

DUKE KUNSHAN UNIVERSITY A DUKE EDUCATION IN CHINA

EARN TWO DEGREES

STUDY IN CHINA

EXPLORE A GLOBAL FUTURE



昆山杜克大学
DUKE KUNSHAN
UNIVERSITY

Addressing the challenges of the 21st-century requires a 21st-century education. With DKU's innovative curriculum and integrated, interdisciplinary approach, you will develop a strong knowledge base across multiple disciplines and learn to apply that knowledge in real-world, cross-cultural settings.

Academic Excellence

8:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



Average class size

<20

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No Chinese Language Skills required to apply

38 MAJOR/TRACK

combinations



30%



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

30+ languages spoken

70 countries represented



Two Degrees of Global Recognition

Graduate with a **Duke University degree** and a **Duke Kunshan University degree**, opening doors worldwide.



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Block Schedule = Deep Focus

- **DKU Week** = **4** Days Deep Focus + **3** Days to Explore
- **DKU Semester** = **2** Quarters x **2-3** Course Topics

Study Away at Duke

Students can spend a semester in their junior year at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where they will have access to a wide range of courses and activities. Students may also opt to attend Duke's summer program. To learn more about the semester at Duke: dukekunshan.edu.cn/study-away



Major List

- **Applied Mathematics and Computational Sciences with tracks in**
Computer Science / Mathematics
- **Arts & Media Major with tracks in**
Arts / Media
- **Behavioral Science with tracks in**
Economics / Neuroscience / Psychology
- **Computation and Design with tracks in**
Computer Science / Digital Media / Social Policy
- **Cultures and Societies with tracks in**
Cultural Anthropology / Sociology
- **Data Science**
- **Environmental Science with tracks in**
Biogeochemistry / Biology / Chemistry / Public Policy
- **Global China Studies**
- **Global Health with tracks in**
Biology / Public Policy
- **Humanities with tracks in**
Creative Writing and Translation / Literature / Religion and Philosophy / World History
- **Materials Science with tracks in**
Chemistry / Physics
- **Molecular Bioscience with tracks in**
Biogeochemistry / Biophysics / Cell and Molecular Biology / Genetics and Genomics / Neuroscience
- **Philosophy, Politics, and Economics with tracks in**
Economic History / Philosophy / Political Science / Public Policy
- **Quantitative Political Economy with tracks in**
Economics / Political Science / Public Policy

Featured Majors/Programs

Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE) – *Now stronger than ever, enhanced through student feedback and rising career demand*

Quantitative Economics – *Develop rigorous analytical skills to tackle global markets and policy*

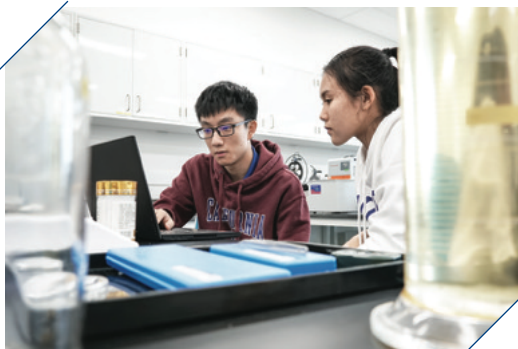
Data Science & Computation + Design – *Learn to apply data and design thinking to real-world challenges*

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Incubator – *Bring ideas to life through mentorship, funding, and venture support*

Arts & Media – *Express, create, and communicate through cutting-edge digital tools and studio work*

Start Research from Day One

From day one, undergraduate students are encouraged to participate in advanced academic research. Advisers and faculty mentors will pair you with projects that complement your area of interest. Likewise, our faculty are committed to engaging with students in and out of the classroom—in fact, over 30% of undergraduates at DKU are participating in elite research. dukekunshan.edu.cn/research

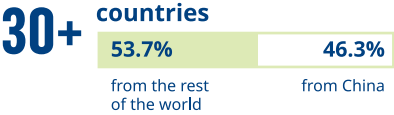


“Duke Kunshan University provides a first-class educational experience for both graduate and undergraduate students. Our undergraduate program combines the best of a traditional Western liberal arts education with an innovative, interdisciplinary curriculum, one designed specifically to prepare students for the changing career choices that they will have in the 21st century. We train our students to be comfortable in cross-cultural interactions as their future careers take them across the globe, while remaining rooted in their own cultures and communities.”

— Scott MacEachern, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

World-Class Faculty, Global Perspectives

Our faculty come from



bringing diverse ideas and global expertise

Notable faculty include:



Dr. Shenglan Tang
A globally recognized leader in global health, with over 30 years of experience in health systems reform, disease control, and maternal and child health across Asia, Africa, and other regions. He has advised numerous international organizations and governments worldwide.



Professor Travis Wilkerson
A 2025 Guggenheim Fellow, recognized for his contributions to political and experimental cinema, with upcoming projects exploring global labor histories and portrayals of China through a documentary lens.



Dr. Binbin Li
An award-winning conservation scientist, EC50 honoree by the Explorers Club, and editor-in-chief of Integrative Conservation. Her work bridges biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable development, from giant panda conservation to urban bird collision prevention. A leading voice in science communication and citizen science, she founded China's largest anti-bird collision alliance and is an acclaimed nature photographer.



Careers & Graduate School Success

Where DKU Can Take You

DKU prepares you for global impact—whether through top graduate schools or competitive careers.

Internship & Career Placement

Our students intern at top companies, NGOs, and research labs around the world. Recent employers include:

Amazon

PwC

TikTok

UNDP

Adidas

Meta

United States Geological Survey

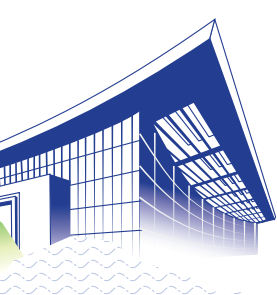
Morgan Stanley

Dow Chemical

Graduate School Outcomes

of the Class of 2024

- over 90% of graduates received graduate school offers. Among these, 44% received scholarships.
- 342 offers from Ivy League and other U.S. Top 10 universities.
- 158 offers from Duke University graduate programs



Two Networks, One Future

Graduates are members of both the Duke and DKU global alumni networks.



Our Campus

DKU's campus is a spacious, modern setting with traditional Chinese elements. Its many aquatic features symbolize the area's famous water towns. As the only LEED-certified university campus in China, it is considered a model of sustainable development. Our campus provides a safe, comfortable living and learning environment that encourages the exchange of ideas in the classroom and beyond.



No Mandarin? No Problem.

All classes at DKU are taught in English, and there is **no Mandarin language requirement to apply or enroll**. After arriving on campus, you'll take Chinese language courses as part of your studies to help you navigate daily life in China. In your first year, you'll also be paired with a Chinese roommate—part of our well-rounded support system designed to help you adjust, connect, and thrive in your new environment.

Campus Life Highlights

Modern dorms with furnished community kitchens, lounges, and spotless bathrooms. All students live in on-campus housing for the duration of their program.

Multifaith spaces available.

Sports Complex with functional and TRX area, basketball courts, swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, indoor climbing wall, and more.

On-campus meals starting at just ¥18 (~\$2.5 USD).



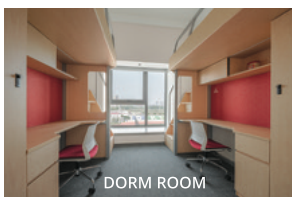
SPORTS COMPLEX: INDOOR TRACK



CAFETERIA



LAB



DORM ROOM



COMMUNAL KITCHEN



LIBRARY

Student Life

"The Office of Student Experience supports holistic and transformative growth for all students. DKU is not merely a collection of identities from around the world, but an intentionally designed global community that fosters intercultural engagement through co-curricular opportunities to live, learn, and lead. From first-year orientation to commencement, we help every student understand their value and contribution to this extraordinary and diverse family."

— Christopher Van Velzer, Ph.D., Dean of Student Experience



A large part of your experience at DKU will be about making lifelong friends from around the world. The Office of Student Experience offers programs and services intended to enhance your experience by creating opportunities to explore interests beyond the classroom. Student clubs and organizations enable you to pursue personal interests and develop an active, rewarding social life.

Student Testimonial

"At DKU, you'll usually find me in one of two states: Sleeping... or in a crisp white apron in our dorm kitchens, surrounded by spices, herbs, and an army of pots and pans.

DKU's diverse community means my "weekly" meal preps turn into shared feasts that vanish in a day. Here, I get to introduce friends from around the world to the vibrant flavors of South Asia—and in return, I taste their home-cooked traditions.

The best part? The spaces, ingredients, and cultural exchange DKU makes possible turn every meal into a global gathering.

Best compliment so far?

Tears, followed by: "It tasted like my mother's cooking."

— Ibrahim Ali, Class of 2028



"As a woman traveling alone in China, I've always felt safe—whether I'm on campus, exploring Suzhou, or going out late at night. Once, I went to Shanghai with friends for a night out, and we returned to campus very late. Even at that hour, strangers didn't feel dangerous; in fact, one man kindly helped us talk to a taxi driver. Traveling in China in general feels secure—there's no persistent or unwanted attention from men, and you can leave your belongings in a cafe, come back after a while, and find everything exactly as you left it. This sense of safety changes the way you travel: you can focus on enjoying the sights, the food, and the people without the constant background worry you might feel elsewhere. For me, that makes China one of the most comfortable and welcoming places I've experienced."

— Alisa Filipchuk, Class of 2028

Why China

China's Yangtze River Delta is one of the world's most dynamic economic regions, and Duke Kunshan University is ideally situated at its center. Located in Kunshan, the city is located between two of China's most dynamic and international cities—Shanghai and Suzhou.

Kunshan's location offers students unparalleled access to multinational opportunities:

- Kunshan has drawn over 10,000 foreign-invested projects from more than 80 countries, earning it global attention and a thriving international business ecosystem.
- It hosts thousands of multinational corporations—from electronics and precision manufacturing to R&D and logistics—providing opportunities to explore career and internship pathways for DKU's globally minded students.

Studying at DKU places you at the intersection of China's world-class innovation clusters and two international business hubs—setting the stage for multinational careers.

Your Gateway to Asia

DKU is located in Kunshan, a city that blends tradition and innovation.

- ~50 minutes to Shanghai or Suzhou downtown, two of China's most vibrant cities
- Direct flights to Japan, Korea, and Southeast Asia

BY TRAIN

SUZHOU, CHINA	15 MINS
SHANGHAI, CHINA	20 MINS

BY FLIGHT

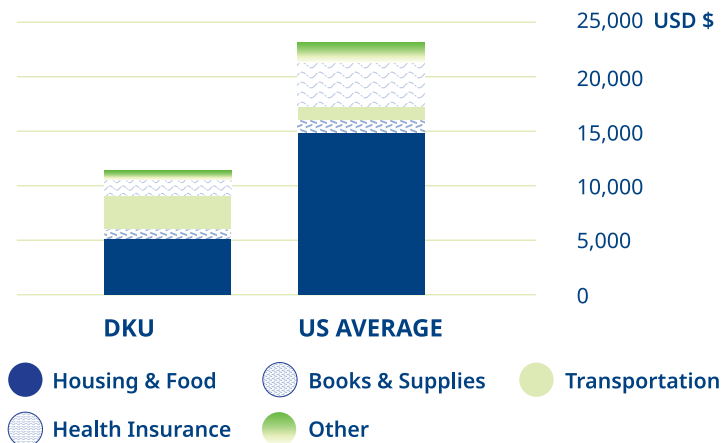


SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA	2 HR 10 MINS
BEIJING, CHINA	2 HR 20 MINS
TOKYO, JAPAN	3 HR 10 MINS
MANILA, PHILIPPINES	3 HR 35 MINS
BANGKOK, THAILAND	4 HR
JAKARTA, INDONESIA	5 HR 50 MINS
NEW DELHI, INDIA	6 HR
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA	7 HR 30 MINS



Costs of Living

At Duke Kunshan University compared to average US 4-year private nonprofit university



EXAMPLES

- Noodles from food delivery = ¥20 (\$2.80) + free delivery
- Taxi to the closest shopping mall = ¥12 (\$1.70)
- Taxi to train station = ¥16 (\$2.20)
- Bubble tea/coffee from local chain = ¥18 (\$2.50)
- Compared to US urban costs: 1/3 the price!

Applying to DKU

How to Apply

International students must apply to Duke Kunshan University online using the Common Application website:
www.commonapp.org

There's no fee to apply.

Application Checklist

- ☐ High school transcripts
- ☐ SAT or ACT exams (optional)
- ☐ Teacher and counselor recommendations
- ☐ Personal essays
- ☐ Interview (by invitation)
- ☐ Video Essay (optional)



Scan here to

- Watch "Why DKU" video
- Explore campus virtually

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Duke Kunshan University

Key Dates

Early August: Application opens (Common App)

Early November: Early Decision deadline

Early January: Regular Decision deadline

Please refer to the DKU website for specific dates.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

80%+ of international students receive scholarships/financial aid

- All applicants are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships.
- To be considered for need-based aid, a CSS Profile must be submitted as part of the application.
- Scholarship and aid amounts vary, up to and including full tuition.

For information, visit:

admissions.dukekunshan.edu.cn/en/financial-support/

Cost Breakdown

- Tuition & Fees \$70,265
- Room & Board \$5,510
- Insurance \$1,621
- Books, supplies, miscellaneous \$2,570

This is an estimated cost for 2026.

For the most current figures, please visit:

admissions.dukekunshan.edu.cn/en/tuition-international-students/



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