Lanzhou University Profile

Location/Campus

- Lanzhou, the capital of Gansu Province
- 10 minutes to the train station
- 1 hour to the airport

Enrollment

- Approximately 19,213 undergraduate students, 11,827 graduate students and 485 international students
- Student body represents 48 different countries, along with every province of China

Support Services

The Buddy Program: This program arranges a Chinese student volunteer with adequate language proficiency to provide necessary assistance to each international exchange student.

Faculty

About 360 full professors, 735 associate professors and 760 other academic staff members, including 10 members of Chinese Academy of Science & Engineering, 17 Chair or Lecture Professors of "Cheung Kong Scholars Program", 5 National Distinguished Teachers

Housing

Lanzhou University provides guaranteed on-campus accommodation for exchange students from partner universities.

Costs

Estimated Costs:
- Food: about 150–300 US$ per month
- Books: about 50 US$ per semester
- Housing: about 150 US$ per month

Scholarships

Scholarships are offered according to the agreement signed by Lanzhou University with partner universities. Some students will receive tuition and housing fee waiver, while others will only receive a tuition fee waiver or discount.

Health Insurance

Exchange students must purchase health insurance for the entire length of their exchange.

Application Deadlines

- May 30 for Fall Semester Entry
- November 30 for Spring Semester Entry
**History**

Founded in 1909, Lanzhou University is one of China’s oldest institutions of higher learning. Since then, it has always been recognized as one of northwestern China’s premier universities.

**Excellence in the Sciences and Liberal Arts**

Lanzhou University is ranked 20th among top universities in mainland China (SJTU 2012 Ranking).

Lanzhou University has a high number of Ph.D. programs ranked in the top 10 in their fields in China, including Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Grassland Agriculture, Ethnology, and it has highly-ranked programs in Biology, Ecology, Mathematics, Chinese History and Literature, Economics, Media Studies, etc.

**Member of “985 Project” National Key Universities**

Lanzhou University, along with Tsinghua University, Peking University and another 36 top research oriented universities in China, has been included in the “985 Project” of China’s Ministry of Education.

The elite group of 39 universities (often referred to as “985 Project” National Key Universities) generate the majority of research output of Chinese universities.

**Rich and Colorful Chinese Culture**

Situated along the Silk Road, Gansu was an economically important province and a cultural transmission path in ancient China. Today’s Gansu is still famous for its historic sites, such as the Mogao Grottoes, the Jiayuguan Pass of the Great Wall, etc. Compared with the coastal cities like Hong Kong and Shanghai, Lanzhou has more or less remained a traditional Chinese city, and local people still maintain the traditional habits, both in life and business.

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**Schools and Laboratories**

**33 Schools**

- School of Physical Science and Technology
- School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Mathematics and Statistics
- School of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- School of Geological Sciences and Mineral Resources
- School of Atmospheric Sciences
- School of Nuclear Science and Technology
- School of Information Science and Engineering
- School of Civil Engineering and Mechanics
- School of Pastoral Agriculture Science and Technology
- School of Basic Medical Sciences
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Public Health
- School of Clinical Medical Studies
  - First Affiliated Hospital
  - Second Affiliated Hospital
- School of Stomatology
- School of Chinese Language and Literature
- School of History and Culture
- School of Management
- School of Economics
- School of Law
- School of Politics and Administration
- School of Philosophy and Sociology
- School of Journalism and Communication
- School of Foreign Languages and Literature
- School of Education
- School of Arts
- School of Continuing Education
- School of Higher Vocational Education
- School of Network Education
- School of International Cultural Exchange
- Cuiying Honors College

**Laboratories and Engineering Research Centre**

- State Key Laboratory of Applied Organic Chemistry
- State Key Laboratory of Grassland Agro-ecosystems
- MOE (Ministry of Education) Key Laboratory of Semi-Arid Climate Change
- MOE Key Laboratory of Western China’s Environmental Systems
- MOE Key Laboratory of Mechanics on Disaster and Environment in Western China
- MOE Key Laboratory for Magnetism and Magnetic Materials
- MOE Key Laboratory of Cell Activities and Stress Adaptations
- MOE Engineering Research Center for Neutron Application Technology
- MOE Engineering Research Center of Open Source Software and Real Time System... 

**Research Bases for Humanities & Social Sciences**

- MOE (Ministry of Education) Institute of Dunhuang Studies
- MOE Center for Studies of Ethnic Minorities in Northwest China
- Institute of Sociology and Demography
- Northwest Socioeconomic Development and Assessment Center... 

For more information, please refer to http://en.lzu.edu.cn/Research/
Courses for International Exchange Students

Chinese Learning Program

The Chinese Learning Program is provided solely for international students, whom will be, based on their Chinese proficiency, divided into classes at 7 different levels: Elementary (level 1-3), Intermediate (level 1-2) and Advanced (level 1-2). There is no Chinese language requirement for this program.

International MBA Program

By adopting the courses and credit system of European business schools, the International MBA Program of Lanzhou University is one of most influential all-English MBA programs in northwestern China. Teachers for this program are professors invited from business schools of universities in Europe and North America. Both undergraduate and postgraduate students from partner universities can select the courses of this program.

Directed Readings Course

A Directed Readings course is a tailored readings course, which enables the student to explore in depth a particular topic or area of knowledge with the guidance of a LZU professor with adequate English proficiency. The student should expect to communicate his/her progress and need for direction with the faculty member through face-to-face meetings, and submit a paper when the course finishes.

Other Courses

Apart from the courses of the 3 programs mentioned above, most of the other courses in Lanzhou University are taught in Chinese. Only the students with advanced Chinese language ability can be placed in an appropriate class to study with Chinese students.

To Learn More About Lanzhou University

Mukhiddin A Lee  
(Chinese government scholarship student from Uzbekistan)

I find Lanzhou University is quite a good university which keeps creating the most effective teaching facilities not only for local but also for international students. So now in Lanzhou, I’ve already become the one who have made a great leap in English and also started learning Chinese, my fourth language.

Andrea Nicosia  
(University of Torino, Italy)

I have been to Lanzhou University as an exchange student in the IMBA program. I found it incredibly interesting especially for its international Faculty: all the professors came from foreign universities (US, Germany, NZ, etc.), so that the learning experience was not limited to the subjects studied, but it included the possibility to get in touch with different mindsets and ways of teaching.

Yacouba Sabere MOUNKORO  
(International University College of Turin, Italy)

In Lanzhou I do not lose any chance to get close to the Chinese culture: classes, acquaintances, discussions, wedding ceremonies, sports, even the simple traffic...there is China in every single gesture of people living in Lanzhou. Definitely the beauty of Lanzhou University is its diversity. We come from different horizons, different cultures but we do things together, we love each other, we love Lanzhou and we enjoy our stay. I will encourage any persons wanting to make that kind of experience because Lanzhou University is where you come poor and go back rich.

Maillet Timothé  
(Université Paris Diderot, France)

Concerning the classes, the teachers are really good. Every one of them was kind and ready to help. It was a real pleasure to study in this university. The program is quite intensive but really interesting, and involves teaching of a lot of different aspects of the Chinese language and culture. We have learned a lot but also with a fear that we will forget a lot after we leave here.

Jo Mi Young  
(Yeungnam University, South Korea)

Chinese people are really friendly. When I get some trouble in communication, they will speak slowly to let me understand them. I feel comfortable when I stay with my Chinese friends whenever I need any help, they can always give me a hand. My friends also brought me to know more about Chinese culture. I never regret to come to Lanzhou. If there is a chance, I will come back to Lanzhou in the future. Living in Lanzhou is the most important experience in my life.

Abby Conder  
(Muskingum University, U.S)

Studying a foreign language in that specific country is the best way to quickly pick up the language, but if it were not for the teachers of Lanzhou University, however, my language abilities would still be in the beginner level. Their practice drills ensure that every student understands. Each teacher had his or her individual strength in teaching, which gave my classmates and me many different perspectives on Chinese.

Bui Giang  
(International University College of Turin, Italy)

I know I am right to come here. During this exchange program, I study Chinese in School of International Culture and Exchange, Issues of Law and Finance in School of Law, and International MBA courses in School of Management. What I have learnt and experienced gives me better understanding about China’s economic development as well as Chinese diversity of culture.

Maina Cantero Lázaro  
(Univesitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain)

I am delighted with this city and this university. During the week I try to combine Chinese language studies with my university project on the electronics department, although I am quite busy, I think I am very lucky because that allows me to meet other foreign students as well as Chinese students and I am learning a lot!

Eugenio Paglieri  
(University of Torino, Italy)

The whole experience in LZU’s IMBA-program has been extremely rich on both a learning and a growing side. Satisfied for all this, we wish this project a long-lasting life so that many more students can live moments at least as rewarding as we had.

Amy  
(University of Adelaide, Australia)

I have been working with local researchers from Lanzhou University as well as Australian scientists from Adelaide University and local farmers to collect data on the current farming operations. I feel so honored and lucky to be invited into the farmers’ homes and get a look into their daily lives to experience such a friendly and unique culture.