**Potential Visa-Related Fees Based on the Student’s Visa Situation:**

1. Cost of China visa for holders of US passports (regular processing time at a China Consulate in the US): $140 US Dollars. The fee for holders of non-US passports is usually less. *This is the most common fee for students if they need a student visa issued by Tsinghua University.*

2. Medical Exam for Academic Year students (a requirement to obtain the Resident’s Permit), and for Semester Only students who want to transfer their tourist visa to an F visa in China: Medical exam fee at a Beijing clinic is RMB 400 yuan. NOTE: medical exams done in the US/outside of China are often not accepted by Beijing officials, so while it’s not a requirement to get the medical exam done in Beijing, it’s highly recommended due to the rejection rate of exams done in the US/outside of china. IUP is not responsible for any expenses should a student decide to get the medical exam done in the US/outside of China and the exam is later rejected by Beijing officials.

3. If a student needs to transfer his/her X visa to a Resident’s Permit, or transfer an L visa to an F visa, the transfer fee is RMB 460 yuan. Generally speaking, if the student’s visa is valid for less than 365 days, the transfer fee is RMB 460 yuan; if the new visa is valid for over 365 days, the transfer fee is RMB 860 yuan.

4. If a Semester Only student wants to transfer his/her single entry F visa into a double entry F visa, the transfer fee is RMB 1016 yuan.

5. During IUP orientation week, students with Tsinghua ID cards need to apply for a meal card, and the card fee and deposit is 30 yuan. When students recharge their meal cards, Tsinghua will deduct a 20% service fee every time.

6. During IUP orientation week, students need to give me eight, 2” photos, and if they take photos on Tsinghua campus, they will spend RMB 40 yuan on it.

**Potential Fees related to Inexpensive, Temporary and Permanent Housing:**

1. If students need temporary housing before orientation or before they move into their permanent housing, the inexpensive hotels around Tsinghua is about RMB 280 yuan/ night.

2. Apartment rents around Tsinghua University depend on the location and quality:

   One bedroom apartment can run 4000-6000 yuan/month.
   Two bedroom apartment can run 5000-9000 yuan/month.
   Three bedroom apartment can run 6000-10,000 yuan/month.

   The average IUP student who shares an apartment and pays around 3500 yuan for his/her portion. Usually one month’s rent is paid to the rental agent if an agent is used. The local police station also charges students or the landlord 5% rent as tax, and while it should be paid by the landlord, most tenants pay for it in Beijing. Students usually pay 1 month’s rent for the apartment deposit (refundable if the apartment was left in the same condition it was before the students moved in).

3. Utilities are about RMB 200 yuan/ person and usually include electricity, internet, gas and water.

4. A room in host family’s home is about 2800-3000 yuan, but the rent is negotiable.

5. Tsinghua’s single dorm rooms for Spring and Fall semester students is 80 yuan/day, a double room is 40 yuan/day, there are no utilities fees, but the number of dormitory rooms are very limited, and few students can reserve rooms successfully due to Tsinghua’s growing control over its dormitories.
Other Potential Fees:

1. Students may need to buy a Chinese mobile phone when they arrive in China. The phone price ranges from RMB 300 to 6000 yuan. In China, students need to buy a sim card with the telephone number and then buy RMB100 Yuan replenishment cards to add time in order to be able to use their phone. There are no flat rate calling plans like those in the United States; students pay for the actual calling time. If they want overseas calling capability, it is more complicated and much more expensive. Students should learn to use SKYPE to minimize their phone fees.

2. Eating in Beijing is inexpensive, but students will probably spend no less than RMB 30 yuan for three meals in the Tsinghua dining hall. If they want to have a group lunch or dinner with friends at a Tsinghua restaurant, one person spends RMB 15-100 yuan/meal. Some students cook their meals every day, and they might spend about RMB 50 yuan/day on vegetables, meat, and fruit.

3. Many IUP students buy a bicycle or electric bicycle when they study at IUP. The price range is from 150 yuan to thousands of yuan depending on the type of bicycle/electric bicycle.

Textbooks

The cost of textbooks is based on the classes a student takes. Generally speaking, most students spend less than 200 yuan on textbooks for a module, less than 400 yuan for a semester, less than 1000 yuan for an academic year. But if a student takes a class that requires *A New China* or *Classical Chinese Volume I, II*, a student will spend more than the average amount. Those textbooks cost 500 yuan, but students can rent the textbooks instead of buying them, and the rent fee is 50 yuan. If a student has three different classes, he/she will typically pay over 200 yuan for a module. For a list of IUP’s textbook prices, please click on the “Textbook Prices” at http://ieas.berkeley.edu/iup/curriculum_textbooks.html.