- Two seven-week sessions per semester, with two intensive for-credit courses per session.
- Interactive teaching styles, classroom discussions, and research opportunities.
- Average Class size 12. Student-faculty ratio is 3:1.
- Bright, socially engaged students from top universities in China and the world.
- Active student life programs.
- Engagement with faculty and peers outside the classroom.
- Field trips in the historic Kunshan and Shanghai regions.
- Leadership and on-campus work opportunities.





"I am really lucky to participate in the Global Learning Semester at DKU. Here, professors from Duke University are enthusiastic about teaching and communicating with every student. Each student is assigned to an advisor who gives generous help and guidance. Small class sizes enable us to have open discussions, with different voices and perspectives shared. It's here at DKU that I really started to practice the idea of critical thinking."

> Su Yunmeng, Nanjing University DKU GLS, Spring 2015



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Duke Kunshan University (DKU) is a Sino-American partnership between Duke University, which consistently ranks in the top ten of all American universities, and Wuhan University, named among China's ten best universities by the Chinese University Alumni Association. Through Duke's singular commitment to bring its best resources and culture of excellence, DKU delivers a Duke education in the global center that is China today.

DKU offers a Global Learning Semester (GLS) program for undergraduate students featuring courses taught in English by leading faculty from Duke University, Duke Kunshan University and other distinguished institutions. Upon successful completion of the GLS program, you'll receive Duke University credits that can be transferred to your home institution. This is the unequaled academic education offered by Duke, yet enhanced by a diverse student body and immersive environment in China. The program delivers an interdisciplinary curriculum designed to enhance your major with liberal arts courses.

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## DKU Global Learning Semester: Program Highlights

- Engage with faculty who are leaders in their disciplines
- Experience learning outside the classroom
- Enjoy a collaborative and adventurous social atmosphere
- Participate in international academic workshops and forums
- Network with DKU and Duke University alumni in China

**Exceptional Campus Life.** Be inspired by our collaborative approach in a cutting-edge educational environment. Undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, researchers and administrators from all corners of the globe come together and form a remarkable atmosphere for learning. The DKU Academic Center boasts multi-functional classrooms and workspaces where professors and small groups of students interact, and the DKU Library gives access to extensive online resources from the Duke University Libraries.



All DKU students live on our modern, state-of-the-art residential campus. Residences feature single- and doubleoccupancy bedrooms arranged in three- or four-person suites with a common living space, a plan that builds community yet ensures privacy for study. Take advantage of the well-equipped gym and spacious aerobic/yoga room with free weekly classes.

The on-campus DKU Conference Center hosts special events and stimulating lectures by distinguished speakers.

#### **Outstanding Enrichment Opportunities.** As a

student in the Global Learning Semester, you'll take part in a vast array of co-curricular activities designed to strengthen your multicultural understanding, develop camaraderie with your peers, and spur your creativity as you experience life in an American-style university. Movie discussions, local excursions, and workshops are just a sampling of the "day in the life" experiences that will enrich your time. Sharpen your leadership skills by starting or joining a DKU student organization.

Academic and career counseling is an important component of the DKU experience. You'll receive one-on-one guidance to help develop and refine your plans for academic and career success. Small classes allow you to build close relationships with faculty mentors, who are able to provide personalized attention for your continued studies at top universities around the world.



**Smart Investment by Parents.** The Global Learning Semester at DKU sets your student apart in ways that are invaluable for the future. The innovative educational experience from Duke professors and other international instructors, together with credits awarded by the distinguished Duke University, will stand out to university graduate programs and future employers alike. This is learning and preparation that mirror the way multinational institutions and organizations work – a small-group approach, hands-on mentoring and career guidance, multicultural peer circles, and collegial socialization. It's available here in China, allowing your student to build a network at home, in a program sponsored by the Ministry of Education. It's an adventure of a lifetime for your student, and one that pays off for years to come.



"A person-to-person education in a deeply international context, DKU's Global Learning Semester is intellectually stimulating with classroom dynamics that are emotionally involving."

> Dr. William A. Johnson, Department of Classical Studies, Duke University Professor, "Greek Civilization: The Origins of Western Culture," DKU GLS, Fall 2014

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#### Who Should Apply?

The DKU Global Learning Semester is designed for undergraduate students currently enrolled in other accredited institutions around the world. Students are generally in their second or third year of undergraduate studies, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or a ranking in the top 25% of their class.

The language of instruction is English, and written and spoken English proficiency is required. Students who are not native English speakers can provide language evaluation test scores (such as the CET, TOEFL or IELTS) with their application materials. Students may be required to have a personal interview prior to an admission decision.

#### **Are Scholarships Available?**

Duke Kunshan University is committed to enrolling a highly talented, diverse and international student body. Scholarship support is available to help achieve these goals, and DKU is dedicated to providing full or partial scholarships to students who need financial support. Contact admissions@dku.edu.cn for more information on scholarship awards.

#### May We Speak with GLS Students?

DKU Peer Advisors are fellow learners who joined our program and are willing to share their experience with others at their home institution and people around the world. Contact us at admissions@dku.edu.cn for more information.

#### How and When to Apply?

Complete the online application form and upload your official university transcript from your home institution. You must provide two letters of recommendation from university faculty members and upload two required essays written in English (500 word maximum each), plus an optional third essay. Please visit the DKU website for essay topics and additional details. www.dukekunshan.edu.cn.

#### **Spring Semester Priority Deadline:** October 1, Final Deadline: November 15

**Fall Semester Priority Deadline:** 

March 1, Final Deadline: May 1

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