



Smith@Fudan Frequently Asked Questions

As a returning Smith student, how will enrollment in the Smith@Fudan program affect my F-1 visa status?

As a returning Smith student with an active F-1 visa, your visa will remain in valid status while enrolled with the Smith@Fudan program with Smith College. Note that you will technically be on “study abroad leave” even if the study abroad is in your country of residence.

I am a new Smith student. How will enrollment in this program affect my visa application?

For initial F-1 students, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will only confer active F-1 status for those who travel to the U.S. Since your arrival into the U.S. will be delayed, the Smith International Student & Scholar Office (ISSO) will send you a new I-20 with your updated program dates. If you have not yet received your visa, you may need to reschedule your visa interview. Generally, the U.S. Department of State will not issue an F-1 more than four months in advance of a program start. If you’ve already received an F-1 visa, this entry visa will still be valid for your eventual entry into the US and your arrival at Smith’s campus. Your SEVIS ID will be the same as the original I-20 we sent to you.

Am I required to live in TEAN housing if I am a Shanghai resident?

Residence life is part of Smith’s co-curricular environment that enhances the academic program. In order to build our Smith community at Fudan it is recommended that Shanghai residents live with the Smith@Fudan group in TEAN housing. Many of the Smith cultural activities will be based in the residence halls. Shanghai residents living at home will still be welcome at virtual broadcast events held at Fudan campus facilities such as Convocation or Otelia Cromwell Day.

My permanent residence is in China but I am not a Chinese citizen. Can I enroll in the Smith@Fudan program?

The program with TEAN/Fudan is limited to Chinese passport holders.

I am a first year student and do not yet have a transcript. How can I complete the TEAN application?

First year students do not need to submit a transcript. Smith College will provide TEAN with a list of enrolled and approved first year Smith students wanting to be part of the program.

What Fudan courses am I able to enroll in? Are the Fudan courses taught in Chinese or English?

Please see the Course section of the [TEAN-Fudan website](#) for available courses. All the Fudan courses with the exception of Chinese Modern Economy are taught in Mandarin. Smith students participating in this program will take two or three Fudan courses and at least two Smith courses.

First year students are encouraged to begin building the foundations of their liberal arts education with a breadth of courses across the curriculum. Please consult with [Assistant Dean Lisa Johnson](#) if you have questions. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be required to have a Plan of Study and courses approved by their major advisors as part of the study abroad approval process through SITES.

How does the payment for the Smith@Fudan tuition and housing work?

Students participating in this program will be billed the Smith comprehensive fee (tuition, room and board), and Smith will pay TEAN/Fudan fees. Shanghai residents living at home will be allowed to waive the room and board fees on a case-by-case basis. Please consult the Smith Study Abroad website for information on our “Home School Fees” policy described in the section on [Costs & Financial Aid: Fees & Expenses](#).

If I am a sophomore or junior participating in this program, am I still eligible to have one or two semesters of regular study abroad leave in my junior or senior year?

Generally, Smith does not allow students to take more than two consecutive leaves from Smith. The Smith@Fudan program may be treated as a study abroad leave toward the two consecutive leaves. Any requests for a full calendar year of study abroad leave after your Smith@Fudan term will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Will the Smith@Fudan program be offered in the Spring 2021 semester?

The College has not yet made that decision and will want to see how global travel and pandemic conditions evolve over the next couple of months.