

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 with Zhejiang University, you will receive the following documents from Zhejiang University:

- (1) The enrollment letter
- (2) JW202 form (government approved admission acceptance form)

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
- (3) Passport
- (4) One recent Passport size photo with white background
- (5) Visa application fee of USD \$140

For assistance, please contact China Center: Lyric Shi (luyao.shi@liu.edu)

2. What kind of visa should I apply for?

According to recent changes in China Visa/Extension rules, all the students enrolled in China Center will be required to apply for and obtain a **Short-term Student Visa (X2 Visa)** to enter Mainland China, no matter how long you plan to study in China Center. A tourist visa is acceptable for late applicants, but additional visa fees might apply after arrival.

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

- (1) If you want to stay in China Center for Spring semester as well (for those who enroll for a full academic year), before the end of the first semester, the Center staff will assist you to obtain a study residence permit which extends your stay in China for the second semester and allows the multiple entries and exits without the need of a visa during the permit validity.
- (2) If you get a tourism visa (L visa), you will have to change it to an X2 visa after your arrival in China.

4. Why I cannot obtain residence permit if I stay for one semester only?

Due to a recent major change of Chinese visa policy, one must have a study period of 6 months at least to be able to obtain residence permit, but each semester at Zhejiang University is shorter than 6 months, international students study for one semester only CANNOT apply for residence permit any more. According to the rules of immigration office in Hangzhou, for the students who plan to study in China Center for more than one semester, you can apply for the residence permit, which will be conditioning on your attendance rate in Fall semester with Zhejiang University (75% AND ABOVE). Please refer to the Important Visa Info document to see visa application options available for LIU Global students.

5. How do I change my visa to 'Residence Permit' if I decide to stay in China for spring semester as well?

- (1) You will be informed before the end of the first semester (fall semester) by the Center about the application dates and process.
- (2) Then you should collect all the required documents from Ms. Sun (Lyric will help you with this) to apply for the residence permit
- (3) 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. 169 Wujiang Road 婺江路169号 Tel: 0571-8707-1973
- (4) It takes two-three weeks to get Residence permit/visa extension and you pay the fee of 400 CNY when you pick up your passport with the residence permit stamp.

6. 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 for less than a year of study duration

7. 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.

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

Please contact Lyric (Student Coordinator). She is in working on students matters in LIU Global China Center. Her contact information is:

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9. What is the cost for different visa services?

(1) Regular Service

Visas can be obtained on the fourth business day.

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

In addition, if student uses a visa service, the service will have their own charges.

- (2) Express service: Visas can be obtained on the second or third business day. An additional fee of \$20 per person will be charged.
- (3) Same-day rush service: Visas can be obtained in the afternoon if application is submitted before 12:00 p.m. An additional fee of \$30 per person will be charged.
- (4) Please pay by money order, cashier's check, or Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard only). Cash or personal/company check is not accepted. Please make checks or money order payable to "Chinese Embassy".

10. What do I put for “Inviter, Contact or Your Relative in China” in the application form?

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