

East China Normal University

In 1951, East China Normal University (ECNU) was founded. It was principally based on the former Great China University and Kwang Hua University.

In addition, some departments and staff from the following universities were also incorporated into the then newly formed East China (Normal) University:

- Datong University
- East Asia Physical Education College
- Fudan University
- Hujiang University
- St. John's University
- Tongji University
- Zhengdan University
- Zhejiang University

East China Normal University, one of China's key universities under the direct auspices of the Ministry of Education, is sponsored by the national programs "Project 211" and "Project 985".

With two campuses located in Minhang and Putuo District respectively totaling an area of over 220 hectares, East China Normal University has long been reputed as a "Garden University" for its beautiful campus scenery.

At present the university is made up of 19 full-time schools and colleges, 2 unconventional colleges and 4 advanced research institutes, with 54 departments offering 67 undergraduate programs. Among them, the School of Software is the only statewide pilot School of Software at a teachers' university; The International College of Chinese Studies is among the 8 State Bases for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, certified by the Ministry of Education. ECNU is designated as one of the National Liberal Arts and Basic Sciences Training and Research Bases in its disciplines of Chinese, History, Mathematics, Geography, Psychology and Physics.

It has two State Key Laboratories, one National Field Observation and Research Station, six Key Labs or Engineering Centers, and six Key Research Bases for Humanities and Social Sciences of the Ministry of Education. It is authorized to offer 112 doctoral programs covering 14 Primary Disciplines, 178 master's programs in 6 specialties, i.e. Education, Public Administration, Engineering, Physical Education and Business Administration, and to set up 14 post-doctoral mobile research stations.

ECNU has a faculty body of over 4,000, among whom there are 1,986 full-time teachers (including over 1,000 professors or associate professors), 11 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences or Chinese Academy of Engineering (six of them are academicians of both Academies), 11 members of the "State Council Academic Appraisal Committee", eight specially hired professors or lecture professors for the "Yangtze Scholar Award Program" sponsored by the Ministry of Education, nine "state level talents" chosen by the "New-Century Talents Project," ten "National Outstanding Youth Fund" award winner, 80 specially hired professors or lecture professors for ECNU's "Zijiang Scholar Award Program", and 105 tenured professors. At present, the total number of students is more than 49,000, with over 14,000 full-time undergraduate students and over 7,700 graduate students (including those in a Master's program), among them more than 2,700 are international students.

East China Normal University attaches great importance to the internationalization in its development and enjoys a wide influence and reputation in the world. The University has established strategic cooperative partnership with many world-renowned universities, such as ENS Group in France, the University of Pennsylvania, St. Lawrence University and New York University in USA, Tokyo University and Kobe University in Japan, and the University of Melbourne in Australia, etc., and has been carrying out academic exchanges with over 100 universities and institutions of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, the United States, Canada, Australia, Korea, and Russia, etc. More than 180 famous scholars have been conferred / invited as honorary professors, advisory professors, visiting professors, or adjunct professors of ECNU. The Ministry of Education's Training Center for Secondary School Principals located at ECNU is a state base for the training of secondary school principals in Mainland China and advanced studies of those in Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan. It enjoys the reputation as the "Huangpu Military School" for secondary school principals.

Recently, ECNU has entered into an agreement with New York University (NYU) to establish a study-abroad program enabling almost 200 students from NYU to study at ECNU each academic year.

Rankings

Webometrics China: 15th place in China

QS Asia Ranking: 147th place in Asia

GAMS China ranking (Guangdong Academy of Sciences): 23rd place in China

GAMS Ranking for Educational Sciences: 2nd place in China

Overview of Schools and Departments

The University consists of 19 full-time schools, which include totally 44 departments offering 61 undergraduate programs. These schools are:

- Humanities
- Art
- Educational Science
- Educational Administration
- Preschool education and Special education
- Foreign languages
- Business
- Finance and Statistics
- Law and Politics
- Sports and Health
- Science and Engineering
- Resource and Environmental science
- Life Science
- Information Science and Technology
- Teaching Chinese as a foreign language
- Software Engineering Institute
- Communication
- Design
- Vocational College

Top Research Centers according to ECNU website

State key laboratories

1. State Key Laboratory of Estuarine and Coastal Research
2. State Key Laboratory of Precision Spectroscopy

Key laboratories of provincial level and ministerial level

- Key Laboratory of Brain Functional Genomics, Ministry of Education
- Key Laboratory of Geography-Information Science, Ministry of Education
- Shanghai Institute of Brain Functional Genomics
- Shanghai Key Laboratory of Green Chemistry and Green Chemical Process
- Shanghai Key Laboratory of Urbanization & Ecological Restoration
- Shanghai Key Laboratory of Trustworthy Computing