

# Shanghai Pathways Program – Fall 2020

## Student/Parent FAQ's

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### **Is Shanghai safe?**

Shanghai is probably one of the safest cities in China and its crime rate is very low. However, petty theft may happen occasionally. Please watch out for your wallet when going out. When going to bars or clubs at night, please do not go alone.

### **What is the Covid-19 situation in Shanghai?**

Shanghai reported one new imported COVID-19 case and a zero increase in locally transmitted cases on June 28, 2020. As of June 28, 2020, Shanghai has 25 confirmed cases.

People work and live normally. Subways, restaurants and coffee shops all are open. If you walk into a public area, you have to wear a mask. Thus, it is recommended that you bring 200-300 masks to Shanghai or buy them when you are in Shanghai.

### **What is the cost of living like in Shanghai?**

Cost of living is high in Shanghai. Taxi starting price is 16RMB and subway starting price is three RMB. However, food in the campus restaurant is more affordable. You could get three dishes for your lunch or dinner for 10 to 15RMB.

### **What should I pack?**

We suggest students bring: medical supplies, personal items, personal hygiene items, laptop, camera, clothing, and masks

Please bring all necessary clothing and shoes. Bear in mind that you can get almost anything in Shanghai (there are also western brands, such as H&M, Zara, Forever21, Marks & Spenser, etc.). Shanghai has a humid subtropical climate: the temperature in the spring is around 50-65 F; summer is hot and humid, temperature can be in the 80s; temperature in the fall is around 60-70 F; winter is chilly, around 40F. Please pack your clothing accordingly.

Please do remember to take your ID, CIEE's contact information, and other important documents with you.

### **Are there meal plans provided?**

Meal plans are not provided through the CIEE Student Residence. There are a few cafeterias available on campus. You may choose to eat in the cafeteria, local cafes/restaurants, or cook for yourself.

### **Do we know the price of meals?**

There are many options out there; hence the prices can be vastly different. If you choose to eat in the cafeteria on campus, it would cost from 10RMB to 30RMB per meal. If you choose to get food at food carts or small restaurants, it could cost anything from 15RMB to 80RMB. If you go to a sit-down restaurant, depending on where you go and what you order, it may cost from 80RMB to 500RMB.

### **What are the ECNU campus cafeteria hours?**

There are three cafeterias on campus. Breakfast is provided from 6:30am to 8:30am, lunch from 11:00 am to 13:30 pm, and dinner from 17:00pm to 20:00pm.

### **When do housing assignments come out?**

Housing assignment information will be sent out to you two weeks prior to your arrival.

### **How will I get to campus? Are there pickup services available?**

Most students will arrive at the Hongqiao Airport or Hongqiao Railway Station. The plans for pickup have not been confirmed yet.

For students who arrive prior to the official arrival date, you will need to arrange transportation/housing on your own. You may take a cab to campus (cost: approximately 50RMB from the Hongqiao Airport or Hongqiao Railway Station; it takes half an hour to get to campus). Taxis will be waiting there for you. No reservation needed. Or, you may take the subway to campus (Jinshajinag Road station, line 3/4/13).

### **Where should I go for housing checking in and to meet CIEE staff after my arrival?**

Your housing information will be sent to you two weeks prior to your arrival. The detail housing address information will be found there. A reception desk will be at your housing lobby staffed by CIEE staff.

### **Where can I buy stuff such as bedding or groceries?**

Bedding is provided by your housing. You do not need to bring/buy your own. There are many major shopping malls nearby campus if you want to buy your own. But please do note that you have to bring your personal toiletries, including towels, toothbrush, and toothpaste.

### **Where can I find shopping malls, grocery stores and restaurants nearby campus?**

The East China Normal University is located in downtown Shanghai; there are many places for dining, shopping and entertainment nearby. Shopping malls and grocery stores: "Global Harbor," which claims to be the largest shopping mall in Asia, is just minutes away from campus. You may find clothing, groceries (both local and western), and almost everything there. "Longzhimeng" is only one stop away (subway line 4 at Zhongshan Park). It is another great place for shopping of all kinds.

### **If I arrive earlier than the official arrival date, will there be housing/pickup service for me?**

You will need to arrange your own transportation and housing if you arrive earlier than the official arrival date.

**Will internet/Wi-Fi be provided?**

Yes, free internet access will be provided at the CIEE Student Residence Hall, CIEE Study Center and at your host family. There are also desktops available in the CIEE library for student use. Please note: internet speed is significantly slower in China, compared to the U.S.

**Who should student contact with questions about academic accommodations, special housing requests?**

Students should reach out to their home school, who will reach out to CIEE to arrange for reasonable accommodations.

**How will students confirm their course registration and other academic information?**

This information will be delivered through the student's home school.

**Can students reach out to the domestic host university with requests for information or special requests?**

Host universities are unable to respond to student inquiries, and students should direct their questions to their home school.

**Can students or parents contact CIEE staff to learn about the program?**

Prior to program start date, all questions should be directed to the home university.

**What is the average course size?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.

**What courses can students take? Will they count towards X major?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.

**Who will be advising students on academics?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.

**When/ how can students register for courses? Can students change course selections later?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.

**Who will be teaching the courses?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.

**Will students have access to academic tutorials and help through the campus writing center?**

This information will be delivered through students' home school.