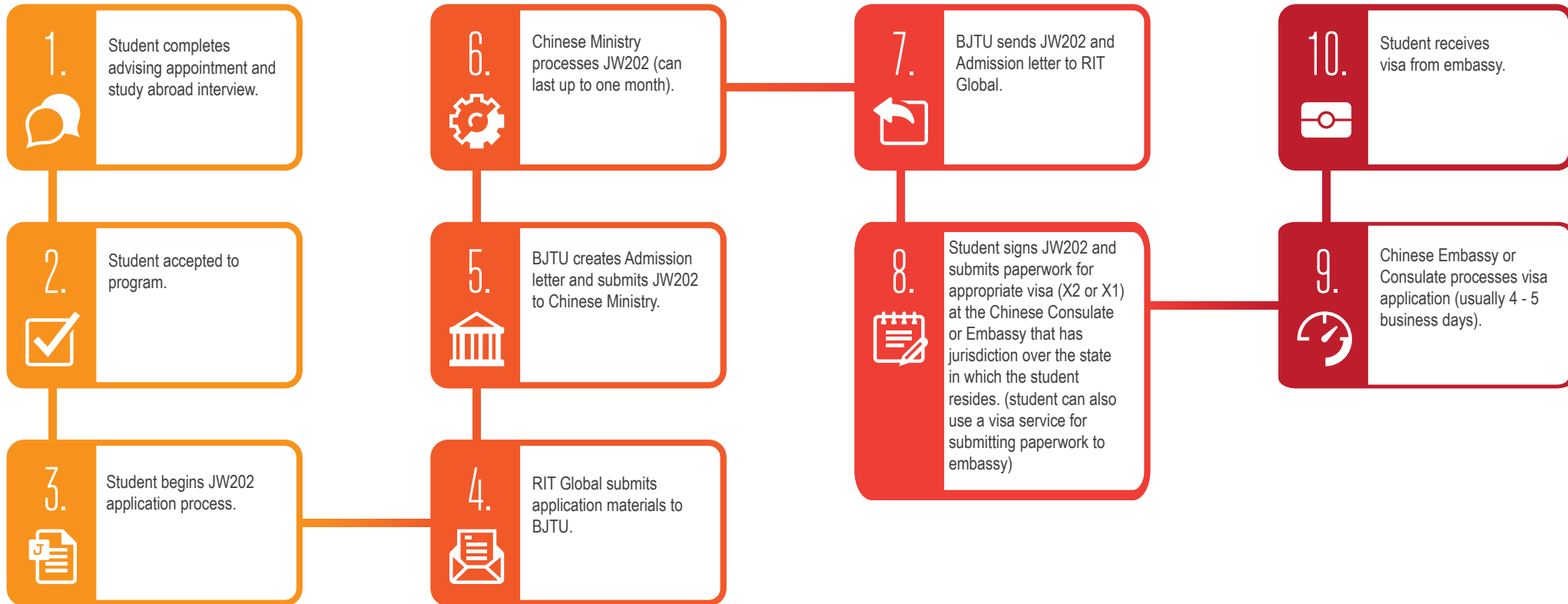


China Visa Process





Student Visa Instructions for China

- All students studying in China will need a visa
- You will receive guidance on the visa process from a Study Abroad advisor
- It is your responsibility to apply for your visa
- You will be informed of deadlines for submission of required documents by a Study Abroad advisor
- You can contact one of our Study Abroad advisors with any questions or concerns
- You must submit all required documents to a Study Abroad advisor

Before Starting the Visa Process

- Make sure to complete your profile and application in the Compass. All students applying for the BJTU exchange program in China must fill out a profile and application on the Compass database.
- Please make sure to upload a scanned copy of your passport*, and add your health insurance information (name on policy and number) under the 'Insurance' tab.
 - * Prior to applying for study abroad, please make sure to check the expiration date on your passport. Visa approval requires that your passport be valid for a minimum of six months past the end date of your program. If necessary, you can apply to renew your passport through the local post office, or county clerk office.
- Upon acceptance into the program, you will receive an e-mail from the RIT Global office notifying you of the results and providing instructions with next steps.

F.A.Q. FOR VISA PROCESS IN CHINA

WHAT TYPE OF VISA WILL I NEED FOR MY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN CHINA?

- If you plan to attend the BJTU exchange program for 6 months (or one semester), you will need to apply for an **X2** visa.
- If you plan to study at BJTU for more than one year, you will need to apply for an **X1** visa.

HOW DO I APPLY?

During your advising meetings, the study abroad advisor will review the process with you. Upon approval of your study abroad application, the study abroad advisor will work with you to collect the necessary documents.

WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP TO GET STARTED?

The first step is to complete your application for the exchange program. The RIT Global office will then submit your application materials to the host university.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR MY APPLICATION MATERIALS AND JW202 TO BE PROCESSED?

Processing time is approximately one month.

- Upon acceptance of your application, BJTU will submit the request for your JW202 to the Chinese Ministry.
- BJTU will forward your Admission letter and JW202 to the RIT Global office.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

You should start collecting the remaining documents needed for your visa application and apply for your visa at the Embassy or Consulate of the People's Republic of China.

Please follow the instructions at <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/hrsq/>

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY PAPERWORK IN PERSON AT THE EMBASSY?

You can apply for an appointment and submit your documents in person. Alternatively, you have the option of working with a visa company, who can submit the visa application on your behalf. Following is a list of companies that students have used in the past. The study abroad advisor can help you get started.

- Travia (<http://www.travia.com/>)
- Travel Docs (<http://www.traveldocs.com/>)

WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY VISA APPLICATION?

You should plan to submit your visa application as soon as possible after you receive your admission letter and JW202.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE VISA?

- X1 visa application - for one year or longer study in China
 - Valid passport
 - Visa application (form V.2013)
 - Recent color passport photo
 - Proof of legal stay or resident status (only for non-U.S. citizens)
 - Original and photocopy of the admission letter from host university
 - Original and photocopy of the “visa application for study in China” (form JW202)

- X2 visa application - for 6 month study in China
 - Valid passport
 - Visa application (form V.2013)
 - Recent color passport photo
 - Proof of legal stay or resident status (only for non-U.S. citizens)
 - Original and photocopy of the admission letter from host university
 - Original and photocopy of the “visa application for study in China” (form JW202)

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION FEE?

The application fee for U.S. citizens is \$140.00 USD for a single entry or multiple entry visa.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION FEE FOR NON-U.S. CITIZENS?

- Single entry visa -- \$30.00
- Double entry visa -- \$45.00
- Multiple entries for 6 months -- \$65.00
- Multiple entries for 12 months -- \$90.00

NOTE: Visa fees may vary for citizens of certain countries. Please check with the closest consulate or embassy of the People’s Republic of China to confirm your fee. Also, students using a visa processing company may have additional fees paid directly to the company.

WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT ARE ACCEPTABLE?

Acceptable methods of payment are credit card (MasterCard or Visa only), money order, cashier’s check, or company check. Check or money order should be made payable to “Chinese Embassy”, or to “Chinese Consulate in (name of city)”. Personal checks are not accepted.

I AM A FORMER CHINESE CITIZEN WITH CITIZENSHIP IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. DO I FOLLOW THE SAME VISA PROCEDURE?

In addition to the visa items listed above, you must also provide the following:

- Photocopy of previous Chinese passport(s) or previous Chinese visas
- If applying for a Chinese visa for the first time, you should provide your previous Chinese passport and copy of the data page
- If you obtained a Chinese visa before and want to apply for a new visa with a renewed foreign passport that does not contain your previous Chinese visa, you should provide a photocopy of the previous passport’s data page and photo page, and a copy of the Chinese visa page.

