

2010 HANDBOOK

For international Students



**LINGNAN (UNIVERSITY) COLLEGE
SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY
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WELCOME

Brief Introduction of SYSU

Sun Yat-sen University was founded in 1924 by Dr. Sun Yat-sen—a great leader of the 20th century, Sun Yat-sen University is a vibrant community of scholarship and learning characterized by its revolutionary spirit. The mission of SYSU is to advance knowledge and educate students in arts, science, technology, and other academic areas that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century.

Brief Introduction of Lingnan College

Lingnan (University) College is originated from Lingnan University, which was set up in 1888 by friendly Americans in Guangzhou.

Ever since its foundation, L (U) C has provided large amounts of talents on either a local or a national scale. L (U) C currently has nearly 4,000 students. We emphasize the cultivation of comprehensive qualities, and especially focus on the training of mathematics, English language and computer skills. We are also devoted to cultivating in students the idea of "Education for Service".

PREPARATIONS

Medical

When you prepare your trip to China, you will be asked to have a detailed physical examination in a hospital. Also you will need to have certain vaccinations.

Before you come to China, you'd better consult with your doctor about your physical condition.

Ask your doctor to make an exact list of:

- 1)The medicine/food/plant that you (may) be allergic to;
- 2)Previous medical treatment/medication for your usual illness;
- 3)The special medication that you need;
- 4)The severe disease you have got and any big operations you have received.

When you go to see a doctor in China, this list will certainly help you a lot. In case you get sick in China, there is no doubt that you can get very good medical treatment. But if you plan to bring some daily medications to China, it would be better if you bring your doctor's prescription with you. Make sure no trouble will occur when you pass the Customs House.

Money

Everyone understands that it is unwise to take lots of cash with you when you travel abroad. But what approach you should choose to send your money?

➤ **Telegraphic money order**

If you have a reliable relative/friend in Guangzhou, China, you can use telegraphic money order. You need to have your relative's/friend's detailed name, address and bank account. The commission charge is 0.1% or according to your local bank.

Advantage: Fast and safe.

Disadvantage: Need a relative/friend and there is a commission charge.

➤ **Remittance**

You can obtain a bank draft from your local bank and bring it with you to China.

You can cash the bank draft using your visa or other legal certificates. You don't need to have a bank account in China. The commission charge is 0.1% or according to your local bank.

Advantage: Fast and do not need a bank account or relative/friend in China.

Disadvantage: Need to show your certificates (you will not be able to cash it without your certificates) and there is a commission charge.

➤ **International credit card**

You can apply for an international credit card to your local bank. With the card, you can take cash from any bank that provides international services. If your family saves money in your

account, you can immediately take cash in China from the credit card related to that account. You can overdraft a little bit. Fortunately, there are several banks and ATM machines inside the campus, it's quite convenient to get cash from your credit cards.

The commission charge is comparatively very low.

Advantage: Fast, safe and comparatively low commission charges.

Disadvantage: Not all banks in China can deal with the international credit card and in very seldom situation can you directly pay the bill by credit card.

➤ **Traveler's check**

You can prepare some traveler's checks in your local bank and bring them with you. The traveler's check has the fixed par value and can be used as the bank draft and even cash. So we call it SIGHT in terms. It seems to be the most convenient way to cash your money.

But the commission charge is higher, around 0.8% to 1%.

Advantage: Fast, safe and easy to cash.

Disadvantage: High commission charge and if you lose your traveler's check, you lose your money.

From the above, we may say the bank draft, international credit card and traveler's check are the ideal ways. You can choose whichever one that is most suitable to you.

Money system in China

The money used in China is called "Ren Min Bi" or RMB. The exchange rate is approximately 1 US dollar = 6.9 RMB. You can exchange 500-2000 RMB in your local bank and bring it with you. Other money can be delivered by the methods mentioned.

Here are the samples of Chinese currency.

100 RMB NOTE



50 RMB NOTE



20 RMB NOTE



10 RMB NOTE



1 RMB NOTE



1 RMB COIN



Contacts

When you come to China, the first thing you should do is to contact the people who will meet you or help you.

Before your departure, write down all the necessary numbers on your handy note book or save them in the cellular phone's SIM card.

If the cellular phone system in your home country is the same as that in China (The US or Canadian system is different from the system in China), you may buy a SIM card in China and the telephone fees will be counted as domestic communications fees. It is very expensive to use a foreign SIM card.



You MUST have a photocopy of your contact list such as a copy of the name list saved in your mobile phone. In case you lose your cell phone, that copy of the contact list would help you.

If any emergency occurs, you may need to contact the Embassy or our School.

The number of International Program Office in Lingnan College is +86-020-84111818, and the fax is + 86-020-84036547. Here is the website you can find all the contact numbers of Embassies and Consulates in Guangzhou.

ARRIVAL

Transportation to School

➤ Arrive in Guangzhou

If you take a flight directly to the Baiyun Airport in Guangzhou, you can:

1. Take a taxi to Sun Yat-sen University (around 150 RMB)
2. Take the Airport Express Bus (30 RMB) and continue with a taxi (30 RMB).

Take the Airport Express Bus to the Global Communication Center(全球通大厦) or the Rosedale Hotel(珀丽酒店) ,get off and take a taxi to Sun Yat-sen University : Sun Yat-sen University, No.135, Xingangxi Road, Guangzhou.

Chinese : 广州市新港西路 135 号, 中山大学

Tips:

It is a good idea to print out the Chinese address of the university and show it to the drivers.



Rosedale Hotel



Global Communication Center

➤ Arrive in Hong Kong

If you take a flight to Hong Kong, you can:

1. Take the HK-Guangzhou Express

- a. Take a taxi from HK Airport to Honghan(红磡) Train Station (around 350 HKD!).
- b. Get on the HK-Guangzhou Express and you will arrive at the Eastern Train Station of Guangzhou. (190-230 HKD)
- c. Follow the instruction there and you will find the metro entry. Take the metro (5 RMB) and get off at the Zhongda(中山大学) Station.
- d. Going out of the metro station, you are very near the South Gate of our university. But as far as luggage concerned, we still recommend you to take a taxi (7-10 RMB).

2. Take a bus to Guangzhou (230-250 HKD).

- a. You will arrive at the Guangzhou Garden Hotel.
- b. Take a taxi to our University (35 RMB).

So generally speaking, if you arrive in Hong Kong, it will cost you a lot to go to our university. Taking a bus at the HK Airport and then a taxi seems to be a better way. If you arrive in Guangzhou, then take the Express Bus and a taxi.

Tips (after you arrive at the airport):

➤ Where to exchange our money for RMB?

After you step out of the exit, there emerges an ATM right on your right hand. Usually, exchanging service is applicable for six kinds of cards on this ATM, such VISA, MasterCard and so on.

➤ How to get to SYSU?

There are two kinds of choices, air express and taxi (recommended). Ask your buddy to send you a picture of SYSU's Chinese address. You can print it out and show it to the driver. Or your buddy may pick you up at the airport.

➤ Where do I live before I have rent an apartment?

Ask your buddy to help you book a room in the hotel on campus and keep it until you rent an apartment.

➤ How about the condition and the price of the house around SYSU? International students have nearly common choices about renting apartments. Blue Garden is a good one, located right in front of Little North Gate and priced at 2000 yuan per person every

month. Zhu Guanggaopai is another good choice, next to Blue Garden and priced about 200 yuan higher than the former one. Both have favorable conditions.

➤ What cards are useful on campus or in Guangzhou?

The most important card is the student ID card. It can be used to pay for dining in canteen and for taking buses and metros in Guangzhou and also as a permission for entering into the library.

Guangzhou Telephone Service

NAME	TELEPHONE
Police	110
Fire	119
Hospital Emergency	120
Weather	121
Traffic	122
Price Complaint	83126434
Travel Service	86687042
Traffic Rescue 1	81815166
Traffic Rescue 2	87765280

The area code of Guangzhou is (86)020.

Climate in Guangzhou

➤ **Climate Feature**

Subtropical Humid Monsoon Climate

Hot and Rainy

➤ **Yearly Climate Information (2007)**

Average data	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average high(° C)	27.2	28.6	32.1	32.4	36.2	36.6	38.1	38.0	37.2	34.8	32.5	29.4

Average high(° F)	80.96	83.48	89.78	90.32	97.16	97.88	100.6	100.4	98.96	94.64	90.5	84.92
Average low (° C)	0.6	1.5	3.2	8.3	14.6	18.8	21.6	20.9	15.8	9.5	4.9	0.0
Average low (° F)	33.08	34.7	37.76	46.94	58.28	65.84	70.88	69.62	60.44	49.1	40.82	32
Average temperature(° C)	13.6	14.5	17.9	22.1	25.5	27.6	28.6	28.4	27.1	24.2	19.6	15.3
Average temperature (° F)	56.48	58.1	64.22	71.78	77.9	81.68	83.48	83.12	80.78	75.56	67.28	59.54
Rainfall (mm)	40.9	69.4	84.7	201.2	283.7	276.2	232.5	227.0	166.2	87.3	35.4	31.6
Humidity (%)	72	77	82	84	84	84	82	82	78	71	66	66

Price Level

Item	Quantity(specs)	Price (RMB)
Coca Cola	1 bottle (600ml)	2.5-3
Hamburger	1	10-20
Pure Water	1 bottle (400ml)	1.5-2.5
Coffee	1 tin (340ml)	3-4
Bread	1 bag (Sandwich,350g)	5-6
Milk	1 bottle (250ml)	2.5-3.5
Apple	1 kilo	5-8
Meal	1	15-50
Casual Wear	1 piece	100-200
Sports Shoes	1 pair	200-500
Haircut	-	30-80
Newspaper	1 piece	1-5
Magazine	1 copy	3-50
Hotel	1 room for 1 day	168-500

Accommodation

➤ Hotel in campus

The Training Center

ADDRESS: Located 100 meters inside the East Gate

PRICE: 160-200RMB for a single room and breakfast included



CONTACT:

Tel:020-83811662

Fax:020-83744229

E-mail: cs@txyo.com

The Zijing Hotel

ADDRESS: Located 100 meters from the main gate, and comprises the Foreign Experts' Building, the new and old International Students' Buildings and a restaurant

PIECE: There are luxurious, standard and cheap rooms available for Rent

CONTACT:

Office of the House-keeping Department:
84111889

Operator at the new Students' Building:
84110488

Operator at the old Students' Building:
84111898 E-mail:exzjy04@zsu.edu.cn



The Guest House

ADDRESS: Located 100 meters from the west gate

PRICE: A total of 200 beds in standard rooms

CONTACT:

Office: 84112993, 84113995

The reception desk: 84112992, 84112978

Fax: 84037005

E-mail: exxizao@zsu.edu.cn



Blue Garden (蓝色康园)

After your arrival, you will have to rent an apartment outside the campus, and Blue Garden is one of choices. You can rent an apartment in Blue Garden, which is located outside the north gate. The average price ranges from 2000 RMB ~ 3500 RMB per month.



CAMPUS

The Guangzhou South Campus is located in Haizhu District, Guangzhou, with a total area of 1.17 square kilometers.

The moment you step in our beautiful campus, you will find that you are surrounded by the sea of green. Our campus features itself by green coverage and various colorful flowers. You will get to love our campus after a taste of walking in the shades of big trees or reading in the morning on the soft grass.



School Canteen

It's worth visiting the school canteens and having a taste of traditional Chinese food. You will not deny the food provided. Our school canteens provide all kinds of Chinese and western food, including Sichuan spicy food, muslim food, Canton food, etc.



No.1 student canteen is for teachers and students who live in west area of the campus. It is famous for its steamed bread more than 10 years.

No.5 student canteen is for students who live in east area of the campus. Most of the undergraduate like to have dinner there because of the convenience.

The Sunshine Canteen is also the "new Graduate Students' Canteen", which is located on the ground floor of the new graduate students' dormitory.

The Moslem Restaurant is a restaurant which provides food service for the Moslems.

Tips:

It only costs you no more than RMB15 in Student canteen which is much cheaper than in McDonald. You can pay for your meal by campus card.

Café

If you want some coffee to fresh yourself, Wing Kwong Hall and South Lawn are recommended, they both serve various kinds of coffee and western food. Foods there are expensive that could not be afforded by some of the students in campus, such as a glass of orange juice at RMB¥30 and a dish of beefsteak at RMB¥60.



Sports Facilities

There are plenty of good sports facilities here, including swimming pools, gymnasium, football field, tennis field and so on. Some of these facilities may charge fees, but surely at a very low price.



YINGDONG gymnasium



YINGDONG playground



Basketball pitches



Basketball pitches



Swimming pool

Study Facilities

➤ Library

S.T. Wu Library is also known as Lingnan Library. It is donated by Dr. S. T. Wu. It houses an extensive collection books and journals in aspects of management and business, economics, statistics, etc. Besides, the Library also offers students several related services, such as photocopying, self-study access and electronic resources.



S.T. Wu Library

Tips:

If you don't have a computer, you are free to use those in the school library or college library to surf the internet.

➤ **MBA Building**

MBA Building is also known as Ip Po Ting Hall, which is donated by Ip Po Ting, one of the schoolmates in Lingnan. Most of the MBA classes, seminars and lectures are conducted there. On the 1st floor, there are three classrooms, all furnished with VCRs. On the second floor, there are two user-friendly classrooms used for some interactive classes or seminars. Discussion area and relaxing area (with internet sockets) are also on the second floor.

➤ **Lingnan Hall**

It is designed for meetings of the Lingnan Board of Trustees and open lectures. Some lectures and courses may be conducted on the third floor.



➤ **Information and Education Technology Center**

It is located in the Lam Woo Hall, providing networking, computer service and technology support to faculties and students in Lingnan, such as the website of Lingnan, email system, FTP service, news publication system, registrar management system, online education (testing version), IP address switching and etc.



➤ J.T.WU Administration Hall

J.T.WU Administration Hall is donated by Mr. James T.WU and Mdm. Eugenia Lee Wu. In June, 1998. It consists of administration office, faculty office, seminar rooms, International Programs Office, etc.



Other facilities in campus

➤ BANK

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China

Location: On the first floor of the YiFu Art Center, including two branches.

Service Time: Weekdays 9 : 00 – 5 : 30,
Weekends 10 : 00 – 16 : 30



Agricultural Bank of China

Location: On the first floor of the YiFu Art Center located left outside

Service Time: Weekdays 9 : 00 – 5 : 30, Weekends 10 : 00 – 16 : 30

Bank of China

Location: Next to the supermarket, West Area

Service Time: Weekdays 9 : 00 – 5 : 30, Weekends 10 : 00 – 16 : 30

Self banking service

You will enjoy your self banking service for saving and payment in the self-service branch with your global visa card or master card applied in your countries.

Location: Near the bookstore, East Area

Service Time: 24 hours/day



Tips:

Remember to take the receipt when using ATMs!

➤ Hospital

The hospital in campus is near the hall which is in the middle of the campus. You can receive medical care service there. Sun Yat-sen University is famous for its medicine college and its affiliated hospitals in Guangzhou.



Tips:

You need to pay full price for the medical fees in cash or student card, as foreign international students in the university.

If you had bought medical insurance in your country, it's better for you to confirm whether the medical fees can be compensated or not.

➤ Other hospitals in Guangzhou

The Second Affiliated Hospital of Zhongshan University

(中山大学附属第二医院)

Address: NO.107, Yan Jiang Xi Road, Guangzhou

(广州市沿江西路107号)

Tel: 020-81332199

The Second Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College

(广州医学院第二附属医院)

Address: NO.250, Chang Gang Dong Road, Haizhu District, Guangzhou

(广州市海珠区昌岗东路250号)

Tel: 86-020-34152282

It takes about 20 minutes to go there by taxi, they are both famous hospital in Guangzhou.

➤ Shopping in campus

Supermarkets

There are two supermarkets in the campus. One is in east area serving for students; the other is in teacher's living area, west of the campus. You can find most of the necessities that you need in the supermarkets, including food, drinks, batteries, cups, towel and so on.

Service Time: Am 7:00-Pm 11:30/day



Stores

Small stores can be seen in the living area of the campus. Soft drinks, fast food, ice-cream, telephone cards and cigarettes are bought easily there.

Service Time: Am 7:00-Pm 11:30/day



Bookstore

Bookstore of Sun Yat-sen University is in east area. Most of the learning materials and stationeries can be found. Some famous or hot-sell English editions, such as some books about economics and management are sold too.

Service Time: Am 8:30-Pm 10:00/day

You can also find copying and printing houses easily in the campus, so that you can print and copy your materials conveniently.

Campus Card

Campus card system integrated with management, service, and finance function

is used as an information management system in Sun Yat-sen University whose goal is digital campus.

Campus card can be used by students, teachers and staff as personal identifications: student card, employee's card, library card and medical card in campus, as well as a payment tool for dining, shopping inside campus, computing surfing on the Internet, medical care, etc. Meanwhile, it can be used on the ATMs, POS as consumption and payment.

➤ **Campus card service**

Department: Service department of campus card management office

Location: On the first floor of the YiFu Art Center located on the right side inside

Service ranges: information collection, application, cancel, inquiry, consultation,

Service Time: Am 9:30-16:30, Monday to Friday.

Tel. +86-020-84110454

Supplement: campus card could be supplemented by cash or by transfer from your bank account. On the 1st floor of every dormitory, the digital supplemented machine could be found. And in every student canteen, your campus card can be supplemented by cash.

LIVING IN GUANGZHOU

City transport

➤ **Bus**

Price: RMB ¥1-5 (depending on the length of the journey)

Service Time: 6:30 am-21:30 pm (depending on different lines)

Tips:

Take care of your belongings when the bus is crowded

Traffic jam usually occurs 8 am -9am /5pm-6:30pm

➤ **Taxi**

Price: Starting from RMB 7 for 2.3 KM and up, RMB 2.6. per KM. Meters will

automatically add additional 50% after running 35 KM for returning empty.
Time: 24 hours

Tips:

Remember to ask the driver to read the meter and ask for a voice when you leave

➤ **Metro**

Service Time: Average 6:20-22:30 (depending on different stations) There are currently 4 lines of subway serving in Guangzhou. Lujiang and Zhongda stations are the stations near the campus.

YANGCHENG TONG is an IC card for taking bus, subway and parking instead of preparing loose change.

You could buy the card at the service counters in the subway station or at post offices. It costs you RMB 100 for a new card, including RMB 30 for mortgage. This RMB 30 could not be used but returned after you send back the card.

Tips:

Luckily, our campus card has the function of Yangcheng Tong. You can charge money into your campus card in the subway station and use it like an IC card.



Eating in Guangzhou

(Recommended restaurants near campus)

➤ **Xiadu Street**

Xiadu Street is beside the north gate of the campus and at the end of east area of campus. The street is popular of its delicious and cheap delicacy along the street. Frankly, the street is not very clean and tidy, but very lively and full of students in the dining time. Maybe it can offer you a special and natural taste different from the luxury restaurant.

Strongly recommended:

1. Shengsheng confectionary and sweetmeats



2. 37° 2 Café

(A lot of special western music and movies, famous for its Cheese Cakes, average: 38RMB per person)



➤ **Binjiang Road**

Binjiang road is at the left hand of the north gate of the campus. In contrast to the Xiadu Street, it is very wide and tidy. But the restaurants there are more expensive than those in Xiadu. The target customers of them are the white collars living there.

Strongly recommended:

1. Yadazi Malayan Restaurant
(The fresh fruit-mix and the curry fried rice are in popular)
2. Jimmy Café (Recommend: Coffee and Fruit Salad. Average:63RMB per person)

3. Guilin rice noodles
(RMB¥5-7 for one bowl, with acid and peppery taste)
4. Mian Shang Mian Wonton (Recommend: Noodles with Fresh Shrimp Wonton. Average:14RMB per person)
5. Huahui special soft sausage (Near the East Gate, Opposite the road. Average:13RMB per person)



Shopping

➤ PARKNSHOP

Parknshop is a chain supermarket from HongKong. You can find it in many places in GuangZhou, the one closest to the campus is opposite to the West Entrance of the campus. It has three floors selling all kinds of goods: home appliances, shampoos, food, etc. Some imported goods like cheese and sauce can also be found here. What's more, you will find goods here pretty cheap. The opening hour is 10:00 a.m.-10:00p.m.



➤ WATSONS

Watsons is a chain store, located in the same building as Parknshop. It sells all kinds of personal care products like skin care products and hair care products. It also sells many kinds of snacks and other products. And very often you can get discounts for a lot of products.

➤ IKEA

If you want to buy furniture, kitchen appliances, lamps and textiles, I am sure IKEA will be your first choice. It has three floors and there is a Swiss restaurant on the second floor. It locates in 156, Middle Lin He Road, Tian He District. You can get there by taking metro to GuangZhou Eastern Railway Station. The opening hour is 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.



➤ **Beijing Road**

Beijing Road is in the city center, which is the most prosperous commercial center. Beijing Road is only for walkers, no vehicles can go through it. There are a number of shops on it, most of them sell clothes, shoes and bags. Famous department stores like Guangbai department store and Xindaxin department store can be found here. Lots of people go to Beijing Road for shopping everyday, on weekends and holidays it's crowded with people.



➤ **Huanshi Road**

There are several five star hotels on Huanshi Road like Baiyun Hotel and Garden Hotel, where you can buy products of world famous brands.

➤ **Taojin Road**

Friendship Store and Boli Square locate here, goods sold here are expensive, and some are luxury goods.

➤ **Tee Mall**

Tee Mall is a large and famous shopping mall in Tianhe District. You can find all the things you want here and the price is a bit high. This modern shopping mall can give you excellent shopping experience and the transportation is convenient. The metro station, Tiyuxi Road, is just on the -1 floor of Tee Mall.

Tips:

If your shoe size is very BIG, you'd better bring several shoes with you. US size 11 or above (Euro size 45) can only be found in some expensive shopping malls or special-size shoes stores. You can certainly find the right size of shoes in Tee Mall.

➤ **Grandview Mall**

Grandview Mall, just next to Tee Mall, is also a modern shopping mall which provides you with more choices.

Famous shopping places in Guangzhou

➤ Shopping Centers

Teem Plaza, China Plaza, Guangzhou
Friendship Store



➤ Specialty streets

Changzhou Road is for jade;
Daxin Road is for folk arts and crafts;
Wendehellu Road is for cultural goods
such as antiques, calligraphy and
pictures, pottery and porcelain, art crafts etc;
Tianhe Road for computers (Bus 178)
Wushan Road for digital products; (Bus 197)

Recommendation of souvenirs

Go to the market and pick up anything you like maybe the most sweet and personal way to choose souvenirs, but if you want to choose something that feels Chinese, here are our recommendations.

➤ Chinese Knot

A Chinese Knot is what most families use to decorate their houses during Spring Festival, it means fortune and happiness to the Chinese. Chinese Knots are always knitted by red strand, it's speaks China itself!



➤ **Cheong-sam**

Definitely a best choice for girls~!Not only the traditional Chinese dress but also a good I'll let the pictures talk ~



- **Chinese paintings**
- **Stitchwork**
- **Chinese Paper-cut**
- **china craftwork**

Reference Website:

[Http://www.moveandstay.com/guangzhou/guide_shopping.asp](http://www.moveandstay.com/guangzhou/guide_shopping.asp)

Safety in center of town

- Take care of your belongings in train and bus stations. Be careful of your pocket and mobile if someone gets close to you.
- Don't get drunk or accept some drugs in the pubs and bars in town, otherwise

you will lose all your money and mobile after you are wakened.

(This is an important suggestion from an exchange student in Lingnan, who had this impressive experience when he first came to Guangzhou.)

- Don't believe some words from strangers easily when they want you to help or buy something, such as asking for your mobile to call his family. Once they get your mobile, they will run away!
- Remember to ask for receipts or invoices after shopping and enjoying the delicious food to avoid being cheated. When you buy some digital products in Guangzhou, make sure get guarantee and receipt from the seller.

(Foreign exchange program students must take the responsibility for their personal safety and possessions. In addition, they should take all the necessary measures to prepare for their illness and accidents in China.)

Embassies and Consulates in Guangzhou

These following countries have Embassies and Consulates in Guangzhou. If you have any problems about visa or personal safety, you may consult and ask for help from them.

Countries	Tel. of these embassies
Australia	+86-20 8335-0909
Canada	+86-20 8666-0569
Denmark	+86-20 8666-0353
France	+86-20 8330-3405
Germany	+86-20 8330-6533
Japan	+86-20 8334-3090
Malaysia	+86-20 8739-5660
Netherlands	+86-20 8330-2067
Philippines	+86-20 8188-6968 ext. 30046
Poland	+86-20 8186-1854
Thailand	+86-20 8188-6968
United Kingdom	+86-20 8335-1354, 8333-6520
United States	+86-20 8188-8911
Vietnam	+86-20 8330-5910

Reference Website:

http://www.moveandstay.com/guangzhu/guide_embassies.asp

APPENDIX

USEFUL INFORMATION

➤ **Alcohol**

Regulation of Alcohol is not very strict. However, you could not drive any cars after drinking. Otherwise, you would be charged if any accidents occurred. It is up to you to drink more or less in the bars or clubs as you like.

➤ **Electricity**

Voltage: 220V-50Hz

➤ **Drugs**

Drugs are strongly forbidden in China. Please remember not to have or taste drugs any where in China, especially in some public place, such as bars and discos that are often inspected by police.

➤ **Driving License**

It is very complicated and trouble for short-term international students to have license to drive in Guangzhou, although you may have international driving license. So it is suggested that use public transportation when going out.

➤ **Religions**

Every one's religion is respected in our country. However, most of the Chinese don't have their religions, especially in Guangzhou.

➤ **Smoking**

Smoking is permitted in most of the public place, such as some canteens, restaurants and hotels. But please do not smoke if there is a sign of no smoking in certain places, such as hospitals.

➤ **Theatre and cinema**

There are a few famous theatres in Guangzhou, such as **Xian Xinghai Theatre**, **Zhongshan Auditorium** and **Huang huagang Theatre** in which some concerts and operas will be held almost every week. Also there are a lot of cinemas in Guangzhou in which there are a lot of up-date movies on view every week. Most of these cinemas locate in the big shopping malls and shopping streets, such as in Teem plaza and Beijing Road.

➤ **Time difference**

Although China crosses more than 2 time zones, Beijing time is the standard time for all of the Chinese around the country. Beijing time is 8 hours quicker than Greenwich Mean Time (**GTM+8:00**), 12 hours quicker than New York time.

➤ **Tipping**

Giving tips is not the habit or custom of Chinese. You could prefer not to pay tips to the waiters and waitress in China. If you use to tipping, it is better for you to give no more than 10 RMB.

➤ **Greeting in Chinese**

It is welcome if you can greet and ask for help in Chinese. Some useful Chinese expressions with pinyin are in the following:

Hello	Ni Hao (你好!)
Thank You	Xie Xie (谢谢!)
Good Morning	Zao Shang Hao (早上好!)
Good Evening	Wan Shang Hao (晚上好!)
Good Night	Wan An (晚安!)
Sorry	Dui Bu Qi (对不起!)
Very Good	Fei Chang Hao (非常好!)
Dining	Chi Fan (吃饭!)
Sun Yat-sen	Zhong Shan Da Xue (中山大学)

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➤ **About the University and College**

<http://www.zsu.edu.cn/english2/index.html>
<http://www.lingnan.net/english/>

➤ **About the Courses in Lingnan**

<http://www.lingnan.net/english/nbw-kczy.asp>

➤ About the living in Guangzhou
<http://www.moveandstay.com>

➤ About traveling in China
<http://english.ctrip.com/>
<http://www.cits.com/>

➤ About hotels in Guangzhou
Garden Hotel (Five-Star)
<http://www.gardenhotel-guangzhou.com/>

White Swan Hotel (Five-star)
<http://www.white-swan-hotel.com/eng/Public/index.asp>

➤ About weather in China
<http://www.wunderground.com/>
<http://weather.yahoo.com/>

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<http://www.bank-of-china.com/english/index.shtml>
http://www.icbc.com.cn/e_index.jsp