

Special Notice on Chinese Visas

Understand Your Chinese Visa Status

CATEGORY: It should be an X1 or X2 visa depending on the duration you will study in China.

- 1) **X1 Visa** (Study in China more than 6 months)
- 2) **X2 Visa** (Study in China less than 6 months)

Only X1 or X2 visa holders could study in China. If you are holding a visa of L, F, Q2, S2 etc., you would need to get it transferred into X2 or residence permit after entering China (Students in short programs less than 4 months cannot apply for residence permit). Citizens from Iraq, Iran, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria have to obtain X1/X2 visa before coming into China.

ENTRIES:

You might get a visa with "1", "2" or "M" entries, which means you will have single entry, twice or multiple entries during the valid duration of your visa. In most cases, you will only get a single entry visa which cannot support you to go out of China during your semester (Going to Hong Kong, Macau and Tai Wan are considered as going out of China). But you would be able to add one more entry during the semester when at Shanghai.

ENTER BEFORE:

This is the last date you can enter China with your unused entries. You will not be allowed to enter China after this date even you still have unused entries.

DURATION OF EACH STAY

X1 visa is usually only valid for 30 days after entry into China, you would have to get a residence permit before it expires. The residence permit will cover the study duration in China which enable you have multiple entries into China.

X2 visa is based on your study duration, which can cover your whole stay in China. If you do get a visa, which doesn't have enough duration, NYU Shanghai student mobility team can help you to extend it when you get to Shanghai.

Avoid early entry which may cause trouble on your residence permit application

If you are an X1 visa holder, please do not enter China one week earlier than the school registration date. The X1 visa is only valid for 30 days after your entry and the process of residence permit application takes at least 2-3 weeks. Some of the application documents can only be issued after school registration date, so it's strongly recommended not to enter China too earlier than the official move in date when you are holding an X1 visa. Otherwise you cannot get the residence permit before X1 visa expires, and the fine for overstay is 500rmb per day.

Check in at your place of stay to be registered in the local police system within 24hrs after entering China

If you live in NYU Shanghai dorm, please bring your passport to the Foreigners Service Station on 1F at Tower 2B to complete the registration process. The office hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm from Monday to Friday (If you arrive on weekends, please do it on the coming Monday);

If you live in a hotel, the front desk will register you at the local police system after you check in;

If you live at your friends' home or other private places, you would need to take your passport and your landlord's ID to the local police station to get registered.

You'd better to do it within 24hrs after entry, or go as early as possible; You may face with fines if you do it one week later of entry.

NYU Shanghai Mandatory Check in

As required by the Shanghai education committee and the Exit-Entry Bureau, every student should submit his/her scanned copy or photocopy of 1) The passport image page; 2) The China visa page; 3) The entry stamp getting from the customs to NYU Shanghai within 7 days after the school registration. NYU Shanghai student mobility will send you detailed information about this process when you arrive at shanghai.