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A DUKE EDUCATION IN CHINA

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**DUKE KUNSHAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Imagine the world without boundaries...**

A world where you freely move between societies and cultures. A world where you see and understand things from multiple perspectives. A world where language and cultural differences are not barriers to progress. Where links between people from different countries become stronger. This is the world that Duke Kunshan University will open for you.

Global challenges demand that the next generation of graduates understands the world from a diversity of perspectives. To answer this need, Duke Kunshan has created a pioneering liberal arts and sciences program for the 21st Century. It is a powerful cross-cultural educational experience that will transform you into a citizen rooted in your community and connected to the world—a responsible, knowledgeable, and necessary catalyst of change.

**Duke Kunshan University-** Created through a partnership between Duke University and Wuhan University, Duke Kunshan University provides a Duke education expanded and enhanced by an in-depth China experience.

Located in one of China's most important economic and cultural hubs, Duke Kunshan University is a wholly immersive educational experience intended in part to give students a deep understanding of China's culture.

After completing the program you will earn a degree from Duke University and a degree from Duke Kunshan University. You will also be an alumnus of both institutions and have access to a powerful and growing alumni network.

**Come join us at Duke Kunshan University to gain the essential cross-cultural perspectives and problem solving skills that will make you vital to the future.**





## P R O G R A M

**Academics-** The Duke Kunshan curriculum is founded on the hallmarks of a Duke education and imbued with distinctive attributes of a Chinese experience. It features interdisciplinary approaches, engagement with research questions, problem-based and team-based learning, and opportunities for students to create their own paths. Students acquire a broad base of knowledge and, more importantly, learn how to apply this knowledge in challenging cross-cultural settings. The way students select courses, how those courses interrelate, and the way the semester is structured all reflect a new approach to learning in the 21st Century.

**Divisions and Majors-** Our undergraduate academic program is organized in three broad divisions:

- **Natural Sciences**
- **Arts and Humanities**
- **Social Sciences**

Students take foundational courses in their division as well as broad, integrated interdisciplinary courses and specialized courses to gain specific expertise for their major. One-third of students' courses are electives. These courses enable them to deepen their interests or explore their options.

Students can tailor their majors based on their interests by combining different forms of specialized training with their overall integrated plan of study. This structure allows students to follow a unique academic path that suits their intellectual drive.

Because all majors span several traditional disciplines, students develop specialized expertise that positions them for successful post-graduate careers.

For a complete list of majors, please see the website.

To meet Duke Kunshan's rigorous academic requirements for graduation, all students must also complete the Common Core and language courses in Mandarin as well as demonstrate proficiency in communication skills.

**Common Core (12 credits)-** These courses create a common platform for cross-cultural engagement, ensuring that all stu-

dents share the same experience. They focus on the big questions, critical challenges, and issues with which every one of our students must be prepared to engage. Students take one course each year for the first three years.

• **China in the World** focuses on historical and contemporary commercial, intellectual, and scientific exchanges between China and other nations.

• **Global Challenges in Science, Technology, and Health** addresses developments in biotechnology, nanotechnology and information technology, challenges in energy, water, and resource management, and strategies for evaluating scientific claims.

• **Ethics, Citizenship, and the Examined Life** examines traditional Asian and Western ideals and contemporary analyses of morality, pluralism, and democracy.

**Language (16 credits or proficiency)-** While many languages are spoken in China, Mandarin is the country's primary language. All students will develop at least conversational fluency in Mandarin.

**Communication (Writing, Speaking, and Listening)-** In the 21st century, success in both career and civic life requires the ability to communicate effectively. To ensure that Duke Kunshan students develop these abilities, guided practice in writing, speaking, and listening will be a component in the majority of our courses.

**The Semester Term-** The semester is divided into two intensive 7-week terms of two courses each. Classes are held Monday-Thursday. Fridays and mini-terms falling between the 7-week terms are intended for experiential learning including field trips, internships, and civic engagement.

**Mini-Term Courses-** All students are required to take two ungraded Mini-Term courses. These are intensive courses that last typically a single week and provide a focused exposure to a single topic about which a student may have curiosity, but no experience.

**Signature Work-** During their sophomore year, students work

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with their faculty mentors to begin identifying the major questions, problems, or issues on which they would like to focus. Students create a project e-portfolio to demonstrate their progress and the new products they create for scholarly, private sector and public audiences.

These products will be drawn from a number of experiences inside and outside the classroom including mentored research, creative expression, internships, community-based fieldwork, and other civic projects.

**Research-** All undergraduate students have opportunities to participate directly in advanced academic research. Advisors and faculty mentors help match students to research projects that are complementary to their areas of study.

**Internships-** Meaningful internships with local corporations, businesses, and organizations are available. Internships must meet certain stringent criteria before they are offered to our students. Advisors and faculty mentors help students make informed decisions about internship opportunities.

**Class Size-** The majority of classes are seminar style with 20 or fewer students. Size of entering class: 175. Faculty to student ratio: 10:1.

**Faculty-** Duke Kunshan University promotes an intellectual environment built on a commitment to free and open inquiry. Our faculty members are passionate teacher-scholars who are committed to preparing students for meaningful lives and successful careers. They cultivate wisdom, advance the frontiers of knowledge, and contribute to the international community of scholarship.

**The Duke Kunshan Campus-** Our beautiful campus blends traditional Chinese elements with contemporary architecture. Extensive aquatic features symbolize the region's famous water towns and are integrated throughout the campus. With a residential culture modeled after the world's greatest universities, the Duke Kunshan University campus provides a safe, comfortable, living-learning environment that encourages the exchange of ideas in the classroom and beyond. Our on-campus residence halls are modern and spacious. All academic, residence, and administrative buildings are equipped with the latest technol-

ogies in computing and communications. Reliable, fast access to Duke University's extensive digital library and other major academic research sites is available 24/7. With our dedicated telecommunications network it's easy to stay in touch with family and friends anywhere in the world.

**Student Life-** The Duke Kunshan experience provides a unique opportunity to learn about and bond with students from across the world, both in and outside of the classroom. The Student Affairs Office provides programs and services that enhance and complement the academic experience including sports, fitness and recreation, local excursions, community services, and arts and cultural events. These co-curricular activities build confidence, and foster creativity. Social activities on and off campus ensure a balanced lifestyle. Student clubs and organizations are also an important part of the Duke Kunshan experience. They connect students with similar interests, provide opportunities to develop leadership skills and improve interpersonal communication.

**Admission Information-** Beginning summer 2017, students can apply to Duke Kunshan University using the Common Application. Students who are also applying to Duke University can check a box to be considered for admission to Duke Kunshan University. A link to the application can be found on our website.

Students from outside of China are required to submit either their SAT or ACT test scores. The Duke Kunshan University CEEB code is 16406. Students who are Chinese citizens are required to take the Gaokao test, regardless of where their high school is located.

**Early Decision applications due: November 1, 2017**  
**Regular Decision applications due: January 3, 2018**

For information on tuition, financial aid, and scholarships as well as more in-depth information about our institution, please visit our website [www.dukekunshan.edu.cn](http://www.dukekunshan.edu.cn).

**Contact Duke Kunshan University-** To contact a representative from the Recruitment Office for Duke Kunshan University, please send an email to [undergrad-admissions@dukekunshan.edu.cn](mailto:undergrad-admissions@dukekunshan.edu.cn).

Duke University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and doctorate degrees. Duke Kunshan University is not accredited by SACSCOC and the accreditation of Duke University does not extend to or include Duke Kunshan University or its students. Duke Kunshan University is accredited by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. Further, although Duke University agrees to accept certain course work from Duke Kunshan to be applied toward an award from Duke University, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Duke University. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.



**Prepare for a wholly immersive educational experience.**

Duke Kunshan University is transforming liberal arts and sciences education—making it more relevant for highly motivated students in the 21st Century.

Our approach to a more meaningful liberal arts and sciences program is grounded in a distinct curriculum with globalism as its cornerstone. Understanding the histories, traditions of thought, customs and conventions of different societies is critical for our next generation of thinkers and influencers.

At Duke Kunshan, there's a better way to select courses. Instead of locking into a specific major right away, our program enables you to take a broader range of courses. As you progress through the semesters, you begin to narrow your academic focus to a major. This allows you to create a more personal and dynamic four-year study program that more accurately matches your skills, interests, and career goals.

There's a smarter course week. Classes are taught Monday through Thursday. Fridays are for engaging the local community, field trips, service, and internships. You will have the opportunity to continually apply what you're learning in the classroom to the world.

And there's a new approach to teaching. Academics are rigorous. Classes are discussion-based and experiential with a keen focus on critical thinking, creativity, and independence. Collaborative problem solving instills teamwork and improves communication skills. You are encouraged to be reflective, to challenge your core beliefs, to reach outside your comfort zone.

**Our robust cross-cultural learning environment will open your mind.**

# OPENING THE WORLD



*"Duke Kunshan has prepared me for a career in international business allowing me to experience first-hand both the American and Chinese business cultures. With a global point-of-view and exceptional academic training, I feel qualified to take my place in the world of international business." —Lucia Garcia*



Change starts with people—your peers, instructors, advisors, professional contacts, and community partners. In fact, all of the people you meet at Duke Kunshan will shape your overarching experience and broaden your understanding of the world.

Your classmates come from around the globe. In addition to the United States, the undergraduate student body is recruited from China, Canada, other countries in Asia, and the world. While many of you will have shared interests, you will all have different world views. That's one of the things that make classes provocative, discussions robust, and teamwork challenging and fascinating. Your Duke Kunshan education will be forged in this crucible of diversity.

You will also benefit from our international faculty, all of whom have been recruited from top global institutions and many of whom are Duke professors. They will serve as teachers, advisors, mentors, and friends bringing their distinctly relevant experience and wisdom to the classroom.

At Duke Kunshan many students are interested in China—as well as other cultures. They want to explore the similarities and differences between cultures and discover how people with disparate world views can be brought together for the greater good.

Your peers will challenge you. Disagree with you. Support you. Show you novel ways of seeing. Every voice is heard. Every one is accepted. People will open doors for each other. The world once distant and closed will become immediate and open.

# FOUR YEARS THAT CHANGE EVERYTHING

*“Through my classmates at Duke Kunshan, I discovered education is not something that comes exclusively from an institution. So much learning came from interacting with them. You build relationships by sharing perspectives, trying to understand each other’s world views. You develop a cultural competency. It’s a completely different type of education and it’s extremely valuable.” —Ibanca Anand*





When it comes to changing the world for the better, we need motivated, informed and engaged citizens from many different kinds of communities. Thinkers and doers who have the knowledge and technical competence to meet our most complex challenges. Individuals who can bridge divergent cultures and break boundaries to help people find the most effective solutions.

Duke Kunshan prepares you to excel in the international arena. Removed from familiar surroundings and placed in a different cultural environment, you become more alert, more aware, more receptive. Spending your days with a completely different set of peers, you will begin to see and understand the world from perspectives you've never considered. During your time at Duke Kunshan, working independently and with fellow students, you will explore solutions to the world's pressing challenges and generate new ideas.

The experience will be exhilarating and life changing. You will come away a different person with a new, visionary perspective on the world. You will be ready to help solve our most important global challenges in energy, world health, the environment, population, poverty, and species extinction. With expanded language skills, coupled with your evolving understanding of how other cultures operate, a world of opportunities will open for you.

After Duke Kunshan, you will be poised to succeed at home and abroad. You will become the type of person governments, global organizations and transnational corporations want to hire.

The Duke Kunshan immersive cross-cultural learning environment will open your mind to all possibilities. You will be surprised where it takes you.

# TAKE ON GLOBAL CHALLENGES



*"I hear a lot of new ideas from my fellow students that I don't hear back in the States. It forces me to think a lot deeper about where I'm coming from, and about how I form my ideas. After my Duke Kunshan experience, I feel I'm a stronger individual, more self-assured and aware. Now I believe I can make that difference in the world, that I have always wanted to make." —Justin Bryant*



China is the ideal location for the Duke Kunshan international liberal arts and sciences degree program. It offers tremendous educational opportunities that cannot be found elsewhere. And the experience of learning and living in China provides a direct path for you to the broadest range of careers.

A global powerhouse, China has the second largest economy in the world. The country is a world leader in the development of environmental remediation strategies and is investing heavily in alternative energy. China is on the cusp of far-reaching technological advances. Sino-American relations as well as relationships with other advanced nations is vital in both the economic and political spheres. China's history and culture are endlessly fascinating.

For you, all of this translates into career choices. Our graduates will be well prepared for jobs in the areas of finance, management, media, the arts, government, health sciences, environment, the tech industry, and with start-ups, to cite just a few examples.

You will be calling Kunshan your home for the next few years. Kunshan is one of the most prosperous cities in China and the hub of a vibrant economic and cultural area in the heart of the Yangtze River delta. Widely considered a successful model for China's social and economic development, Kunshan attracts Fortune 500 companies and other global enterprises.

With a population of nearly two million, Kunshan is a thriving metropolis. Yet it still has many areas of hidden beauty, such as the ancient water town of ZhouZhuang. A free shuttle bus runs between campus and downtown. The city is safe and the people are friendly and welcoming. Kunshan also serves as your home base for exploring China. Shanghai and Suzhou, two of China's most important international centers, are only 20 minutes away by high speed train. Many of the China's cultural and historic places of interest are within hours of the city.

*Pictured below left to right:  
An ancient Chinese door handle; Duke Kunshan Campus; Forbidden City, Beijing; ZhouZhuang; Shanghai; Zu Chongzhi statue in Kunshan*

## THE OPPORTUNITIES OF MAGNIFICENT

# CHINA





On one level, the Duke Kunshan education is about exploring cultures. Drawing comparisons, uncovering similarities, synthesizing disparate facts, expanding your world view. You take the first step of that exploration when you arrive in China and begin life on campus. But it doesn't stop there.

Our study abroad program gives you an opportunity to explore in other distinctly different cultural environments. The key component to our program is study abroad at Duke University.

You can spend a summer and a semester at Duke. One of the premiere academic institutions in the world, Duke University offers you the opportunity to engage more deeply in the areas you are pursuing or to explore other areas of interest to you. The choice is yours. Study Abroad in other locations are also available.

# STUDY ABROAD AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

