

Exchanging to Tsinghua University (Beijing, China) – Fall 2015

Before deciding the live on or off campus, keep in mind that there are only three periods

Social and Extra-curricular activities

For health concerns, do NOT drink tap water in Beijing – try to drink bottled water from a reputable brand in China. Also, I strongly suggest not to eat from the random food carts on the streets as they usually are not very sanitary and you may get sick from eating them.

In Beijing, many daily activities can be done with the help of a smartphone. It is important for students to download a mobile application called “WeChat” (similar to Whatsapp) when they are in China. This is the communication platform that most Chinese people use in China. Almost everyone will add each other on Wechat in order to keep in touch. Also, if you link your Chinese debit card to this application, you can use it to pay your utility bills, food, taxi and online purchases. Also, to save money, I suggest to download another application called “Dididache” (a taxi application) or even Uber. Since canteens close early on campus (around 9pm), I suggest downloading take-out apps such as “eleme”, “Baidu Waimai”, etc. These applications usually do delivery all day long for a very reasonable price.