



SAIF

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About SAIF & SJTU

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF)

The Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance was established in 2009 by the Shanghai Municipal Government (SMG) within Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU). It seeks to establish itself as a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in both finance and management. Its objectives include developing top talent, building an open platform for research, and becoming a leading finance think tank.

Currently, SAIF has a faculty of 27 full-time professors and 37 special-term professors. More than 40 faculty members obtained tenured positions from top business schools in North America and Europe. Full-time faculty members are recruited through a selective process from the finest institutions in the world, including Stanford, Wharton, Chicago, Michigan, Duke, UBC and Northwestern. They are reviewed and promoted in a manner consistent with leading research institutions in North America and Europe.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)

Nestled in downtown Shanghai area, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) has always been recognized as one of the most prestigious universities in China for both its academic reputation and its alumni achievements. In 2018, SJTU was listed Top 59 in QS World University Rankings.

Founded in 1896, SJTU has evolved itself from an institute of nurturing top engineers into a comprehensive university of over twenty schools, ranging from sciences, engineering, humanities, law, international relations to business.



SAIF Academic Programs

- * **Finance MBA**
- * **Master in Finance**
- * **Finance EMBA**
- * **PhD in Finance**
- * **DBA in Global Financial Management**

For Exchange Students (2019-2020)

Academic Calendar*:

Fall Semester

September, 2019 -
January, 2020

Spring Semester

February - June, 2020

*Please note the academic calendar is tentative at this time. Students will obtain a firm academic calendar after nominated by their home schools. There is no academic break during the semester but the school will not be in session during Chinese public holidays.



The stone lions on the campus of Jiao Tong University

- * **Courses:** Exchange students will take courses alongside SAIF students from the Finance MBA and Master in Finance programs. Detailed course information is available to upon SAIF course selection. Some available courses are listed as follows: Fixed Income Securities, Financial Risk Management, Securities Analysis & Valuation, Financial Reporting & Analysis, Merger, Acquisition and Reorganization, Entrepreneurial Finance, Behavioral Finance, Commercial Banking and Venture Capital & Private Equity etc. (Please note the course selection may change from semester to semester)
- * **Language of Instruction:** English
- * **Language Requirement:** Proficiency in English
- * **Nomination Deadline:** Fall Semester is April 1, 2019 and Spring Semester is October 15, 2019.
- * **Application Information:** Shanghai Jiao Tong University exchange application is completed online. Once nominated an Email is sent to students with information on how to submit their application.
- * **Application Deadline:** Fall Semester is April 30, 2019 and Spring Semester is November 15, 2019.
- * **Entry Requirements:** All applicants must have successfully completed the equivalency of a Bachelor degree, be enrolled in an MBA or Master's program at a SAIF partner school and only second year MBA or Master's level candidates can participate in SAIF exchange program (For students' better experience in the study and life in China, we highly recommend the students whose nationality are not China to join the exchange program).
- * **Full-time Workload:** Exchange students are required to take a minimum of 8 SAIF credits in order to maintain the exchange status (1 SAIF credit is equal to 12 contact hours).
- * **Learning Expectations:** Class attendance is mandatory. Class participation usually accounts for a certain percentage of the student's final grade. Missing more than one third of a course may result in a failing grade. Detailed course management regulation is also available to upon SAIF course selection.
- * **Grading:** Courses are graded as: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D and F (Failure). Transcripts of the exchange students will be mailed to their home institutions directly after the students finish SAIF exchange survey.
- * **Academic Expenses:** Tuition fee is waived for exchange students, but students are expected to pay for other academic expenses such as purchasing books.
- * **Chinese Language Course:** Optional Chinese language course is available to exchange students for free.
- * **Visa:** An "X2" visa is required for all exchange students to enter China. We will mail visa form and admission notice to students for their visa application. For detailed visa application material, please check with the Chinese Embassy/Consulate in students' country/area.

- * **Housing:** SAIF is located in downtown Xuhui District and students have an opportunity to book dorm buildings on Xuhui Campus. But the on-campus accommodation places are limited so that exchange students need to search for off-campus accommodation in case they cannot apply for on-campus dormitory.
- * **Monthly Living Expenses:** Food: USD 300-400; Local Transportation: USD 200; A two-bedroom apartment near SAIF usually costs USD 650~750 per month.
- * **Insurance:** Insurance is required of all incoming students. Students can check with their own insurance vendor to see which policy best covers their stay in China and purchase it before departure or students can purchase it after they arrive in China. The insurance will be checked upon students' arrival by SJTU and SAIF.
- * **Facilities:** Exchange students are entitled to use all the school and university facilities such as the student cafeteria, the financial trading lab and discussion room etc. A student ID card will be provided to exchange students to grant access to those facilities.
- * **Student Services:** SAIF Educational Services Office provides counseling to exchange students in terms of their academic experience and student life at SAIF.
- * **Student Activities:** SAIF provides a range of student activities to exchange students. For example, we offer distinguished speaker series lectures hosted by the leading figures from academic and industry field and other cultural activities. For more students' activities at SJTU, you can follow the Wechat account SJTU_AYC for more information. SAIF will keep you updated for students' activities.
- * **Orientation:** SAIF runs an orientation for all incoming exchange students at the beginning of each semester. It covers school and program introduction, academic policy instruction, technology support, welcome lunch and city sight-seeing tour.

About Shanghai

The most populous city in China, Shanghai has always been the economic engine of China. Shanghai's many advantages, such as the strategic geographic location, the solid infrastructure construction, a skilled workforce, an ambitious and forward-thinking municipal government, a well-rounded legal framework, have made itself one of the most popular destinations of multinational corporations and direct foreign investments.

Shanghai is also rich in cultural, educational, medical, commercial, logistics and financial resources. In a recent national development plan, Shanghai's future is positioned as the global financial and shipping center, thus, creating more growth potential for the city.

The Autumn in Shanghai is the most pleasant season. The temperature usually ranges between 20 °C - 30 °C, with little rainfall. In December or January, though, the temperature may drop to freezing point, but few snow is expected. Shanghai is surrounded by many tourist destinations, most of which are within 2-3 hours of travelling.

Shanghai has a long tradition in attracting expatriates with its "east meeting west" ambience. No matter which country you are from, you can always find a touch of home in Shanghai. The restaurants, bars, clubs, and other facilities, together with many dazzling events have made the city the most dynamic place in China, and even the far-east region.



Classroom



Auditorium



SAIF students



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Useful Websites

- * **Shanghai Jiao Tong University**
<http://en.sjtu.edu.cn/>
- * **Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance**
<http://www.saif.sjtu.edu.cn/en>
- * **Expat Life in Shanghai (*housing info. available!*)**
<http://www.smartshanghai.com>
<http://www.roominshanghai.com>
<http://www.enjoyshanghai.com>
<http://www.shanghaiexpat.com>
- * **Shanghai Transportation**
<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/shanghai/getting-there.htm>
<http://service.shmetro.com/en/>



2008 Olympic Games in Beijing

2010 World Expo in Shanghai

2011 China becomes the 2nd largest economy in the world

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Study the cutting-edge business/financial knowledge

Live in one of the most exciting cities in the world

Enjoy dynamic lifestyle and diverse cultures

Discover your own business opportunities

What else ? Come and find out!