



# <u>Summary – MBA Exchange at Beijing University</u>

In order to get the necessary credits, I am writing the present summary of my experience as an exchange student.

I spent from August 28<sup>th</sup> until December 20<sup>th</sup> studying my MBA exchange at the Guanhua School of Business Administration at Peking University (Beida in Chinese), People republic of China.

I decided to take tree courses: Economic transition of China international trade and Business Chinese only got credit for the first two since no language courses were accredited at Tel Aviv University. In order to comply with the required points of the exchange program at TAU i will divide the present summary into the following points:

- 1. Visa information
- 2. Housing
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- 4. Transportation
- 5. Courses
- 6. Recreation
- 7. General experience
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### 1. Visa information

Before going in exchange to China one can only arrange a 1 entry Visa into China, afterwards the school helps you with all proper procedures. It takes about 1 month to have all documents in place.

#### 2. Housing

Beijing University doesn't offer housing to master students, therefore one must rent a place near wudaouko (the student area), prices ranges between 600 and 800 USD for a 60 m2 department, is hard to negotiate the price if somebody doesn't speak Chinese, but not impossible

#### 3. <u>Living expenses</u>

Life in China isn't expensive, taking into consideration traveling expenses a monthly budget of 500 USD plus rent should be enough for food, recreation, transportation and traveling expenses

#### 4. Transportation

Most students choose to live near campus since traffic is pretty bad in Beijing, is very cheap to buy a bicycle, most student does like this, in order to travel to other places in the area the subway and taxi are good and cheap options

## 5. Courses

As a business student one can choose to study any course given by the University, nevertheless there are only about 10 different options in English, most professors are former USA college teachers

#### 6. Recreation

Night life in Beijing is very fun, there are many nightclubs bars and western and Chinese restaurants, also there are many parks, museums and shops. One will never get bored in Beijing

### 7. General experience

My general experience was an incredible one, I would highly recommend anyone to go in exchange to Beijing the first few months are somehow difficult since very few people can speak English, afterwards is a real adventure, to live experience, see and hear new things all the time, one must have an adventurer hearth in order to succeed

#### 8. Tips & important things to be aware of

Western food and Chinese food are very different, eastern bathrooms and eastern bathroom are two different things, Internet is very restricted, no freedom of speech most people don't speak English, being a foreigner mean getting special treatment

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