

FAQ for VISA to China

1. How do I apply for a visa from the U.S. to China?

When you complete the application procedure to Zhejiang University, you will receive the following documents from Zhejiang University:

- (1) The enrollment letter
 - (2) JW202 Form
- JW202 Form Updates:

The JW202 Form is like an admission acceptance form and it has to be filled out by the University. Unlike the enrollment letter, the JW202 form has to be sent to the government office (to report who is coming and from where). It has to be approved by the government office then the original copy will be sent to the student.

Find the nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate and apply for a visa. You will need the following documents:

- (1) The documents from Zhejiang University (The enrollment letter & JW 202 form)
- (2) Visa application form (you can download it from the China Embassy)
- (3) Passport
- (4) One recent Passport size photo with white background glued or stapled on visa application form
- (5) Visa application fee of USD \$140

For assistance, please contact Maggie Brackenridge or Eoife Huo, China Center.

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2. What kind of visa should I apply for?

There are three types of visa available for Long Island University Students:

- (1) X: Student Visa
- (2) F: Business or Training Visa
- (3) L: Tourist Visa

It will be the most appropriate if students apply for 'X' student visa. However, some Chinese consulates hesitate to issue 'X' student visas for less than a 12 month study period.

If that is the case, it is OK to apply for 'F' business visa or 'L' tourist visa. No matter what kind of visa the students receive, they have to change it to 'Residence Permit' once they arrive in Hangzhou, China.

*It costs 400 RMB (about \$60) change any visa to 'Residence Permit' in China.

(Visa Tip)

If students get F or L visa for 120 days, they don't have to change it to 'Residence Permit' but it is rather hard for an individual applicant to get a visa for 120 days.

If there is a student who does not want to be bothered with a visa in China, it is recommended to get a 120 day visa through a visa agency in the U.S.!

3. Is Medical Check-up compulsory for visa?

No! You do NOT have to worry about the medical check-up if you are coming to Hangzhou, China for less than a year study period.

4. How long does it take to get a visa to China in the US?

In general, it takes 7-10 working days to get a visa to China.

5. Do I have to change my visa again in China?

- (1) It depends on how long you will stay in China and see when your visa expires.
- (2) If you want to stay in China longer than your visa allows you to, you should change it to 'Residence Permit'

6. How do I change my visa to 'Residence Permit'?

- (1) You should go see Mr. Zhuo (Zhejiang International Dorm, Room #3501) and he will give you all the required documents for the Residence Permit.
- (2) Bring the documents, passport, one passport size photo to the Division of Exit-Entry Administration of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau and the address is:
杭州市公安局出入境管理局
No. 35 Huaguang Road 华光路35号 Tel: 87280561, 87280539
- (3) It takes one week to get Residence permit and you pay the fee of 400 RMB when you pick up the visa.

7. Who can I talk to if I have any visa questions?

Mr. Zhuo (Zhejiang International Dorm, Room #3501) is in charge of all the visa problems at Zhejiang International College. He will be the best person to go and talk if you have any problem with a visa. However, he does not speak much English and if you prefer to talk to someone who can speak English, Please contact Ms. Zhou Yan (Room #3501, same as Mr. Zhuo).

She is in charge of LIU students at Zhejiang University!

Her contact information is:

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8. What do I put down for my reason to visit China?

In the past our students have almost always said they are going to study. The benefit of this is that^{9.28.11}

it is true and you are likely to get a longer term visa and not have to renew (which involves fees, etc.). They may get an F visa or if they say they will stay for more than 6 months they will get an X visa (if they have the proper acceptance notification from Zhejiang University).

As for the problems that might ensue on the US side of this process, they are new to us and without further information it is difficult to respond. Certainly students travel abroad to study with student visas all the time. One way is to apply for an F visa 120 days multi-entries. This will allow the students to leave and come back before 120 days are up and the timing starts over again. If they cannot get any other visa, then just apply for a tourist visa, but try to get the longest number of days (120 and 2 entries or multiple).

9. What is the cost for the following type of mail service:

a) Express Service: 2-3 working days: \$20 will be charged per visa.

b) Same Day Rush Service: Emergency, business only, with an additional fee of \$30. For one working day processing, applications shall be presented before 12:30 p.m. may be picked up between 2:30 p.m. –3:00 p.m. on the same day.

These fees are in addition to the regular visa fee.

Number of Entry	American	Citizens of other countries*
Single Entry	\$140	\$30
Double Entry	\$140	\$45
Multiple Entry for 6 Months	\$140	\$60
Multiple Entry for 12 Months	\$140	\$90
Multiple Entry for 24 Months	\$140	\$90

*Visa fees are \$150 for multi-entries. In addition, if the student uses a visa service, the service will have their own charges. They will have them clearly stated on their webpage and also will answer their phone and give instructions and advice.

10. What do I put for contact information?

Inviter, Contact or Your Relative in China:

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