



Tsinghua University

International Students Safety
Regulations Handbook

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In order to maintain a safe campus and guarantee the personal safety of international students, the Office of Study Abroad of Tsinghua University has prepared this handbook containing various laws and regulations that students should be aware of during their stay in China.

The handbook is in accordance with the following laws and regulations: *Constitution of the People's Republic of China, Law of the People's Republic of China on Penalties for Administration of Public Security, Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China, The Exit and Entry Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Administration of the Entry and Exit of Foreigners, Provisions on the Administration of Religious Activities of Aliens within the Territory of the People's Republic of China, Road Traffic Safety Law of the People's Republic of China, Administrative Regulations of Student Discipline Penalty of Tsinghua University, Rules for Implementation of Administrative Regulations of Student Discipline Penalty of Tsinghua University, Administrative Policies of Accommodation in International Students Apartments of Tsinghua University* and other relevant laws.

I. Chinese Constitution and Laws

1. Comply with the Constitution and the laws of the People's Republic of China. According to Article 32, The People's Republic of China protects the lawful rights and interests of foreigners within Chinese territory, and foreigners on Chinese territory must abide by the laws of the People's Republic of China.

II. Criminal Offenses

1. According to Article 62 of The Exit and Entry Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, foreigners with criminal offenses will be repatriated, and repatriated persons shall not be allowed to enter China for one to five years starting from the date of repatriation. The university is not responsible or liable for any criminal acts committed by students.

2. During their time as a student at Tsinghua university, if a criminal offense is committed the student shall be forbidden from residing in the international student apartments and must move out immediately.

3. Using drugs or engaging in any drug-related activities are strictly prohibited. Chinese rules and regulations have a zero-tolerance policy towards illegal drugs and any illegal drug activity will face serious punishment. In accordance with Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China Article 347, those involved in the smuggling, trafficking, transportation and manufacturing of narcotic drugs, regardless of the quantity involved, shall be investigated for criminal responsibility and given criminal punishment. In accordance with Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China Article Number 357, illegal drugs include opium, heroin, methamphetamine (ice), morphine, marijuana, cocaine and other controlled substances stated by the law that may cause addiction.

4. Theft of bicycles or electric vehicles or wrongful taking of unlocked bicycles or electric vehicles is considered a criminal offence. According to Chinese Criminal Law, stealing items worth more than RMB 1000 is considered a criminal offense.

5. Reckless drinking, behavioral misconduct after drinking, and driving under the influence of alcohol is a violation of university policy and will be subject to disciplinary action. In accordance with Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China Article Number 133, driving under the influence of alcohol is classified as a crime of dangerous driving and will be penalized by fines or detention.

III. Exit and Entry Administration Related Regulations

1. During the time that an international student is residing within the Chinese borders, he/she must not engage in activities that are inconsistent with the reasons for staying in the country and shall leave the country before the expiration of his/her predetermined period of stay. According to Article 37 of The Exit and Entry Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, foreigners who stay or reside in China shall not engage in activities not corresponding to the purpose of stay or residence, and shall leave China prior to the expiry of the prescribed duration of stay or residence.

2. Overstaying one's visa or residence permit is prohibited. In accordance with Article 25 of Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Administration of the Entry and Exit of Foreigners, a foreigner shall be deemed to be residing in China illegally if he or she overstays their visa or residence permit. According to Article 78 of The Exit and Entry Administration Law of the Peoples Republic of China, foreigners residing illegally in China will be given a warning, and in serious circumstances, must pay a fine of RMB 500 per day, with a maximum cap of RMB 10,000 in total, or be detained for no less than five days but no more than fifteen days.

3. If students will undertake an internship off campus, they must apply for an Internship Annotation – which will be affixed to their residence permit. In accordance with Article 62 of Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Administration of the Entry and Exit of Foreigners, foreigners working illegally may be deported.

4. International students from Tsinghua University who reside in places other than the Tsinghua Zijing International Students Apartments and off-campus hotels are required to obtain a Registration Form of Temporary Residence from the police station with jurisdiction over their place of accommodation within 24 hours of moving in, either in person or with the assistance of the property owner. Documents required include the tenant's passport and ID, as well as the landlord/property owner's "Household Registration" booklet.

IV. Violations of Public and Social Order

1. Under Article 66 and 67 of Law of the People's Republic of China on Penalties for Administration of Public Security, "any person who engages in prostitution", "sexual coercion, tolerates or introduces another person to engage in prostitution" or "solicits another for sexual activity and/or prostitution in a public place", shall be detained for no less than 10 days but no more than 15 days and may, in addition, be fined no more than RMB 5,000. If the circumstances of the offense are deemed to be relatively minor, he/she shall be detained no more than five days or be fined no more than RMB 500.

2. Under Article 70 of Law of the People's Republic of China on Penalties for Administration of Public Security, a person who engaged in gambling for the purpose of making profit or participates in gambling with a relatively large sum of money, shall be detained for no more than five days or be fined no more than RMB 500. In serious circumstances, he/she shall be detained for no less than 10 days, but no more than 15 days, in addition to being fined 500 RMB to 3,000 RMB.

3. According to Article 5 of Rules for Implementation of Administrative Regulations of Student Discipline Penalty of Tsinghua University, those who are involved in fights and brawls shall be given a warning or punishment based on the severity of the case.

4. Holding political-related activities on campus without the prior approval of the university are strictly prohibited. Offenders will face disciplinary actions. In accordance with Law of the People's Republic of China on Penalties for Administration of Public Security Article 55, anyone who "incites or engineers an illegal gathering, parade or demonstration but refuses to listen to dissuasion shall be detained for no less than 10 days but no more than 15 days."

5. Comply with laws and regulations regarding religious activities. Religious organizations, religious sites and religious activities of any kind, such as religious gathering and preaching, are not allowed on campus. According to Article 5 of Provisions on the Administration of Religious Activities of Aliens within the Territory of the People's Republic of China, foreigners may participate in religious activities at lawfully registered Buddhist monasteries, Taoist temples, mosques and churches within Chinese territory according to their own religious beliefs.

V. Traffic Safety

1. Driving motorcycles on campus is not permitted. Use of electric vehicles on campus is strongly discouraged by the university. According to Beijing regulations, only electric bikes and scooters that have been registered are permitted to be driven on roads, and unregistered electric bikes and scooters are not permitted inside the Tsinghua university campus. According to Tsinghua university regulations, electric bikes and scooters are not permitted to be driven or parked inside the student accommodation areas of the campus. All individuals operating electric vehicles within the campus must operate their vehicles within the speed limit of 15km/h. Electric vehicles are the cause of around 70 percent of all traffic accidents on campus. The Beijing Municipal Government has issued a ban on the sale of electric bicycles/scooters which can travel at a speed of more than 25km/h and weigh more than 55 kg.

2. Electric vehicle batteries are not allowed to be brought into students apartment buildings. Students are forbidden to take or charge batteries in student apartments, dormitories, laboratories, classrooms, offices and other public buildings on campus. The university does not have any electric vehicle charging facilities set up on campus.

3. Should traffic accidents occur off-campus, the traffic police should be notified immediately. Ensure that the settlement process is supervised by the traffic police and avoid personal negotiations or deals. Should blackmail, threats or other unlawful tactics be used as personal intimidation, contact the police immediately.

VI. Personal Safety

1. Be aware of telephone and financial scams. Government departments, public security bureaus and judicial offices within China will never request bank transfers by phone. If you have any questions, contact campus staff for additional information.

2. Carry a photocopy of your passport and visa with you at all times.

3. According to Administrative Policies of Accommodation in International Students Apartments of Tsinghua University, visitors and guests are prohibited from staying overnight in student dorms and open flames and the use of unapproved electrical devices are strictly prohibited. Please pay close attention to fire prevention measures and safety within the student residences. Please close all windows, lock the door, and switch off the power to all electrical appliances before leaving the dorms.

4. Be mindful of personal belongings in public areas, especially in bars and other crowded areas. Do not follow strangers into unfamiliar places.

5. If possible, avoid crowded areas during public holidays.

6. During winter, be mindful of frozen lakes and icy surfaces. Avoid traversing across frozen lakes.

VII. Other regulations

1. International students should respect the social morals, ethics and customs of the People's Republic of China.