Visa Guidelines - CHINA

The information below provides general guidelines regarding the visa application process and required documents. This information can change frequently and students should always refer to the Chinese consulate's website for the most up to date application procedures, required documents, and visa fees.

Residents of Michigan will consult the Chinese Consulate in Chicago for application instructions. Non-MI residents must apply for their student visa under the consulate that has jurisdiction over your place of permanent residence.

Please look over the visa information carefully and do not delay, as visa procedures can be complicated and subject to change.

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Nearest Consulate or Embassy	Consulate General 100 West Erie Street Chicago, IL 60654 USA Passport & Visa Office 1 East Erie Street, Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60611 USA
Contact Information	Consulate Phone: 312-803-0095 Passport and Visa Office Phone: 312-453-0210 E-mail: chinavisachicago@gmail.com
Website(s)	Chinese Consulate in Chicago http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/ Visa Information http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/ywzn/qzhz/qz/
Required visa application materials subject to change without notice	 □ Visa application http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/ywzn/qzhz/qz/t1241441.htm □ Original passport □ (1) passport-size photo □ Visa fee of \$140 (visit this page for updated fee information) □ Admission Letter from university in China (can be a copy)
Processing Time	Approximately 4 business days excluding transit time if submitting by mail
Estimated Cost	Visa fee of \$140 (visit this page for updated fee information)
Additional Information	Students can either apply in person for the visa at the Chinese Consulate OR use a visa agent. Agents will charge separate fees for assisting in processing your application. There are several options available for visa agents that you can find through an internet search. We have listed below a selection of providers that students or staff from GVSU have used in the past: Travel Document Systems https://www.traveldocs.com/ TraVisa https://www.travisa.com/ Visa Central https://visacentral.com/ Perry Visa https://perryvisa.com/webPages/visa.php
Specific Programs that this visa information applies to:	These instructions are for students studying in China for less than 6 months. Students planning to study in China for the academic year have a slightly different application procedure and should refer to the website of the Consulate.