanced Chinese Reading & Writing	4

2. Elective Courses

In addition to language courses, a variety of cultural experience courses are offered to help students deepen their understanding of China and its rich culture. The specific courses are arranged based on student interests and enrollment numbers each semester.

Elective Course	Enrollment Requirements	Course Objectives
Mandarin Pronunciation	Open to all students	On the basis of reviewing knowledge of the Chinese phonetic system, focus on practicing difficult points in Chinese, Through intensive training, consolidate learned vocabulary and basic Chinese grammar, become familiar with question types of all HSK levels, and master certain test-taking strategies.

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HSK Counselling	HSK Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidate vocabulary and basic Chinese grammar through intensive training. - Familiarize with HSK test questions at all levels and master practical test-taking strategies.
	HSK Level 4	
	HSK Level 5	
Business Chinese	HSK Level 4	<p>-Based on the actual development of Chinese and foreign economic and trade exchanges, this course selects real business scenarios. Students will learn common Chinese expressions in the business field and understand the similarities and differences between Chinese and foreign workplace cultures. It helps students experience the identity of workplace professionals and the relationship between job roles, broaden their business horizons, and enhance their business Chinese communication skills.</p>
All-Media Chinese	HSK Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read Chinese news and master journalistic terminology in Chinese. - Enhance understanding of contemporary Chinese society.
Advanced Written Chinese	HSK Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Master vocabulary, syntax, and text structure of standard written Chinese. - Improve the accuracy and appropriateness of

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		Chinese writing.
Chinese Culture in Life: Food, Clothing, Housing, Transportation	HSK Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand basic needs and characteristics of contemporary Chinese daily life.- Gain in-depth insight into the context of Chinese cultural development and form a general understanding of Chinese culture.
The Beauty of Tai Chi: Chinese Martial Arts and Practice	Open to all students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn basic routines and techniques of the "24-Form Tai Chi". - Understand the spirit of Chinese martial arts, Tai Chi culture, and related fitness methods.
The Speed of China: Contemporary Transportation	HSK Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn about transportation methods in Chinese daily life.- Understand the rapid development of contemporary transportation in China and explore the conditions and reasons behind this development.
Chinese Wushu Culture & Experience	Open to all students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn the basic routines and movements of "24-Style Tai Chi", and understand the spirit of Chinese Wushu and Tai Chi culture through learning and

Elective Course	Enrollment Requirements	Course Objectives
		practice.
Green China: Documentary on Environmental Protection in China	HSK Level 4	- Conduct audio-visual learning and speaking practice in Chinese (focusing on vocabulary and expressions) around four themes: "Chinese Geography", "Beautiful China", "Climate Change and Environmental Protection", and "Environmental Protection in Action".

V. Method of Assessment

The weight assigned to the results of each course is as follows: daily performance accounts for 30%, the mid-term test results for 30% and the final test results for 40%.

VI. Application Method

Please visit Shandong University Application System for International Students (<http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn>) to register an account and complete the application. Hard copies of application documents are not needed.

VII. Application Documents

Applicants are required to ensure the authenticity and accuracy of the provided application information and

materials. If the application information and materials are verified to be untrue, the applicant's application, admission, or enrollment qualification will be canceled.

1. Personal information page of the passport (regular personal passport valid beyond March 1, 2027)

2. High school diploma or above or pre-graduation certificate (the pre-graduation certificate must be stamped with the school seal, indicating the expected graduation date, and the graduation certificate must be obtained before the registration date of the corresponding year)

3. Transcript of all courses in high school or above (stamped with the school seal)

4. Letter of motivation in Chinese or English

Applicants should follow the template provided by our university (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>-"Download").

5. Foreigner Physical Examination Form

Applicants should undergo the examination strictly according to the required items stated in the *Foreigner Physical Examination Form* (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>- "Download").

Forms will be deemed invalid if they are incomplete, lack attached photos, do not have a cross-page seal on the photo, lack a signature of the attending physician, or are without an official

hospital stamp. Please ensure the physical examination remains valid during the application as the result is valid for only 6 months.

6. Certificate of No Criminal Record

Applicants must submit the Certificate of No Criminal Record issued by local public security management department. It should be valid within 6 months prior to the application date.

7. Financial guarantee materials, including:

(1) Passport or identification documents of the financial guarantor (limited to the applicant or immediate family member);

(2) Proof of financial support, with deposits of no less than 30,000 RMB or an equivalent amount in foreign currency.

8. If you are studying at another university in Chinese mainland, please submit a recommendation letter issued by the International Students Office or the school of your host university with their contact information.

9. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit the following documents:

(1) Guardian statement (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm>-

"Download"). The guardian must be an adult living in Shandong Province, China;

(2) A notarized paper to prove that the applicant's parents have entrusted guardianship to the guardian;

(3) The guardian's ID or passport.

10. Additional supplementary documents required by Shandong University

Note: All application documents must be in Chinese or English.

If the documents are in other languages, the original document and a certified translation in English or Chinese must be uploaded together.

Please use a scanner to scan the relevant documents in color, as documents taken with mobile phones or cameras, as well as photocopies, will not be accepted. Except for the Foreigner Physical Examination Form and personal signatures, handwritten documents will not be accepted.

VIII. Examination and Admission

Shandong University will select the best applicants for admission. Video interviews can be a part of the application process for some cases. Admission results can be checked through the SDU Online Application System for International Students. The application results for the fall intake will be announced by July 30, 2026, and the application results for the spring intake will be announced by January 30, 2027. Shandong University will issue an electronic admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or Short-term International Student's Information Form (DQ) to the admitted students.

IX. Registration

Admitted students must strictly follow the time specified in the admission letter to register at Shandong University. During registration, the original graduation certificate, Foreigner Physical Examination Form and other required documents will be verified. Those failing to submit the corresponding certificates will be disqualified from enrollment.

X. Fees

1. Application fee: 400 RMB/person (Please pay the application fee after receiving the pre-admission email. Once the application fee is paid, it will be non-refundable.)

2. Tuition fee: 9,000 RMB/semester, 18,000 RMB/year

3. Medical insurance fee: 400 RMB/person/semester, 800 RMB/person/year

Failure to purchase the required medical insurance for international students studying in China will result in the inability to complete the registration procedures at the university.

4. Accommodation fee: Varied based on the room type, typically ranging from 23 to 45 RMB/person/day.

XI. Scholarship

Outstanding international students may apply for International Chinese Language Teachers Scholarship or Jinan Sister City Scholarship.

XII. Visa

Admitted students must take the electronic version of the admission letter and the Confirmation Form for Study in China

(JW202) or Short-term International Student's Information Form (DQ) to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate abroad to apply for a study visa. International students studying in China for up to 6 months should apply for an X2 visa. Those studying for more than 6 months should apply for an X1 visa and apply for a residence permit within 30 days after arriving in China.

XIII. Contact

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