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# SAIF Exchange Factsheet



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## About SAIF

Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance (SAIF) was established at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in April 2009 by the Shanghai Municipal Government. SAIF's mission is to become a world-class institution of research and advanced learning in finance and management. SAIF is committed to developing top talent and cutting-edge knowledge, focusing on Chinese markets and their global connections. Our world-renowned faculty, with over 70 members, hold Ph.D. degrees from top universities, and over two-thirds were tenured at world-class research universities before joining SAIF.

SAIF earned international accreditation from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) on February 28, 2016. In 2021, AACSB extended SAIF's accreditation for an additional five years. In 2020, SAIF's MF program was ranked No. 1 in Asia for the third consecutive time by Financial Times.



## Nomination and Application

### Nomination Procedures:

Partners have to submit the nominations before the following deadlines:

Fall Semester: Apr. 1, 2024

Spring Semester: Nov.1, 2024

SAIF doesn't accept students from mainland China.

### Application Procedures:

Students must complete the online application before the following dates:

Fall Semester: Apr. 15, 2024

Spring Semester: Nov.15, 2024

### Required Documents for Online Application:

- ◆ Transcript
- ◆ Recommendation letter from home university (for international students)
- ◆ CV
- ◆ ID (e.g., passport/回乡证/台胞证, etc.)
- ◆ ID Photo
- ◆ Study or research plan
- ◆ Other materials requested by SJTU



## Program Information

### Tentative Academic Calendars:

Fall Semester: Sep. 2024 – Jan. 2025

Spring Semester: Feb. 2025 – Jun. 2025

The official start of the semester is the registrations of SJTU and SAIF. Students must conduct SJTU and SAIF registrations separately. SAIF doesn't have an exam week. Once students complete the courses (including the assessments) at SAIF, they can return to their home university.

### Full-time Workload:

1 SAIF credit is equal to 12 contact hours. Exchange students' minimum workload is decided

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by their home universities.

**Courses at SAIF:**

Exchange students will take courses alongside SAIF students from the Finance MBA and Master of Finance programs. Courses for exchange students at SAIF are usually electives arranged on weekday evenings and weekends. Detailed course information is available upon SAIF course selection. Some available courses from previous semesters are listed as follows for inspiration. Please note that the course selection may change from semester to semester.

- ◆ Asset Management in Practice
- ◆ Commercial Banking
- ◆ Entrepreneurial Finance
- ◆ Financial Engineering
- ◆ Financial Risk Management
- ◆ FinTech Technology for Finance
- ◆ International Finance
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Merger, Acquisition & Reorganization
- ◆ Securities Analysis & Valuation
- ◆ Securitization and Real Estate Finance
- ◆ Strategy & Risk Management: Views from the Top

**Language of Instruction:** English

**Learning Expectations:**

Class attendance is mandatory. Missing one-third of a course and above may result in a failing grade.

**Grading and Transcripts:**

Courses are graded as A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C,

C-, D, and F (Failure). Incoming students don't have the make-up exams and course retaking at SAIF. Transcripts of the exchange students will be issued upon students' application.

**Chinese Language Course:**

An optional Chinese language course is available to exchange students for free.

**Students' Life****Accommodation:**

SAIF is located at SJTU Xuhui Campus. On-campus dorms for international students are limited and will be assigned first-come, first-served. Students should find off-campus accommodation in case they cannot book on-campus dorms. On-campus dorms for Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan students will be arranged at Minhang Campus with the same conditions as local students.

**Student Activities:**

SAIF provides a range of student activities to exchange students, including orientation, lectures with speakers from academia and industry, and cultural activities.

SAIF runs an orientation for all incoming exchange students at the beginning of each semester. It covers school and program introduction and academic policies.

SAIF offers distinguished speaker series lectures hosted by leading figures from academic and industry fields. We invited Prof. Oliver Hart, 2016



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Nobel Prize Winner, and Ning Tang, Founder and CEO of CreditEase in the past.

SAIF also organizes Chinese Culture Activities for students when the situation allows, such as Qingming Festival Activities, Dragon Boat Festival Activities, Chinese Calligraphy Learning Events, etc.

**Facilities:**

Exchange students are entitled to use the school and university facilities such as the student cafeteria, the financial trading lab, discussion rooms, etc. A student ID card will be provided to exchange students to grant access to those facilities.

SAIF will set up SAIF Account and Email for exchange students after they are officially admitted. Students should check SAIF email frequently; all important notices will be sent to the SAIF email address.

**Practical Information****Visa:**

An “X2” visa is required for all international exchange students to enter China (except students whose residences are in Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan). SAIF will mail students visa documents and admission notices for their visa applications. Please check with the Chinese Embassy/Consulate in the student’s country/area

for detailed visa application requirements.

**Insurance:**

Insurance is required of all incoming students. Students must follow the Shanghai Jiao Tong University notices to purchase the required insurance before university registration. The insurance will be checked upon students’ arrival by SJTU and SAIF.

**Basic Living Expenses in RMB (one semester):**

Insurance: 400

Accommodation:

6,600 (On-campus double room)

20,000 (Off-campus double room)

University Canteen: 4,960

Transportation: 744

Total: 12,704 - 26,104

**About Shanghai**

The most populous city in China, Shanghai, has always been the economic engine of China. As of 2020, Shanghai was classified as an Alpha+ (global first-tier) city by the GaWC and ranked as the 3rd most competitive and largest financial center globally, behind New York City and London by the Global Financial Centres Index. It has the largest metro network of any city in the world, the fifth-highest number of billionaires of any city in the world, the fifth-largest number of skyscrapers of any city in the world, the fifth-largest scientific research output of any city in the world, and highly ranked educational institutions.

Shanghai has a long tradition of attracting expatriates with its “east meeting west” ambiance. No matter your country, you can always find a touch of home in Shanghai.