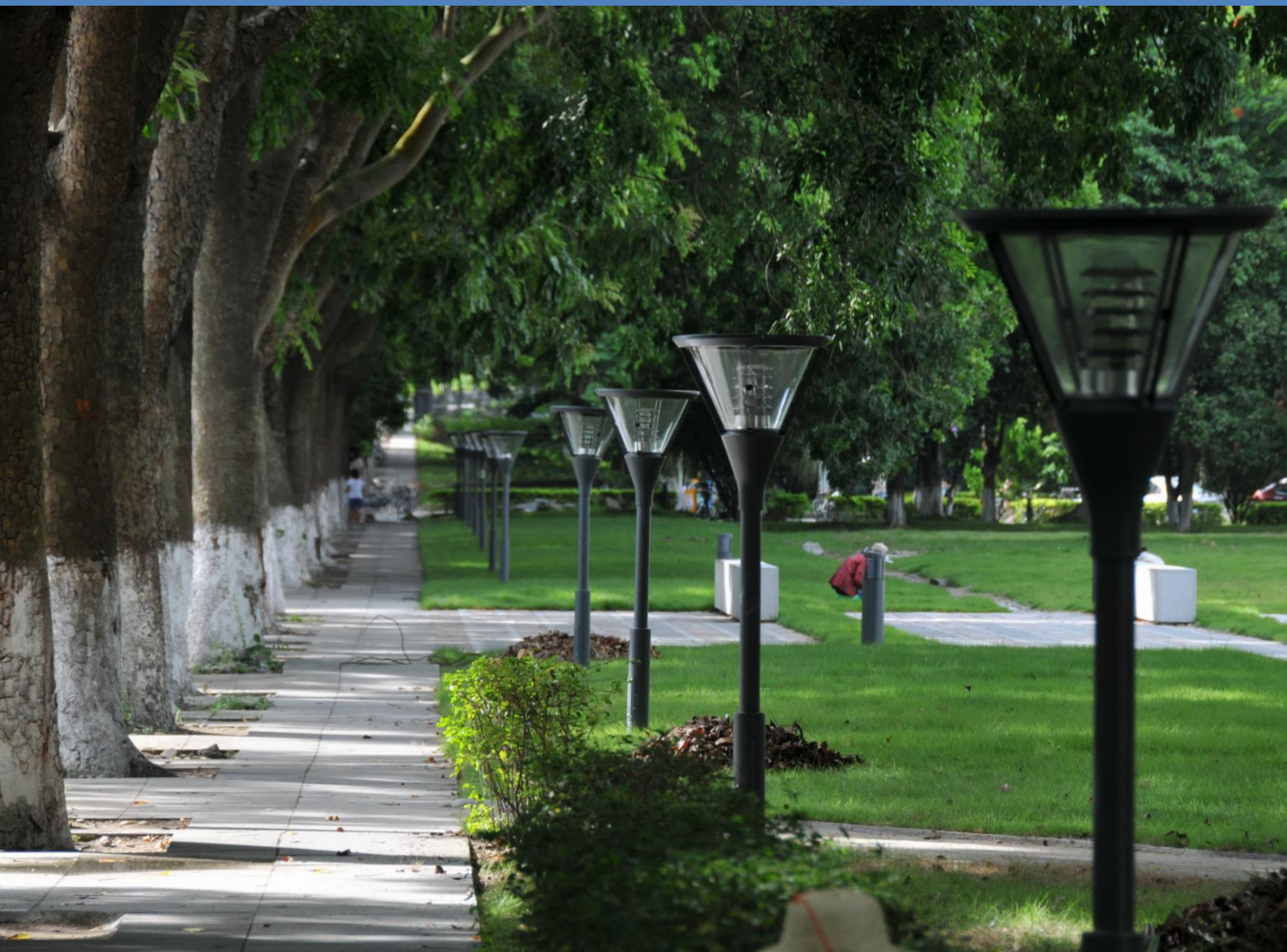


A Guide for International STUDENTS



汕頭大學

SHANTOU UNIVERSITY



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1.SHANTOU UNIVERSITY(STU)

STU Introduction

Shantou University (STU), founded in 1981, is a comprehensive university jointly supported by the Ministry of Education of China, the Guangdong Provincial Government and the Li Ka Shing Foundation and is the only public university in the world that receives long-term funding from the Li Ka Shing Foundation. The University has two major campuses, Sangpushan Campus is located in the northwestern part of Shantou, a seaside city, and East Coast Campus, as it's named, located on the east coast of the city, covering a total area of 2.26 square kilometers.

The University consists of 13 colleges and schools, namely, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Chemical Engineering, Medical College, Law School, Business School, Cheung Kong School of Art and Design, Cheung Kong School of Journalism and Communication, School of Public Health, School of Marxism and School of Continuing Education. Currently, STU has 17000 students.



(Sangpushan Campus)

Shantou University is committed to offering student-centered education with the educational idea of “Building up Oneself for the Pursuit of One’s Selflessness”. It is engaged in reforms related to university governance and talent development, and also planning to relocate the Medical College into the main campus and to develop a globally advanced curriculum focusing on life science. Since 2001, the University has conducted a profound internationalization-oriented reform, and overseas talents have been recruited to serve as provost, vice president and deans. Through a series of reforms in curriculum design, teaching, resources management and human resources system, it aims to offer a platform for the exploration of higher educational reform in China. Shantou University is striving to be a top-tier university that provides quality education, develops advanced governance system, shows distinctive feature of internationalization, endeavors to meet the major demands for economic development of the nation and Guangdong, and places high value on innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship.



(East Coast Campus)

Academic Programmes

Chinese Language Training Programme (Non-degree)

The Chinese Language Center (CLC) at Shantou University offers a non-degree Chinese language program and provides specially designed intensive training courses in Chinese language and culture for international students. The programme provides comprehensive courses ranging from language skills to Chinese cultural courses, tutoring and co-curricular activities immerse the students in the lively and effective learning environment. Most importantly, the center also organizes cultural trips for the learners to experience the unique cultural life of the region.

Courses for Exchange/Visiting Students

STU welcome exchange/visiting students from partner universities around the world who wish to spend one month, a full academic year or a single semester with us. Apart from Chinese language training courses, exchange/visiting students can select classes conducted in English from across the university's

range of degree programmes, including Global Studies, Arts, Business, Law, Design, Journalism and Communication, engineering etc. Classes conducted in Chinese are also open to students with a high level of Chinese language proficiency



2. STUDENT LIFE AT STU

How to Apply

Students can apply as exchange/visiting students through their home universities. The application form is available at <https://icd.stu.edu.cn/en/index.aspx> or can be requested by email to icd@stu.edu.cn. The following documents must also be submitted:

- a scanned copy of passport ID page
- a scanned copy of most recent transcript
- a passport size photo (soft copy)

Application deadline for full year or fall semester program is May 15, and for spring semester program, the deadline is November 15.

Visa

STU International Office will help exchange/visiting students apply for JW202 Form (Visa Form for Study in China). JW202 Form and Acceptance Letters will be posted to students' home institutions. Students must apply for a student visa (X1 visa for 1-year study, and X2 for 1-semester study) with the JW202 Form and Admission Letter at the Chinese Embassy/Consulate General. For 1-year students, STU International Office will help them get a resident permit after they arrive at STU. These students are required to have a physical examination in Shantou.

Travel to STU

Before you book flight, you have to know entry requirements related to COVID-19 (including Health Declaration Certificate & Quarantine requirements) at Chinese Embassy Website.

The nearest airport to STU is Jieyang Chaoshan International Airport (IATA code: SWA), which is 45 minutes from STU by car. The airport connects to over 30 cities at home and abroad, such as Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Bangkok and Singapore. You may also take a high speed train from other cities in China, such as Shenzhen and Xiamen, to Chaoshan or Shantou Station, which is about 50 minutes from STU by car. Pick up service will be arranged for exchange/visiting students by STU.

Academic Calendar 2022-2023

Fall Semester: Sept. 12, 2022 ~ Jan. 13, 2023

Spring Semester: Feb. 17, 2023 ~ Jun. 24, 2023

(Usually Fall Semester starts from mid-September to mid-January, Spring Semester starts from mid-February to mid-June.)

Accommodation & Meal Plan

Visiting/Exchange students will live in STU Overseas Students' Dormitory on campus. In the Foreign Student Dormitory Building, each apartment comprises three single bedrooms or two double bedrooms, a shared washroom equipped with an electric water heater, and a balcony with a washing machine. Each bedroom has a study area and internet access. The expenses of electricity and water are shared among the residents of each apartment and will be directly deducted from the residents' STU smart card each month. Students are not allowed to cook in dorms. There are several canteens on campus where the students may go for meals.

Health Insurance/Health Services on campus

Health Insurance is required for international students studying in China. We recommend the insurance policy available at <https://www.lxbx.net/home>. There's a clinic on campus which is open from Monday to Friday. A doctor will be on duty for emergencies on Saturday, Sunday and after hours.

Tuition Fees and Cost of Living

The costs are for reference only, non-refundable unless otherwise stated. Please contact your home university for conditions on tuition waiver.

- ◆ Accommodation: RMB600/month (for a single bedroom) or RMB300/month (for a double bedroom)
- ◆ Room Deposit (refundable): RMB800
- ◆ Food: around RMB1000/month
- ◆ Books and materials: RMB500-700/year
- ◆ Insurance: RMB800/year
- ◆ Residents Permit (less than one year): RMB 400
- ◆ Miscellaneous (water and electricity, clothes, recreation etc.): RMB300-800/month

STU International Office

STU International Office is established to coordinate, facilitate and maintain the academic collaboration and exchange with universities around the world. Exchange/Visiting students are warmly welcome to turn to International Office in case they need any help during their study at STU.

Contact us

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3. SHANTOU CITY

Location and Climate

Situated on the Chaoshan Plain in East Guangdong Province, Shantou is known as the "Communication Center of South China and Gateway of East Guangdong". The city covers an area of 2,198.7 square kilometers and has a population of 5.5521 million people. It is one of the key port cities in South China, a place of savvy businesspeople and hometown of millions of overseas Chinese.

The Tropic of Cancer passes through the north of Shantou city. With a marine climate of south subtropical zone, Shantou is warm and humid with sufficient sunshine and rainfall as well as a long frost-free period. Spring in Shantou is humid with long rainy days. Early summer features rising temperature and changing weathers with occasional rainstorms. In midsummer, the temperature is high, but the heat is not unbearable. This time is also the typhoon season in Shantou. Autumn is cool and dry in Shantou. Winter is free from severe coldness; however, chill weather may occur for short periods. The average annual temperature is 21°C to 22°C with the lowest temperature above 0°C and the highest temperature ranging from 36°C to 40°C, which are usually recorded in mid-July and early August.

History and People

Shantou, then known as Swatow, was originally opened to foreign trade in 1858 following the Second Opium War. By the 1930's it grew into China's third-largest trading port. Although a Special Economic Zone, it has not grown and taken on the modern character of other such cities. Locally people retain much of their original culture known as Chaoshan. The language spoken is an ancient dialect known as Chaoshan-hua and is unlike Cantonese or Mandarin. In fact, it has no official written form.

Shantou is one of the largest emigration ports in modern China and many Chinese people living today in Southeast Asia, the US and other countries have their origins in Shantou and the nearby region. In Southeast Asia, they are often referred to as Teochew or Chiu Chow people.



Food, Culture, etc.

The Chaoshou Cuisine is a popular local cooking style in Shantou. It has not only become a favorite among the people around the world for its delicious taste and refined appearance, but has also won praises for its light taste, sweetness and balance. The cuisine features seafood cooking and is particular in cutting skills. It stresses fragrance, substance, freshness and sweetness in flavor, resulting in a fresh and strong taste without oiliness. Seasonings such as fish sauce, barbecue sauce and ginger wine are widely used in the cuisine, and over 100 types of sweet dishes are meticulously made as accompaniment. Soups are the most characteristic dishes of the cuisine, which are delicately made with pure and simple flavors retaining the freshness of the raw materials.

Like most places in China which have got a rich cultural background, Chaoshan area also has its unique local opera, here called Chaoju. As one of the major local operas of China, Chaoju has a large classic repertoire passed down over 1000 years. For millions of overseas Chaoshanese, the soft melodies are the key to their memories of the hometown that they left behind as youngsters.





KUNG FU (gongfu) tea, the "espresso" of Chinese tea with a formidable kick, was first sipped back in the Song Dynasty (960-1279). It is still popular today and remains an important part of social etiquette in Shantou. When in Shantou, the first and last thing you will be asked to do is drinking Kung Fu tea if you visit someone's home. The complex preparation ritual makes Kung Fu tea more a way of socializing than thirst-quenching.

Shantou is a great place to seek out some quality leisure time - It's got everything, mountains, sea, and of course, a world-class golf course. Just 20-minute drive from downtown Shantou, the Citic golf club is a standard 18-hole course and is ranked within the top ten courses in the country.



Nan'ao Island sits on the border of Guangdong and Fujian Provinces, covers a total area of 109 square kilometers, and is a



huge eco-tourist zone with thousands of different plants and numerous migratory birds. The subtropical sunshine is really strong here. Qing'ao is the place to first see the sunrise on Nan'ao Island. The beach definitely is on the par with many world-famous beach resorts. It runs for about 2.4 kilometers of extremely fine sands. And for almost 150 meters into the ocean, the water only averages 1.2 meters deep, which is perfect for swimming.