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Northwest University for Nationalities

Northwest University for Nationalities was the first minority institution of higher learning founded in China in 1950.

Undergraduate education is the key element of the university's education structure, featuring coordinated development of postgraduate, preparatory, continuing, vocational and international education. It offers bachelor's and master's degrees and doctoral programs, and its best graduates win exemption from entrance examinations for postgraduate education.

Currently, there are 22,059 full-time students from China's 56 ethnic groups. The university offers 59 undergraduate majors, 13 MA programs (Category I discipline), four professional master's degree programs, a PhD program for ethnic-minority languages, and a mobile postdoctoral station for Chinese language and literature. Covering 12 majors, it is a comprehensive university featuring ethnic and regional characteristics.

The university has won the silver medal of National Prize for Progress in Science and Technology on two occasions for developing information processing systems in both Tibetan and Chinese, and software for a Tibetan windows platform, word processing, and website construction. Moreover, it built the world's first Tibetan-language website. Minhai Biological Engineering Co., Ltd. was jointly set up in Lanzhou by this university and Fortune 500 company Thermo Fisher Scientific to develop animal serum products, which holds a 40-percent share of domestic market.

Beifang University of Nationalities

Founded in 1984, Beifang University of Nationalities recruits more than 15,000 students, of whom 65 percent are ethnic minorities.

The university offers seven main disciplines: literature, natural science, engineering, law, history and management, 51 undergraduate majors such as international economics and trade, information engineering, and animation, six MA programs (Category I discipline) of ethnology, materials science and engineering, mathematics, Chinese language and literature, computer science and technology, and software engineering, 28 MA programs (Category II discipline) including ethnology, economy of Chinese minorities, and art of Chinese minorities, and one professional master's degree program in engineering. There is one experimental teaching demonstration center set up for materials science at the state level.

The university is active in scientific research on economic development in the minority areas, and has enhanced its exchanges and cooperation with local governments. It has achieved leadership in fields such as the research of powder materials and special ceramics, overseas documents on the Western Xia Dynasty (1038-1227), Helan Mountains and Damaidi Cliff Carvings, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and Numerical Simulation in Engineering, the Islamic culture of the Hui ethnic group, the art of Chinese minorities, the history of Chinese minorities, and northern ethnic languages.

There are five provincial- and ministerial-level key laboratories, in addition to the provincial-level Ningxia Grape & Wine Technology Innovation Center and the national-level Science Education Base of Chemical Engineering & Mechanical Basis. The Social Development Research Base of Ethnic Minorities in Northwest China is a social science research base under the SEAC and the R&D team for powder materials & special ceramics is the first technical innovation team in Ningxia.

Upholding its principle of open education, the university has established cooperation with Peking University, Hefei University of Technology, Xi'an Jiaotong University, the University of Science and Technology Beijing, Lanzhou University, Shaw University in the US, the University of Wales in the UK, Tokyo Metropolitan University in Japan, and the National Research Institute of Qatar. Currently, there are students from the US, France, Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

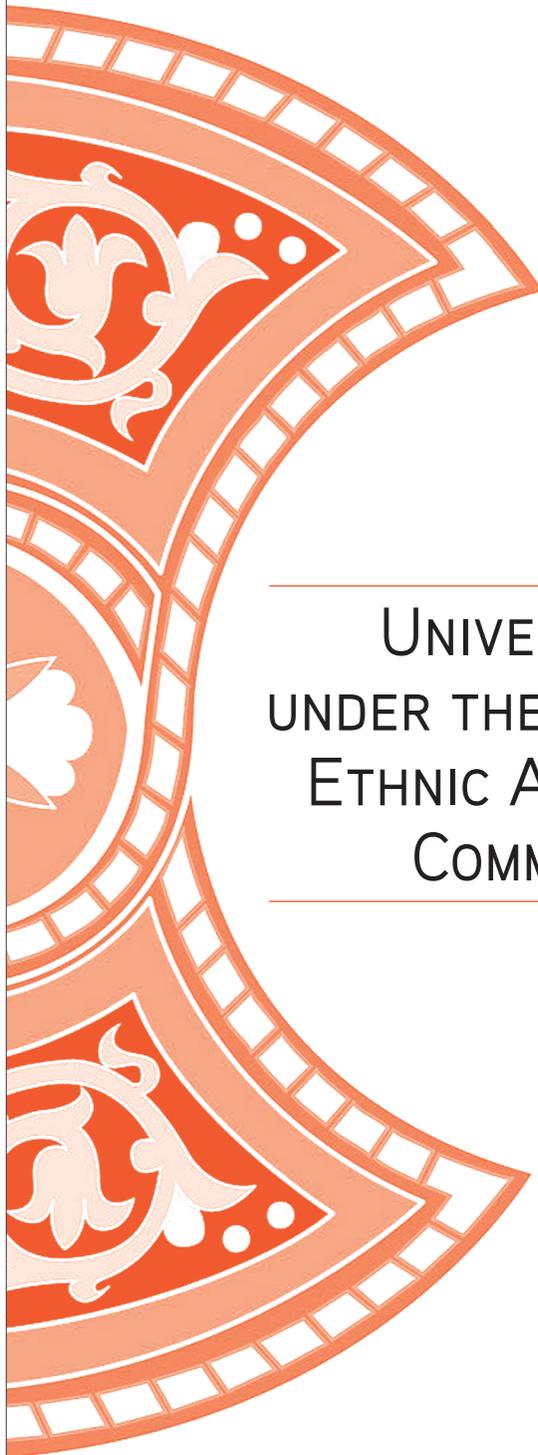
Dalian Nationalities University

This is the only ethnic-minority university located in northeast China and the coastal open areas. Founded in 1997, it focuses on Technology and Applied Science.

Currently there are 18 teaching and scientific research units, and 43 undergraduate majors covering seven main disciplines. The university recruits students from China's mainland as well as from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. There are 14,000 full-time students from China's 56 ethnic groups, over 60 percent of whom are ethnic minorities. It has more than 1,100 faculty members, and such key disciplines as biochemical engineering, Japanese language and literature, computer application technology, population resources and environmental economics, and ethnology. Since 2006, the university has undertaken 67 national projects and 478 provincial- and ministerial-level scientific research projects, and won 267 awards for scientific achievements.

The university offers minority preparatory classes and courses for small population ethnic minorities. Its students apply for over 200 national patents every year, and award winners in international and national contests exceed 100 and 300 every year respectively.

It has signed cooperative agreements with more than 40 universities from over 20 countries including the US, the UK, South Korea, Japan and New Zealand.



UNIVERSITIES UNDER THE STATE ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMISSION



Minzu University of China

Minzu University is a national key university jointly supervised by the State Ethnic Affairs Commission (SEAC), the Ministry of Education and Beijing Municipal People's Government. It is the only institution of higher learning for ethnic minorities that directly receives funding from "Project 211" and "Project 985". Deriving from Yan'an Institute of Nationalities, Minzu University was given the name of Central Institute for Nationalities in 1951, and converted into Central University for Nationalities (CUN) in 1993.

Through 60 years of development, Minzu University has formed a disciplinary system featuring coordinated development of social sciences, natural sciences and arts, in which disciplines concerning the ethnic minorities predominate. Currently, there are 23 colleges and departments, which award undergraduate-level degrees in 55 academic subjects, covering the fields of philosophy, economics, law, education, literature, history, science, engineering, management and art. Among the 55 subjects, the university's strongest research areas and those which carry significant influence both at home and abroad are ethnology, Chinese ethnic-minority languages and literatures, history (Chinese ethnic-minority histories), Marxist ethnic theories and policies, anthropology, religious studies, sociology, economics (economy of Chinese minorities), Chinese ethnic-minority art (music, dance and fine arts), education (Chinese ethnic-minority education), public management and ecology.

Minzu University offers three national key disciplines, 13 key

disciplines supervised by the SEAC and Beijing municipal government, and seven disciplines under the key instruction of "Project 211". The university has six innovation and research bases in philosophy and social sciences and four sci-tech innovation platforms, sponsored by "Project 985". There are 38 disciplines for a doctoral degree, three mobile postdoctoral stations, and 159 disciplines for a master's degree.

The university has 1,973 high-quality faculty members. Full-time staff number 1,037, of whom 487 are professors and associate professors, making up 47 percent of the total. There are 16,594 full-time students, including 11,236 undergraduates, 4,111 postgraduates and doctoral candidates, and 770 ethnic-minority preparatory students. More than 60 percent of the undergraduates (including preparatory students) are from the 55 ethnic minorities.

Minzu University has established cooperative relations and academic exchanges with more than 80 universities and research institutions from 20 countries and regions, cooperating in the fields of visiting scholars, exchange students and academic research. These partners include Yale University, Columbia University and the University of Florida in the US, Queen's University Belfast in the UK, Jean Moulin University Lyon 3 in France, Humboldt University of Berlin in Germany, Leiden University in the Netherlands, Chiba University in Japan, and Seoul National University in South Korea.

South-Central University for Nationalities

South-Central University for Nationalities (SCUN) is a comprehensive university founded in 1951.

There are 24,308 full-time preparatory students, undergraduates, postgraduates and doctoral candidates from China's 56 ethnic groups, more than 55 percent of whom are ethnic-minority students. Its faculty members total 1,941, including 1,255 full-time teachers (582 professors

and associate professors, 365 PhD and master supervisors, three candidates for China's "New Century Talents Project", and 29 recipients of the State Council Special Allowance), and 81.5 percent of the staff hold a PhD or Master Degree. SCUN boasts a library with 2.8 million books and the first museum of ethnology in a Chinese university.

SCUN offers 65 undergraduate majors belonging to 10 disciplines; one PhD program in ethnology (Category I discipline) and six in Category II discipline; 18 research-oriented MA programs (Category I discipline) covering 103 majors (Category II discipline); eight professional master's degree programs. SCUN awards degrees in the following 12 disciplines: philosophy, law, literature, history, economics, management, education, engineering, science, medicine, agriculture and art. SCUN boasts eight state-level demonstration centers for experimental teaching, and 48 research institutions (centers) covering such fields as the economy of Chinese minorities, ancient women's writing, Tujia ethnic group, applied chemistry, plasma and biomedical engineering. From 2006 to 2010, SCUN obtained 14 authorized patents, took on 589 research projects, and won 169 awards for scientific and technological achievements.

SCUN is committed to the development of all-round quality and innovative skills in its students. Students are encouraged to work hard toward greater achievements by the school motto of "Be a natural and relaxed person; be serious in the pursuit of belief and knowledge". Over the last six decades more than 100,000 students have graduated from SCUN. They have made significant contributions to the unity and stability of ethnic groups and the economic and social development of ethnic areas.

Southwest University for Nationalities

Southwest University for Nationalities is a comprehensive university

founded in 1951.

There are 26,000 full-time students from China's 56 ethnic groups. Its faculty members total 1,700, including 1,300 full-time teachers (570 professors and associate professors, and 300 PhD and master supervisors). The university offers 69 undergraduate majors, 110 MA programs, seven PhD programs, 18 PhD and MA programs (Category I discipline), and one mobile postdoctoral station. Its library holds 3.4 million books. A campus computer network system has been established.

Its 60 institutions give the university a high capability in scientific research, including the Southwest Research Institute for Ethnic Groups, Research Institute for Western Development, Center for Ethnic-minority Cultures, and Archives for Tibetan and Yi Ethnic Studies (the world's largest repository of its kind).

Since 2000, it has undertaken more than 100 national projects and 500 provincial- and ministerial-level projects, published nearly 10,000 academic papers and 600 academic writings and teaching materials, and won nearly 200 provincial- and ministerial-level prizes for its scientific achievements. Its research findings, especially in the development of new materials, theories and technologies of animal husbandry and veterinarian, classical literature, cultural studies of the Tibetan, Yi, Qiang and Miao ethnic groups, and information processing of languages for the Yi, Tibetan and Dai ethnic groups, have carried considerable weight in academic circles both at home and abroad. The university produces publications such as Journal of Southwest University for Nationalities and Journal of Ethnic Groups, and the house magazine Ethnology Information.

The university has established cooperation and exchange relations with nearly 30 colleges, universities and research institutions, such as the University of Manchester and University of Birmingham in Britain, the University of Waikato in New Zealand, and the University of Washington in the US. The experts, scholars and government officials from more than 70 countries and regions have visited the university or

