



ANHUI UNIVERSITY

Teaching English in China

Anhui University is one of the key universities on the name list of "Project 211", a project endorsed by the State Council and designed to upgrade, by the early part of the 21st century, some 100 universities in the hope that some of them would equal the world's first-rate universities. Situated in Hefei, the capital city of Anhui Province and also one of the four national science education bases, the university has four campuses and one university Science Park, covering a total area of 3200mu(213.3 hectares). As one of the "national 400 best units in forestation", it is famous for its beautiful campuses and modern teaching and research facilities.

Founded in 1928, Anhui University was reestablished in 1958 upon the approval of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. Owing to its history, the university has been characteristic of rich experience and distinctive features in terms of teaching and developed multi-disciplinary programs in art, science, engineering, philosophy, economic, law, history and management, etc., which has qualified it to be a comprehensive university with worldwide fame.

Based on the national, especially provincial needs of economy, science and social development, Anhui University has been making efforts to construct disciplines upon different levels. The University is currently composed of 19 schools. It runs 66 undergraduate programs, 1 double degree program, 16 primary disciplines for master degrees, 119 master's programs, 4 professional master's programs, 8 master's programs for in-service college teachers, 1 primary discipline for doctoral degrees, 16 Ph.D programs as well as 1 post-doctoral research station. In addition, the University has 2 national key disciplines, 5 "Project 211" key disciplines, and 12 provincial key disciplines.

At present, the University has a strong team of 2450 faculty and staff, including more than 1300 tenured teachers and more than 760 professors and associate professors. Also, the university has more than 3300 full-time master and doctoral candidates, nearly 20,000 undergraduates, and about 6,000 part-time adult students.

The university attaches great importance to international exchange and cooperation. Now, it has entered into agreements with 82 overseas institutions. It began to accept foreign students in 1980. It is authorized by the Ministry of Education to enroll international students who enjoy Chinese government's scholarships. It was designated by Overseas Chinese Affairs Office under the State Council the Teaching Base for Chinese Language and Culture in 2000. Up to date, more than 700 international students from Asia, American and Europe have been admitted to study at the university.

Anhui Province is rich in natural scenic spots and historic places of interests such as Mount Huangshan, listed by UNESCO as a natural and cultural heritage site and ancient folk houses in Xidi and Hongcun villages as cultural heritage sites; Mount Jiuhua, one of the four Buddhist shines; Mount Qiyun, one of the four Taoist shrines. With the Yangzhi River and Huaihe River flowing across Anhui province and with a galaxy of men of letters, Anhui has been famous for its rich and colorful local culture, especially the Hui culture in Southern Anhui and Huaihe culture in Northern Anhui.

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