



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY & UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE'S SCHOOL PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION STUDENT EXCHANGE**  
**02/25/2011 UD STUDENTS**

1. **Who is eligible to apply?** – All UD graduate students interested in public policy.
2. **Who are the partner institutions for the exchange?** – The partners are: University of Delaware's (UD) School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) and Beijing Normal University's (BNU) School of Social Development and Public Policy (SSDPP)
3. **Is knowledge of Chinese required?** – Chinese language is not required – there will be Public Admin/Public Policy classes offered in English. However, if you are selected to go on the trip it is highly recommended that you make every effort to pick up some of the language before you leave for China.
4. **Can I take Chinese classes as part of the program at BNU?** – Chinese language classes are available at BNU, both formal and through a tutor. However given the fact that this is a graduate level exchange program the preference is that the student interested in learning the language hires a tutor while in China.
5. **What classes will be offered in English and how many?** – The expectation is that there will be about 3-4 classes offered at SSDPP in English in the fall of 2011. No final determination has been made on the topic of the classes. Classes will be identified in Spring/Summer of 2011 (they will likely include: Contemporary Development of China, Research Methodology, Development Theories, Development Economics).
6. **Will the students have research/teaching assistantships?** – BNU confirmed that UD students on this program will have an assistantship – the exact nature of the assistantship will be determined later in Spring/Summer of 2011 - depending on the active projects at BNU and the interest of the selected student/s. Current projects (as of 2010) that are being conducted at SSDPP are: Child poverty and child development; Social assistance for the poor; Migrant workers; Risk management; NGO and social enterprises; Pro-poor policies.
7. **How many students will participate in the exchange?** – BNU confirmed that they are offering 2 spots for students to attend BNU for 1 semester each. We will likely nominate 1-2 students.

8. **What is the application deadline?** – There are 4 dates to keep in mind.
- 1<sup>st</sup>, please send an email message to Dr. Tibor Toth by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 letting him know that you are interested in the program.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> submit an application and supporting materials (application, essay, resume) by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. You must submit an application by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to be considered for the exchange. This application will be used to determine who will be nominated by UD for the exchange. For application, essay questions and more information on the exchange visit: <http://www.udel.edu/bnu>.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> if you are nominated you will have to pay a \$250 to UD's School of Public Policy and Administration as a non-refundable deposit (April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011).
  - 4<sup>th</sup> submit an official application to BNU in the Spring of 2011 (May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011). This application is a required formality. Once you are admitted by BNU you will be issued necessary documents to apply for your Chinese Visa from the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington DC.
9. **What status will the UD student have at UD while attending BNU?** – UD students will be registered on a leave of absence or sustaining status (student responsible for sustaining fee).
10. **Will I miss a semester at UD while I am at BNU?** – In general, courses taken at BNU can be transferred towards your degree at UD. You must coordinate this with your advisor and your graduate program director before you leave for BNU. When you return to UD you will complete a Transfer of Credit form with UD's Office of Graduate Studies.
11. **Will all my costs be covered?** – BNU agreed to cover the tuition for the semester; also you will be paid a stipend for your work as a research/teaching assistant. However, you are solely responsible for all of your costs including accommodation, food, health insurance, transportation, books etc.

**Expenses**

SPPA non-refundable deposit	\$250
Airline Ticket	\$1,200
Public Transportation (\$40/month)	\$200
HTH Insurance (\$11/week)	\$275
Visa	\$130
Meal plan (\$25/month)	\$100
Internet (\$15/month)	\$60
Dormitory (estimate \$200/month)	\$1,000
Laundry (\$5/month)	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,240</b>

**Income**

BNU Research Assistantship (\$126/month)	\$630
BNU Tuition Scholarship/tuition waiver (estimate for the semester)	\$3,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,430</b>

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12. **Will I be covered by health insurance?** – BNU stipulates that students are required to carry and are responsible for paying for their own health insurance while at BNU. You are highly encouraged to arrange for your own health insurance before you leave for BNU – this is solely your responsibility. One of the options is HTH insurance. Please remember, since you will be off UD campus (leave of absence or sustaining status) you will not be covered by your UD health insurance. Please note that it is also your sole responsibility to make sure that you maintain health coverage in the US if you require one while you study at BNU.
13. **Where will I be living?** – You will be living on BNU's main campus, very likely in a dormitory with other international students.
14. **Will I need a Visa and a Passport?** – Students who were nominated by UD and accepted by BNU will be issued an admission letter and a form that they will use to apply for a student/ non-immigrant visa to enter China. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for a passport, apply and pay for the visa. Also, students are required to maintain valid status while in China.
15. **Will I meet any Chinese students on the exchange here at UD before I leave for Beijing?** The are 2 advanced level graduate students from BNU studying at UD during the Spring of 2011. Meeting them is a great opportunity to pick up some Chinese and make friends. The exchange is designed with this overlap so that you have an opportunity to get to know a local who will be back at BNU when you study in Beijing. Take advantage of this opportunity!
16. **Do local Chinese laws apply to me while I am in China?** – Definitely. Upon entering China all laws of the People's Republic of China will apply to you. It is your sole responsibility to acquaint yourself with appropriate code of conduct.

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