

Internationalization of Fudan students

Abstract

Fudan University is a national-key comprehensive university covering social, natural and medical sciences. Fudan is in the course of establishing a world-class university, and placing internationalization on a strategic position. The way to internationalization of students plays an important role in Fudan. Foreign Affairs Office of Fudan University is encouraged to give every qualified undergraduate a chance to go abroad by President Yang Yuliang. By the end of 2010, Fudan University has established significant cooperative ties or strategic partnership with about 300 distinguished universities in 30 countries and regions. About 140 of them are university-level exchange programs. 1685 enrolled students benefited from student-exchange programs in 2010. In order to provide more overseas study opportunities for the B-level students (those whose GPA is not competitive in the exchange program selection.), Fudan carried out a new system of “Self-sent” for undergraduates in 2010. Fudan students can choose their dream school among 165 partner universities to undergo an overseas study experience for 1 semester or 1 year. Because the credits can be converted to Fudan, the undergraduates are able to graduate in 4 years. What is more, Fudan students are exposed to various channels for overseas study, such as overseas sponsored programs, summer school programs, joint education and research programs, and university organization.

According to the “11th 5-year” development plan of Fudan, we are focusing on building the international atmosphere in the campus by inviting more overseas scholars for teaching, lecture and joint research and by establishing more academic courses taught in English to attract more overseas students and offer more communicating chances for domestic students. By the end of 2010, we have 87 courses offered in English which are in the field of economics and management, history and cultural studies, legal studies and political science, and science and technology for Fudan students. The 1st Fudan University International Cultural Festival was held in 2009, which made a communication platform for Fudan and international students.