

Partner Profile Information Sheet KPU

Guangdong University of Foreign Studies



Established: 1965

Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong, China

Number of Campuses: 1) North Campus 2) South Campus 3) Dalang Campus

Number of Students: 33,584

Number of Faculty departments:

- 1)Literature
- 2)Economics
- 3)Management
- 4)Law
- 5)Engineering
- 6)Science
- 7)Education
- 8)Art Studies

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Institution Information

Exchange Website: http://www2.gdufs.edu.cn/dwhy/index_EN.aspx

Institution Website: <http://english.gdufs.edu.cn/>

Semester Dates:

Semester 1	September- end of January
	Orientation:September
Semester 2	Late February or early March-end of June
	Orientation:February

Class Information

Language of instruction: Mandarin and English

Class level and Credit system:

(You are expected to visit an academic advisor prior to your exchange to determine what courses you have left to complete your program. Academic Advisors cannot tell you how the courses from exchange will transfer but you can use the information about your degree requirements to guide your decisions. After being accepted for an exchange, you will work with the exchange coordinator to determine your course availability.)

Intensive Language Classes Available: Yes. Training programs of varied lengths are available to learners of Mandarin at different levels (introductory, elementary, intermediate and advanced). Length of term may vary from 4 weeks, 8 weeks, half year and one year. In addition, there are Cantonese courses offered to enhance the students' ability to communicate in Cantonese.

For Information on all Courses offered see website: Courses information will be available on the GDUFS Blackboard website: <http://vclass.gdufs.edu.cn/>.

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Timetable website for course information per semester: Timetable will be available upon registration.

Student Information

Information about health insurance: International student in China are required to purchase both medical insurance and personal accidental death and injury insurance. These can be purchased before or after arrival in China (i.e. students are able to buy the insurance when they register at the university).

Visa Information: Students are required to obtain an entry permit, X visa or F visa (for staying less than six months or more than six months, respectively), during their studies in China. A residence permit will also be required if students stay in China for more than six months. For information on visa application please check the website: <http://ca.china-embassy.org/eng/lsyw/gzrz/vusa/t1071070.htm>

Can students work while on exchange to Guangdong University of Foreign Studies?: According to government regulations in China, international students cannot work full-time during their studies. However, part-time work or internships are sometimes allowed.

Student Services / Activities available: GDUFS has many cultural and social clubs, which all students are welcome to join. For information on student activities please check: http://www2.gdufs.edu.cn/dwhy/ClassArticle_EN.aspx?ClassID=78.

Accommodation Information

Dormitory available? Yes. Dormitories are available on the north and south campus.

Single and / or double occupancy available: Both are available. For information on dorm locations please check the website:
http://www2.gdufs.edu.cn/dwhy/Content_flash_EN.aspx

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City Information

Guangzhou, known historically as Canton, is the capital and largest city of Guangdong province, People's Republic of China. Guangzhou is the third largest Chinese city and southern China's largest city. As of the 2010 census, the city had a population of 12.78 million. Located on the Pearl River, about 120km north-northwest of Hong Kong, Guangzhou is a key national transportation hub and trading port.

Banking: Usual banking hours are Monday to Sunday 9am-5pm. Major banks ICBC, BOC, CCB and ABC, have offices in Guangzhou. Most banks offer online banking to gain access to account statements, transactions and account balance. ATMs are widely available in the city.

Currency: The RenMinBi (RMB or CNY) is the official currency of China. The Yuan (¥) is the basic unit of RMB. Coins have values in ¥0.1, ¥0.5, and ¥1. Notes have values of ¥0.1, ¥0.5, ¥1, ¥5, ¥10, ¥20, ¥50 and ¥100.

Weather:

Winter	December—February	Cool to mild 18°C (64°F) 9°C (49°F)
Spring	March—May	Mild to warm 21°C (70°F) 15°C (59°F)
Summer	June—September	Warm to hot 33°C (91°F) 26°C (79°F)
Autumn	October—November	Mild 28°C (83°F) 11°C (52°F)

Time zone: China Standard Time (UTC+8)

Cultural Facts: Cantonese is the first language for half of the 14 million residents of the provincial capital Guangzhou, while the other half speaks mainly Mandarin. Cantonese cuisine is one of the eight culinary traditions of Chinese cuisine. Dim Sum is a staple of Cantonese dining culture. People live in Guangzhou often go to 'drink tea' (yum cha) and eat dim sum in the morning. Dim sum is a style of Cantonese food prepared as small bite-sized or individual portions of food traditionally served in small steamer baskets or plates.

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Tourist Information: <http://english.gz.gov.cn/>



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