



The 2026 Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU)
International Summer Program



中山大學 外国语学院
School of Foreign Languages

SOCIETY, LANGUAGE, AND ARTS (SLA): EXPLORING THE DIVERSITY OF CHINESE CULTURE IN THE GREATER BAY AREA

School of Foreign Languages, SYSU warmly invites students and scholars from universities around the world to embark on this extraordinary academic journey. Immerse yourself in cutting-edge courses guided by top-tier scholars, and explore the vibrancy of Lingnan culture and the dynamism of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. This summer, we welcome you to join us at the historic and picturesque campus of SYSU!



About SYSU and School of Foreign Languages

Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) was founded in 1924 by the Chinese democratic revolutionary Dr. Sun Yat-sen. It is one of the top universities within China, which also enjoys world renown for its teaching and research. <<https://www.sysu.edu.cn/sysuen/>>

The School of Foreign Languages (FLS) is one of the oldest schools of Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU). Its predecessor, the Department of English Literature, was established in 1924. It was joined by the French, German and Japanese departments in 1957, 1958 and 1978 respectively. The school is known as one of the strongholds in such areas as linguistics, English literature, and translation studies. <<https://flsen.sysu.edu.cn/index.htm>>



Eligibility

- International students and scholars, including current undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members, and early-career researchers from overseas universities or institutions.
- Students who have completed at least one-semester's study at at their home universities.
- Proficiency in English (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) is required.

Application Materials

- (1) Application Form (Scan the QR code below)
- (2) Digital Color Passport Photo
- (3) Copy of Passport or ID Card (photo page)
- (4) Proof of Enrollment or Employment from your home institution
- (5) Official Academic Transcript (for students)
- (6) One Letter of Nomination/Recommendation
- (7) Proof of Language Proficiency: Applicants from non-native English-speaking countries should provide a valid English proficiency test score (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS).



Application Procedures

- Step 1: Scan the QR code and complete the registration form (also accessible via the link <https://wj.sysu.edu.cn/q/Q8po3Vo2>).



- Step 2: Send all the application materials to: wangz37@mail.sysu.edu.cn
- Step 3: Receive admission documents from SYSU

Scholarship and Fees

1. Admitted students and scholars will receive a scholarship covering tuition fees, on-campus accommodation, a 14-day living allowance, and comprehensive medical insurance within China.
2. Admitted participants shall bear the cost of transportation for study tours, which is RMB 2,000 (approximately USD 300).
3. Expenses for international travel, health insurance outside China, visa fees, local transportation, and any other unlisted costs are to be borne by the applicant.



Accommodation

- On-campus double room accommodation is available for the students who are admitted as members of the program and who have submitted required materials before the deadline.

Important Dates

- **May 1, 2026: Application Deadline**
- May 29, 2026: Admission Notification
- July 12, 2026: Arrival and Registration
- **July 13, 2026: Opening Ceremony**
- July 26, 2026: Closing Ceremony
- July 26, 2026: Departure



Courses and Activities (3 credits)

Cultural Immersion

- Grand Opening: Opening Ceremony and Ice-breaking Activities
- Campus Tour: Visit to SYSU Museum and History Museum
- Distinguished Lectures: Traditional Chinese Culture Series (Language & Culture, History, Opera, Fine Arts, Philosophy, etc.)
- Intangible Cultural Heritage Workshops: Hands-on Traditional Crafts — Calligraphy, Lacquer Painting, Paper Cutting
- Traditional Chinese Medicine: TCM Workshop + Herbal Sachet DIY
- Kung Fu & Film: Martial Arts Trial Class / Martial Arts Film Screening
- Closing Ceremony: Farewell Party

Tech Exploration

- Innovation in the Greater Bay Area: Technological Innovation and AI Applications
- Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence: AI and Translation Technology Demo — Hands-on with Smart Translation Devices, AR Interactive Displays
- City of the Future: Visit to Guangzhou Urban Planning Exhibition Center

City Tours

- Museum Journey: Visits to Guangzhou Museum, Nanyue King Museum, Guangdong Cantonese Opera Museum, Guangzhou Museum of Art, Chen Clan Ancestral Hall
- Revitalized Old Streets: Yongqing Fang Historical and Cultural District (Intangible Cultural Heritage, Urban Renewal)
- Rhythm of the Metropolis: Self-guided City Tour — Experience Urban Development and Cultural Heritage Preservation



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