About SAIF & SJTU

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF)

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) was established in 2009 by the Shanghai Municipal Government within Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU).

It seeks to establish itself as a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management, with the objective of pooling top-tier faculty, developing top talent, building an open platform for research, and becoming a leading think-tank in finance.

SAIF benchmarks itself against top-notch finance departments and business schools and expects to attract a first-rate faculty head by internationally-renowned scholars, capable of delivering high quality educational programs and conducting influential academic, applied and policy research.

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 2016, SJTU was listed Top 61 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
Academic Calendar*:

Fall Semester
September, 2017 - January, 2018

Spring Semester
February - June, 2018

*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.

For Exchange Students (2017-2018)

* Courses: Exchange students will take courses alongside SAIF students from the Full-time Finance MBA and Master in Finance programs. Detailed course information is available to upon SAIF course selection.

* Language of Instruction: English

* Language Requirement: Proficiency in English

* Nomination Deadline: Fall Semester is April 1, 2017 and Spring Semester is November 1, 2017.

* 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.

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* 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 (Chinese Mainland students are not allowed to be exchanged back to SAIF).

* 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.

* Student Buddy Program: SAIF provides a “Buddy Program” to help enhance exchange students’ academic and cultural experience in China.

* 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.
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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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Discover your own business opportunities

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