

General Introduction to Zhejiang Normal University

Founded in 1956, Zhejiang Normal University (ZJNU) is based in Jinhua, a city in middle Zhejiang Province and on the list of China's Renowned Historic and Cultural Cities. Its neighboring city is Yiwu - the well-known "World's Supermarket." To Jinhua's northeast lie Hangzhou and Shanghai and to its south Guangzhou and Fuzhou. The city is also a major hub for freeways and high-speed rails in the province. The University occupies a space of about 220 hectares. The forested campus provides a tranquil and relaxed atmosphere for students to pursue their academic studies.

One of the key universities of Zhejiang Province, ZJNU offers multi-disciplined programs, with teacher education at its core. Its 19 colleges boast 65 departments and over 25,700 undergraduate students, 4,970 graduate students, and more than 1,000 international students. The 19 colleges are Chuyang Honors College, College of Economics and Management, China-Africa International Business School, College of Law and Political Science, College of Teacher Education, Hangzhou College of Preschool Teacher Education, College of Physical Education and Health Sciences, College of Humanities, College of Foreign Languages, College of Music, College of Fine Arts, College of Communication and Creative Culture, College of Mathematics, Physics and Information Engineering, College of Chemistry and Life Sciences, College of Geography and Environmental Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Vocational and Technical Education, College of International Education, and Xingzhi College. There are over 2,750 staff members, 1,540 of whom are on the faculty. Among them over 330 are full professors and 750 associate professors, with 670 holding doctoral degrees. In addition, more than 60 foreign experts and teachers are employed. ZJNU is among the first state-level model schools for standardized spoken and written Chinese, and one of the National Training Programs of Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Undergraduates. It boasts one of China's key training centers for vocational teachers, one of the training centers for locomotive engineers authorized by the Ministry of Railways, Zhejiang Provincial Center for University Faculty Training, Zhejiang Provincial Center for Preschool Teacher Training, and Zhejiang Provincial Center for Kindergarten Principal Training.

The University offers over 20 doctoral degree programs (in Education, Chinese Language and Literature, Mathematics, etc.) and over 150 master degree programs. It is

well equipped with teaching, research and lab facilities. Its libraries keep 3,500,000 books and 2,300,000 e-books. Its 48 labs include one of the key laboratories of the Ministry of Education, two national demonstration centers for laboratory instruction, and 17 province-level key labs and demonstration centers for laboratory instruction. The 48 labs have over 440 million yuan worth of teaching, research and experiment equipment and a total space of 120,000 square meters.

ZJNU follows an open-door policy in its academic pursuit. It has established cooperation with over 140 universities or education institutions in over 50 countries or regions of the world and launched student exchange programs with over 40 foreign universities. The university is accredited to enroll long-term as well as short-term international students and to host recipients of the Chinese Government Scholarship, Confucius Institute Scholarship, and Zhejiang Provincial Government Scholarship. As one of the Educational Aid Centers for Foreign Countries authorized by the Ministry of Education and one of the Aid Centers for Elementary Education in Foreign Countries authorized by the Ministry of Commerce, ZJNU has long been undertaking the task of training high-ranking African educators. The university has been commissioned to carry out the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' "China-Africa Joint Research and Exchange Project" and "China-Africa Think Tank 10+10 Partnership Project," the Ministry of Education's "China-Africa Higher Education 20+20 Partnership Project," and China Scholarship Council's "Training Program for Advanced Researchers on World's Regional Problems (Africa)." As early as in 1996, it founded a Chinese training school in Cameroon. Since then the University has set up four Confucius Institutes in Ukraine, Cameroon, Mozambique, and Tanzania respectively.

The University's motto is "To Pursue Great Learning, to Build Moral Character, and to Be Committed to the Truth and the Quest for Originality," which guides the University to develop into a unique, accomplished and prestigious institute of higher learning and research.

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