

# **Sino-Europe Exchange Scholarship**

## **I. Welcome to NPU**

Located in the historic city of Xi'an and founded in 1938, Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) is affiliated with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. NPU, as a member of the "Excellent Nine (E9) Union of Universities" in China, has justifiably become an educational and research center for northwest China.

NPU is research-oriented, interdisciplinary, international, and outstanding in aeronautics, astronautics, and marine technology at home and abroad. While NPU students excel at science and technology, they are also distinguished in the fields of management, humanities, economics, and law.

NPU covers an area of 840 acres with 2 campuses and 16 academic schools. Offering undergraduate and graduate programs, NPU has a vibrant and diverse community which consists of about 3,700 dedicated faculty members and 26,000 highly motivated students, and 1,560 international students from 83 countries.

## **II. About Xi'an**

Xi'an is located in central-northwest China, and has been imprinted by the great changes of the country like a living history book. The terminus of the Ancient Silk Road, the starting point of "One Belt One Road", and a melting pot of cultures and religions, Xi'an is home to the world-famous Terracotta Army. With millenniums of Chinese history on display, Xi'an is very proud of its scenic sites including the splendid Bell Tower and Drum Tower, the characteristic architecture of Chinese Islam at its finest, the magnificent history museums, and two elegant Buddhist pagodas.

Xi'an is a city of about eight million people in the modern Chinese urban context. Known as a paradise for foodies, it is replete with high-rise construction, bustling shopping malls and diverse local cuisines.

Moreover, Xi'an is acknowledged as the largest, most important base of scientific research, a center of higher education, national defense and high-tech industries in China.

## **III. Program Summary**

In order to promote the mutual understanding, cooperation, and exchanges in the realms of economics, culture, education, and trade between China and European countries - the Chinese government has established a Chinese Government Scholarship Program to sponsor international students to study in Chinese universities. The China Scholarship Council (CSC), entrusted by the Ministry of Education, is responsible for the enrollment and administration of Chinese Government Scholarship Programs.

NPU is one of the designated universities that provide this scholarship. NPU offers free preparatory Chinese language and culture courses for students of different levels in small class sizes. It offers a wide variety of academic courses (taught in English) in Aeronautics, Astronautics, Marine Technology, Material Science, Engineering, Applied Economics, and Management for scholarship awardees at master and doctoral levels, which are open to the international students. A monthly stipend and free medical insurance are also included in the scholarship.

By living and studying in China, international students will witness the rapid modernization of China and experience Chinese culture firsthand.

(See more information on English-medium majors and schools provided in Appendix II, III and IV.)

#### **Duration and Standard**

| <b>Category</b>                  | <b>Tuition</b> | <b>Dormitory Housing</b> | <b>Monthly Allowance</b> | <b>Medical Insurance</b> | <b>Duration of Staying in China</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Temporary International Students | Free           | Free                     | 3,000 RMB<br>(appr.€384) | Free                     | 3Months<br>(minimum)                |

#### **IV. Admission Requirements**

1. The students' primary university or college should sign an agreement with NPU guaranteeing the credit transferal. The agreement should be approved by China Scholarship Council.
2. This scholarship is open to European students from European universities.
3. Students of both undergraduate and graduate levels could apply to the scholarship and earn credit during their study at NPU.
4. Students are not required to pursue their full degree at NPU.

#### **V. Application Documents**

Students who have interest in studying at NPU under this scholarship should submit their application to the International Studies Office of their own university. NPU will accept those students recommended by the International Studies Office of their own university. Application is open for the whole year.

(There are 2 sessions in NPU. The spring session begins at the end of February and the fall session begins at the end of August normally.)

#### **Appendix**

- **Appendix I: Chinese Language Courses**
- **Appendix II: NPU Major of English Medium (mail attachment)**

- **Appendix I: Chinese Language Courses**

##### **1. Introduction**

The NPU Chinese Language Courses are specifically designed for international students who are interested in Chinese Studies. The purpose of the program is to give students an opportunity to study conversational Chinese intensively in an environment where it can be put immediately into practice, as well as a chance to learn firsthand about Chinese culture and contemporary society by living and studying there.

##### **2. Language Courses**

The courses will be taught by dedicated Chinese language instructors from NPU. According to students' different levels, this program provides intensive beginner, intermediate and advanced level Chinese language courses.

| Level<br>Hours / Week<br>Course | Beginner | Intermediate | Advanced |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                                 |          |              |          |
| Comprehensive Chinese           | 10       | 10           | 10       |
| Oral & Listening                | 10       | 6            | 6        |
| Reading & Writing               | 4        | 4            | 4        |
| HSK Class                       | 6        | 6            | 6        |
| Specialized Chinese             | 0        | 4            | 4        |

### 3. Chinese Culture Class

The Culture classes consist of in-class introduction and discussion of Chinese culture and society. The participants have the opportunity to converse with the international students from different countries. The classes include practicing Taiji with a Kongfu master and learning to make Chinese crafts. In addition, it is a good opportunity to examine the impact of rapid urbanization in a dynamic city in China.

| Course           | Taiji     | Handicraft | Calligraphy | Traditional Painting |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Total hours/Week | 2-4 hours |            |             |                      |

### 4. Excursions

The program also organizes course-related excursions that complement what students have discussed and learned in the classroom, and contribute to their general knowledge of Chinese culture and society. The excursion destinations include:

- Terracotta Army.
- Shaanxi History Museum.
- Big Wild Goose Pagoda and its theme park.
- Rural village to experience what life used to be like in long bygone days.
- China's best preserved Bell & Drum Tower and City Wall.

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