When a friend comes from afar, is that not delightful?

— Confucius (551–479 BC)
Ready to goal
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1. Welcome

Dear exchange student,

Ni Hao, welcome to Beihang!

For the upcoming semester, you will be studying at one of the top research universities in China. Beihang University (BUAA), previously known as Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, is the country’s first university focused on aeronautical and astronautical engineering and research.

The university is currently a member of Project 211, Project 985 and Project 2011, which aim to develop world class universities in the country. Today, Beihang has grown into a leading research university covering a wide range of disciplines, including sciences, engineering, economics, management, humanities and law.

Beijing, whose history dates back three millennia, is the political, cultural, and educational center of China. Through living and studying here, you will enjoy a unique opportunity not only to enrich your academic life but also gain first-hand experience of Chinese culture and its modern dynamics.

Study abroad is an exciting journey of discovery. This guide is meant to make your journey well-begun by offering useful info and tips. When you encounter difficulties, we and your “buddy” are ready to help!

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Beihang at a Glance

- Founded in 1952
- Main Campus: 120 hectares, Haidian District
- Shahe Campus: 100 hectares, Changping district
- 28 schools, 189 academic programs
- 2033 faculty members, 29951 students (2000 international students)
2. Before Departure

2.1 Visa

There are two visa categories for exchange students: **X1 visa** issued to those intending to study in China for more than 180 days, and **X2 Visa** to those intending to study in China for fewer than 180 days.

When applying for your visa, please remember to bring: your original passport, the Admission Notice, and Visa Application for Study in China (also known as the JW202 Form).

Please make sure that the original Admission Notice and JW202 Form are handed back to you after you obtain the Chinese visa. For X1 visa holders, these documents are essential for applying for a Residence Permit in Beijing.

The contacts of the Chinese Embassy/Consulate in your country can be found at the **website** of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2.2 Money

Make sure you have enough money available on arrival to pay the compulsory insurance premium (¥400 per half year), dormitory deposit (¥500) and four-month rent (¥2600). Basic living expenses are estimated at ¥1000/month, including food, transportation and mobile phone usage.

Important: If you do not have a **Union Pay Card**, you need to first convert foreign currencies into RMB and pay by cash on the day of registration.

2.3 Housing (bot applicable for Fall Semester 2016)

After receiving the admission notice from us, please fill in the Application Form for Foreign Student Dormitory and send it to dormitory@buaa.edu.cn. Because of high demands, only **double-occupancy rooms** are available.

It might be quite late when you receive housing confirmation from us. Please be assured that room resources are quite reliable for exchange students from our partner universities. We will notify you should your
2.4 Climate & Electricity

Spring and autumn are the most pleasant seasons in Beijing, when the weather is cool and comfortable. In winter, it is dry, cold (-10°C) and snowy. The summer is hot and dry, with temperatures hovering above 30°C.

Appliances from regions such as Europe and America will need an electrical adapter. As it is not always easy to buy a plug adaptor upon arrival, we would highly suggest you prepare one before departure.

Four Seasons @ Beihang
3. After Arrival

3.1 Getting to Beihang

By airport express railway and subway

The airport express railway is a fast, convenient way to travel with. You can buy an airport express railway ticket/pass using cash or credit/debit cards (Fare: 25 RMB yuan per person) at the airport express railway.

Get off at the “Sanyuanqiao” Station to transit to Subway Line 10 (Fare: ¥4 per person) and finally get off at “Xitucheng” Station. Take Exit A, walk straight northward for 300 meters, and you will arrive at the east gate of Beihang.

By taxi

Beijing Capital International Airport is located in the city’s northeast suburbs – 30 km away from Beihang. It takes by taxi about 50 minutes under normal traffic conditions to travel from the airport to the University. The fare could be around ¥100.

Airport pick-up

We strongly advise you to arrive in Beijing from September 4 to 6, when we will arrange “buddies” to pick you up at the Capital International Airport. We will arrange Beihang “buddies” to pick you up at the Beijing Capital International Airport. You will be contacted further as regards the buddy program and airport pickup.

3.2 Registration

Registration date: September 6, 2016
Venue: 1st Floor, No.1 Foreign Students Dormitory (see P16)

You will need to pay the insurance premium, dormitory deposit and rent by cash or Union Pay card and prepare the following documents:

- Admission Notice (original copy)
- JW202 Form (original copy preferred)
- Passport and visa
- Four passport-size photos
Week 1 will be comprised of registration and a series of orientation lectures. In Week 2, your student card and account will be available. With it you can access the library and eat in dining halls on campus.

### 3.3 Dormitory (not applicable for Fall Semester 2016)

Exchange students will be living in the International Students Dormitory (Building 10) inside Da Yun Cun (also known as the Universiade Village). It is about a 15-minute walk from the International School. Due to a shortage of rooms, exchange students will live in a double-occupancy bedroom with bathroom. The monthly rent is approx. ¥650 per person.

As a kind reminder, the earliest date when you can check in is **February 25, 2016**. If you arrive at Beihang earlier, you will need to seek accommodation off campus for temporary stay.

### 3.4 Internet Access

Each bedroom is equipped with ADSL internet access and complimentary BUAA-WiFi. ADSL data plans can be purchased in Room 117, Building 6, Da Yun Cun. BUAA-WiFi is also available in the university library and most classrooms. To use it, you need to have a student account.

### 3.5 Mobile Phone Usage

Mobile providers include: China Mobile, China Unicom, and China Telecom. The best place to start looking would be providers’ booths outside your dormitory in the first week after arrival.

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*Welcome Reception for Exchange Students*
4. Campus Guide

4.1 Campuses
The Main Campus is located at 37 Xueyuan Rd., Haidian District in western Beijing, hence also known as “Xueyuanlu” Campus. As Xueyuanlu literally means college road in Chinese, this road links Beihang with other seven renowned universities, including China Agricultural University, University of Science & Technology Beijing, and China University of Mining & Technology.

Shahe Campus is Beihang’s new campus which started to operate in 2010. It is located in the northwest district of Changping, 26 km away from the Main Campus. Now only first- and second-year undergraduate students stay here.

4.2 Study Spaces

University Library
The University Library houses a large collection of books, periodicals, and databases. It has 1800 study seats spread across five floors. The library opens from 7:00 to 22:30 every day except public holidays. Foreign-language publications are available on the Fifth Floor 8:00 to 11:40 and 14:00 to 17:30 (Monday through Friday).

New Main Building
The New Main Building near Southeast Gate is the biggest interconnected teaching complex in Asia, which includes labs, classrooms, meeting rooms, auditoriums and administrative offices. Classrooms on the first and second floors are open to the public when there is no class inside.

International School
The School is situated northeast to the Library. On the second floor are administrative offices. Classrooms are located upstairs, where international degree-seeking and exchange students attend some of their classes.
4.3 Cultural Facilities

Sunrise Concert Hall
Built in 2010, the hall has an area of over 5000 m$^2$ and a total of 878 seats for the audience. Diverse concerts and theatre performances are regularly held here. Beihang students can buy tickets at a discounted price when paying by Student Card.

Aviation & Space Museum
Based on Beihang’s hangar, the museum was founded in 1985 as China’s first aerospace museum. It has an area of 8300 m$^2$ and contains four major sections - Sky Dream, Soaring Eagle, Sky Corridor and Space Journey, displaying over 300 exhibits which represent an inspiring history of aviation and space exploration. Famous exhibits include the Black Widow, Beijing-1, Harrier Jump Jet, and spacesuit. Opening hours: 9:00-16:30 (Monday through Saturday). Beihang students can get free tickets by presenting the Student Card.

Beihang Art Gallery
The gallery is the first non-profit art museum run by universities in Chinese mainland. It has an exhibition area of 400 m$^2$ and an exhibition wall of about 100 meters long. Art works such as calligraphy and painting are displayed here. Opening hours: 9:30-17:30 every day.

4.4 Places to Eat

Cafeterias on Campus
- **Heyi Building**: north to the Foreign Students Dormitory, including No.1 Student Dining Hall, No.4 Student Dining Hall and Muslim Dining Hall. The No.4 Student Dining Hall is recommendable for those who want to take a bite of distinct regional cuisines of China (Opening hours: 10:30-14:00, 16:30-20:00).
• **No. 2 Student Dining Hall**: north to the athletic field, usually crowded due to its proximity to both student dormitories and teaching buildings (Opening hours: 6:30-9:00, 10:30-13:30, 16:30-20:00). On the 3rd floor of the same building is a big restaurant which sells exquisite food.

• **No. 3 Student Dining Hall**: north to Green Garden, west to Dormitory 15, newly renovated and recommendable for its quiet environment.

• **No. 6 Student Dining Hall**: north to Green Garden, west to Dormitory 17, opens till 23:00.

**Eateries around Campus**

• **South Gate**
  
  Hotpot: Happy Hot Pot (高兴火锅), Kou Fu Ju (口福居)
  
  Barbecue: Mu Sheng Huo (木生火)
  
  Ordinary Chinese meals: Yong He Da Wang (永和大王)
  
  Porridge: Jia He Yi Pin (嘉和一品)
  
  Bakery: Wedome (味多美), 85°C Bakery
  
  Sichuan cuisine: Fei Teng Yu Xiang (沸腾鱼乡)
  
  Café: Water Stone café (水穿石), Just Kids

• **Southeast Gate**
  
  Hot pot: Xiabu Xiabu (呷哺呷哺)
  
  Pizza: Big Pizza (比格披萨)

  These are just a few examples. To find more restaurants around you, you may use [Trip Advisor](https://www.tripadvisor.com). To translate Chinese food menus, try [Waygo](https://www.waygo.com).

**4.5 Athletic Facilities**

Beihang has a standard athletic track, a football field with natural grass, 8 tennis courts and 12 basketball fields. It also has a gymnasium for badminton, table tennis and bodybuilding.

The entry fee of the swimming pool is ¥8 by Student Card. A 30 Visit Pass (valid 6 months) costs ¥180. Opening: 14:30-16:50, 18:00-20:50.
4.6 Medical Services

Hospitals

Having paid the compulsory insurance premium, you will get an Insurance Service Card for International Students in China. Before seeing a doctor, you need to call the Service Hotline (400-810-5119, 010-67185217) for advice on hospitals near you and reimbursement policies. The nearest English-friendly hospital to us is Peking University Third Hospital, which is situated east to Beihang across Xueyuan Road.

Pharmacy

Guo Da Pharmacy (国大药房) sells most kinds of medicine. It is two blocks away from the Universidad Village, about 10 minutes’ walk eastwards from your dormitory. Address: 17 Zhichun Road, Haidian District.

4.7 Shopping

- Da Yun Convenient Store: on the first floor of Building 8, Da Yun Cun. This is the closest major grocery store to your residence.
- Walmart: an American chain supermarket southwest to Da Yun Cun. You can access it through Exit B of Zhichunlu station (Line 13).

4.8 Get around Beijing

It is pretty convenient to get around Beijing by subway. The Zhichunlu subway station (Exit F2) near International Students Dormitory is likely to be a “transport hub” that you will frequent. Here you can transfer to Line 10 and Line 13. The fare is ¥3 within 6km, ¥4 for 6-12km and ¥5 for 12-22km.

The flag-drop charge for taxi is ¥13 within 3km. ¥2.3 will be charged for every additional 1km after 3km. ¥3.45 will be charged for additional 1km after 15km.

The following websites can give you ideas on fun things to do in the city:
- Beijing International: http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/
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Emergency help on campus - 82317100
6. Appendix

6.1 Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester 2016

We recommend you to arrive in Beijing on the morning or early afternoon of Sep 6, 2016. The official registration point will be set up on that day, which makes it more convenient for you to go through procedures.

September 7-9: Orientation Week

You will meet colleagues at the International School. Activities include an opening ceremony, an orientation session, and a Chinese Language Proficiency Test (optional). In this week, you may change your selection of courses (if you have to) and apply to take the Chinese language lessons.

September 11– early January 2017: Courses and Exams

The International Division will organize a welcome party and an excursion to places of interest, such as the Great Wall, attended by exchange students.
6.2 Campus Map