

Applying On Your Own Chinese Visa Instructions, Fall 2008

The Consulates General of China are not affiliated with New York University. They are entities of the Chinese national government that issue visas for students and perform other functions. Please keep in mind that Consulates independently create their requirements for obtaining a Student Visa.

1 Get Your Passport

- If you don't have a passport that is valid through **February 2009** for fall semester students and **August 2009** for academic year students, apply for one today! Check out travel.state.gov/ for more information.
- We suggest that you request expedited processing (two week turnaround time) to allow plenty of time to apply for your student visa (the New York Consulate takes 7-15 days, and other consulates may take up to 2 months to process visa applications!)
- If you do not have two weeks to spare, you can then go to the US Passport Agency to request a passport the same day. For a Passport Agency near you and for more information, please refer to their website http://travel.state.gov/passport/about/agencies/agencies_913.html. In addition to the Passport Agency requirements, please contact someone from our office so that we can provide you with the appropriate letter.

2 Make sure that you're ineligible to apply through NYU

If you're reading this document, we hope that you've reviewed the "Applying through NYU" instructions and have determined that you're ineligible to apply for your visa through NYU. If you haven't read over that document, please do—applying through us could save you time and energy!

3 Submit your ECNU (East China Normal University) application by June 13, 2008

This process takes approximately one month to complete. Download the application from the Admitted Students page. Once submitted and processed, ECNU will issue the JW202 form and forward to our office.

4 JW202 Form and Admission Notice

The JW202 form and Admission Notice are forms generated by the Ministry of Education in China. **You need these documents in order to get your student visa!** In order to receive these documents, you must submit to our office the following items:

- ECNU Application for Admission** (download from the Admitted Students page)
 - You're applying as a **Language Student**, not an Undergraduate Student
 - "Nationality" refers to the country of your passport (if you have dual citizenship and are traveling with your US Passport, you should write "US" as your nationality)
- Official Transcript** (or Transcript Request Form from the Admitted Students page if you're an NYU Student)

Pre-Paid USPS Express Mail Envelope (\$16.25)

- Address this envelope to the place you'll be roughly one month after the deadline you choose.
- Write the Office of Global Education's address (7 East 12th St., 9th Floor; NY, NY 10003) as the sender's address. (This is crucial: the USPS may re-route and inspect mail that does not have a return address, delaying the delivery of your JW-202 by weeks.)
- If you plan on picking up your JW-202 from the Office of Global Education, then you don't need an envelope. Just make sure we're aware of your plan

DEADLINES:

- **June 13th, 2008:** Submit the required ECNU Application and Official Transcript or Transcript Request Form by this date if you plan to apply for your student visa.

New York Consulate Visa Documentation Checklist

Important Note about Chinese Student Visas

You will be issued a single-entry Chinese Student Visa. This means that you will not be able to exit and re-enter China during your time abroad (the travel restriction includes Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau)

Passport

- Must be signed and valid through **February 2009**.
- Make sure there are at least two blank pages for your visa.

Visa Application

- Download from the Admitted Students page (and use online sample as a reference)
- Sign and date it!
- "Nationality" is the country by which your passport was issued (if you have dual citizenship and are traveling with your US Passport, you should write "US" as your nationality)

1 Original 2"x 2" Official Passport Photo

- Attach photo to the Q-1 Visa application as indicated on the form.
- No photocopies, personal photos, or photos from home printers will be accepted!

JW202

- Refer to Step 3 above.
- The consulate only accepts photocopies, but bring the originals with you to China.
- Make sure that the second page is signed and dated.

□ Processing Fees

- The Consulate accepts cash, money order, Visa or Mastercard (they do not accept personal checks!). Make the money order payable to “Chinese Consulate General in New York”. You’ll pay for the visa when you pick it up.
- **U.S. Citizens**
4 Day Regular: \$130
Next or Third-Day: \$150
Same Day (must submit application by 12pm): \$160
- **For Non- U.S. Citizens**
4 Day Regular: \$30
Next or Third Day: \$50
Same Day (must submit application by 12pm): \$60

★ Please Keep in Mind ★

Requirements sometimes change without us knowing so it is always a good idea to call or visit the Chinese Consulate’s website for up to date and more specific information.

Go to the Consulate early, the line gets very long very quickly.

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