Doing Business in China

Beijing | Xi’an | Shanghai
To advance management knowledge and develop business leaders for China and the global society

Guanghua School of Management

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Guanghua adheres to the highest international standards of management education, with unique strengths concerning China’s economy and business issues.

Building upon more than a century of unique history, continuous innovation, and academic accomplishments, Peking University is a global flagship of higher education in China. As a leading business school in China, Guanghua attracts the best talents from around China, and over the years has developed into a truly international institution.

In the Doing Business in China Program, you will learn about the fascinating developments of the Chinese economy, distinctive characteristics of China’s business environment, and the most pressing challenges facing China’s economic development and business firms. You will also be immersed into China’s splendid culture and rich history. Through thoughtfully organized lectures and enrichment activities, along with the assistance of both our professors and staff, I am sure that you will come away with a much better understanding of the Chinese economy and business practices.

With warm hearts and open minds, I invite you to join us in the Doing Business in China program, I believe that the program will have long-lasting impacts on your own development and you will have a truly memorable and enjoyable learning experience at Guanghua.

“In the time of rapid globalization, China has become an increasing important player on the world stage, so this is the right time to come to China.”
Why Doing Business in China

As China continues to play a prominent role in international business, understanding how to conduct business in China is no longer an added value to your CV, but rather a prerequisite to success. The Doing Business in China program provides participants with the critical and essential tools to understand how to do business in China through a combination of subject-specific modules, company visits, and cultural activities. Through merging both "classroom knowledge" with real business practices, students are able to understand China beyond the rapid economic growth.

One Program Multiple Campuses

Our Campuses

Doing Business in China Program participants attend regional-specific courses and gain a deeper understanding of China’s diverse economic and business environment. All Guanghua’s campuses offer stimulating multi-cultural learning environments, while serving as outstanding meeting points for professionals from all over the world. Personal attention and excellent service are integrated to produce unparalleled educational experiences. A typical DBIC program consists of 1 main campus module + 2 branch campus modules.

Current Program Locations:

Beijing

As the capital of China for over 850 years, Beijing is China’s political, cultural and educational center. The city is both the heart of ancient Chinese culture and tradition, as well as a bustling metropolis. Guanghua’s main campus features state-of-the-art learning facilities.

Xi’an

One of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, Xi’an is at the heart of western China and serves as the region’s economic hub. Built in 2013, at the focal point of the Silk Road, Guanghua’s Xi’an campus spans 28,000m² and offers the MBA and Executive Education Programs.

Shanghai

Guanghua’s Shanghai campus features optimal learning facilities and the perfect place from which to engage with leading and domestic corporations. Shanghai is home to one of Asia’s largest international finance centers and one of the busiest ports in the world.
China seen from the inside.

Academic Component

Integrated Curriculum

By immersing you in three China’s most influential economic hubs, the 2-week program provides you with a unique opportunity to experience firsthand the emerging markets of China, one of the world’s fastest-growing major economies, offers a unique angle on China for those well-versed with China as well as those new to China.

Group Project

The Final Project best reflects the culmination in-class learning and company visits. This project is a highly collaborative exercise that gives participants the opportunity to apply the concepts and techniques learned through the program to a unique, self-selected China business initiative, weaving your learning across the program into your practice.

Course Topics

- Made-in-China: Challenge and Opportunity
- China: The country and the people
- Doing business and managing people in China
- Economic, Government and Business Environment
- Survey of Chinese History and Culture
- Chinese Economy: Past, Present and Future
- Financial Market and Financing in China
- Leadership in Chinese Business Firms
- Capital Market and Corporate Behaviors in China
- Branding in China

Program Philosophy

1. Unique China Focus
   The program spans cities in China, aiming to provide a unique angle on the world’s fastest-growing major economy for those well-versed with China as well as those new to China.

2. Diverse Learning Style
   Wide range of learning methodologies is designed to bridge the best in business theory and its practical application such as lectures, case studies, company visits, group exercises, participant presentations, debates, Q&A

3. Learning by Doing
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Doing Business in China Sample Courses

China: The country and the people
This module will set the stage for the Doing Business in China program by providing a comprehensive but brief description of China. After attending this module, you will first work on two different exercises tapping some key aspects of Chinese people’s values, which are most relevant to your possible experiences of Doing Business in China. You will learn these points through your experiential learning exercises and class discussions.

Branding in China
Branding is perhaps the most visible way for a firm to differentiate itself in the market. Particularly in China, consumers are increasingly brand literate, and the onus is on the company to ensure that its branding strategy is appropriate and implemented correctly. Based on the established branding building blocks, we will explore how they are applied in the Chinese market.

Made-in-China: Challenge and Opportunity
The course exposes students to the history and status quo of the manufacturing industry in China, the opportunities and challenges faced by Chinese manufacturing companies in such a dynamic environment of China. Through case discussions and value chain analysis, students will learn the strategies Chinese manufacturing companies took to move up the value chain and be exposed to various strategies Chinese leading manufacturing companies are undertaking to expand their business into the global market.

Economic, Government and Business Environment in China
This course offers an unique perspective into the evolving process of China’s economic transition from a planned regime to a market economy as well as China’s emergence as a modern day economic power. The chief features of current China’s economy in transition, major challenges, and the business environments. Special attention will be paid to the political economy and institutional aspects of China’s transition, China-US trade relations, the uniqueness of economy and important implications for doing business.

Financial Market and Financing in China
Currently, China’s stock market has becoming an important channel of financing for Chinese enterprises as well as an important tool to diversify portfolios for international investors. We will discuss the features of China’s stock market that are fundamental different from international stock markets and through this introduction, assist class participants in understanding stock investing in China. Two merger and acquisition cases of foreign firms buying Chinese firms, and focus on Chinese characteristics that are foreign to foreign investors will also be discussed.

Doing Business and Managing People
This module will focus on how to manage the people aspect of doing business in China. You will learn through discussion, rich case studies, combined with in-class exercises on Chinese employees’ values and behaviors. This structure will give you first-hand experience and shed light on what it means to (1) manage Chinese employees and (2) do business (whether in collaborative or negotiation) in China.
A Bridge to New Opportunities

China’s Belt and Road Initiative

From Rhetoric to Reality: A visionary blueprint for global economic development in the new world order.

China’s Belt and Road Initiative

Taking reference from the historic Silk Road, the Belt and Road Initiative offers a modern-day solution that fosters inclusive growth and development in the 21st century. The routes cover more than 60 countries and currently accounting for some 30 per cent of global GDP and more than 35 per cent of the world’s merchandise trade. By 2050, the Belt and Road region aims to contribute 80 per cent of global GDP growth, and advance three billion more people into the middle class.

PKU Guanghua Advantages

With a team of a diverse group of prominent business leaders and experts, students of all programs have unparalleled academic support. PKU Guanghua Faculty has been working closely with policy-makers and serve as mentors and their research goes beyond the publication - actively shaping China’s national policies. A series of studies, programs and courses on the “One Belt and One Road” was launched to cultivate more talent for the construction of the Belt and Road Initiative.

The Doing Business in Program will bring you answers to some key questions about the Belt and Road Initiative:

- Why was the belt and road initiative launched?
- How has this initiative been interpreted by Chinese and international observers?
- Why is it important for China to engage leaders of the developed world on this project?
- How do I or how does my country tap into Belt and Road opportunities?
On-the-ground learning experience:

Company Visit

“Touch the vital heartbeats of Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai, get the firsthand insights of China’s emerging markets.”

Guanghua School of Management has leveraged extensive networks to create opportunities for participants to visit leading domestic and international corporate partners operating in their respective regions.

While each company visit is unique, Guanghua works closely with its corporate partners to ensure that the visits enhance the educational experience. Through company visits, participants gain an understanding on how companies have overcome the unique challenges of the China market and achieved success, as well as be exposed to different management practices, leadership styles and challenges, and a variety of marketing and public relations strategies.

A typical visit format includes a series of presentations given by professionals in their respective regions, a site tour, a workshop led by industry experts and a networking session.
"Whether it’s your first visit or your twentieth, China is so big, so diverse and so fast-changing, it’s always an adventure."

China is vast, off-the-scale massive. Through Doing Business in China Program, you will not only learn about the uniqueness of the Chinese market, but also travel with Guanghua team from Beijing, the political and socioeconomic heart of China all the way to Xi’an, the ancient focal point of the Silk road and Shanghai, the most vibrant city evokes so much glamour.

With Great Wall, Terra-cotta Warriors and the Bund at your doorstep it will be a great time of cultural discoveries. In additions, you will also expect an adventure of culinary exploration and return with stimulated taste buds and much cherished gastronomic memories.

Beyond Classroom...

+ Breathtaking Antiquity
+ Stupendous Scenery
+ Diverse Cuisine

Off-the-scale massive China, see for yourself.
Cultural Immersion
You will also be introduced to the challenges, pitfalls, government, and opportunities found in China.

We offer a suite of specialist China-focused courses comprising several dozen topics. These topics are taught by the finest academics in China, provide our students with a profound understanding of the complex Chinese business environment.

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Through PKU Guanghua’s long experience delivering Chinese management and business education, we have evolved a custom program design that optimizes learning, teaching, and discussion.

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Guanghua Faculty

Governed by the Academic Steering Committee to ensure teaching quality and learning experience; Taught by the pioneers in China Management Research, our faculty is committed to building a vibrant and interactive learning environment where you and your peers can thrive.

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Testimonials
Our Participants’ Responses

Since 2006, Doing Business in China Program has hosted thousands of business students and professionals all over the world spans more than 100 countries.

Robyn Cassidy
Senior Consultant at Deloitte Canada, University of British Columbia

“Liked the program a lot! The discussion and presentation – based classes gave a lot of insights into how to enter and act on the Chinese market and gave us the opportunity to raise questions also on broader cultural issues. The topics all seem highly relevant for foreign managers who want to do business in China!”

Arthur Amornsrisakul
Finance Manager, Topson Downs University of Southern California

“As a global manager, the DBIC program was essential for developing strategies to expand our business in China. The instructors and presenters were world-class with deep insight into the business aspects of China. They combined great communication skills, while sharing a wealth of experience that a student could not get from reading alone.”

Letica Fox-Thomas
Consultant, LeFoTho Consulting New York University

“It has been the most interesting class I have taken thus far in Business School, and it may turn out to be the most valuable as China has a big role in the future of world business. A very educational and exclusive opportunity to study at Guanghua, one of the top business schools in Asia.”

Andrew Horvath
Manager at The Alexander Group University of Chicago

“The culmination of classroom lectures, module materials, cultural visits & trips were all collectively extremely informing and fun as well. I definitely learnt a lot and could not have imagined that I could learn & experience so much about a country in just 2 weeks.”

Admissions
Doing Business in China Program is looking for business students or professionals who are interested in learning business in China or who are considering Chinese market. Come joins us for 2 weeks in China and leave with in-depth real China insights.

Grading and Credits
Participation will count 25% of the final grade. Each participant will be assigned in a group while each group will need to complete a task during the program and give a final presentation at the final session. The final project will count 75% of the final grade.

A Certificate and an official transcript with 3 credits will be offered to those who successfully complete the program.

How to Apply
Applicants from partner institutions:
Obtain a formal nomination from the study abroad coordinators at your home institutions.

Individual Applicant:
Get an application form from www.pkudbic.com
For further information, please visit www.pkudbic.com or send inquiry to pku-dbic@gsm.pku.edu.cn