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TONGJI UNIVERSITY

About Tongji University

Tongji University is one of the most prestigious Chinese universities throughout the world and its history can be traced back to 1907 when the Deutsch Medical School was founded by Erich Paulun, a German doctor in Shanghai. Tongji ranks 177 in the QS World University Rankings 2026, strong in civil engineering, architecture, environmental studies, art and design, etc. With global cooperation, Tongji is developing itself into a world-class university with Chinese characteristics.

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Marco Polo 3.0

BRIDGING WISDOM, CO-CREATING THE FUTURE
— 2026 ITALIAN SUMMER SCHOOL
JUNE 28–JULY 11 2026



*Join us for an unforgettable adventure
where learning meets exploration, and
cultures connect across continents*

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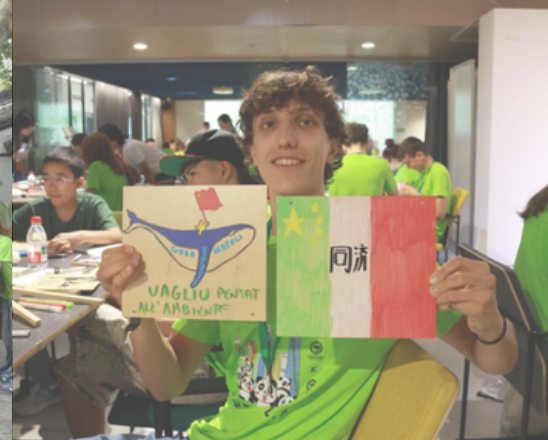
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Program Overview

Marco Polo 3.0: Bridging Wisdom, Co-Creating the Future

- Join us for a **14-day immersive** summer program at Tongji University in Shanghai, created exclusively for Italian university students. Discover China's rich culture, innovation, and modern society through expert-led workshops, hands-on activities, and collaborative cultural exchange.
- This program will bring together students from nine Italian universities to engage deeply with Chinese culture, technology, education, and sustainability practices.
- By participating, students will not only observe but actively contribute to ongoing social innovation projects, positioning themselves at the intersection of global challenges and Chinese solutions.



01 Program Highlights

01 Cultural Immersion

Immerse in China's cultural heritage by exploring iconic sites like Shanghai Museum and Suzhou Gardens, while experiencing timeless traditions such as calligraphy, Tai Chi, and Chinese language.

02 Academic Enrichment

Attend lectures on contemporary China, digital humanities, and Sino-Italian cultural heritage led by distinguished professors from Tongji University.

03 Innovation Labs

Participate in two pioneering field labs—NICE 2035, a futuristic urban living lab, and Design Harvest, a rural innovation project focused on sustainable development.

04 Corporate Insights

Visit leading Chinese companies including ByteDance, China Aircraft Industries, and Huawei to understand China's dynamic business environment and technological advancements.

05 Sino-Italian Youth Exchange

Connect with Tongji peers through interactive sessions, group discussions, and collaborative projects that foster lasting friendships and academic connections.

06 Suzhou Day Trip

Discover the elegance of Jiangnan culture with a full-day excursion to Suzhou, featuring visits to the Suzhou Museum, classical gardens, and traditional art forms.



Unique Learning Experience

Step beyond textbooks into real-world applications of design thinking, urban planning, and community development

Build Global Networks

Meet fellow Italian and Chinese students and build relationships that could lead to future collaborations or study opportunities in China



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Why Join This Program?

Co-create Sustainable Solutions

Work alongside Chinese mentors and peers to propose ideas for real challenges in urban renewal and rural revitalization

Explore China Like Never Before

From bustling metropolises to serene countryside, experience both modernity and tradition in one unforgettable journey

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Who Should Apply?

This program is especially suited for students:

- Passionate about Chinese language and culture
- Passionate about design, sustainability, social innovation, urban studies, or cross-cultural communication
- Interested in building bridges between Europe and China and contributing to bilateral academic or professional collaboration
- Thrive in team-based, project-driven learning environments and enjoy engaging with complex, real-world topics

Open to All Disciplines

- We welcome undergraduate, master, and PhD students from all disciplines who have an interest in Chinese culture, language, or career opportunities in China
- A basic knowledge of Mandarin is appreciated but not required



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Program Itinerary

Day 1	Full day	Arrive in Shanghai
Day 2	Morning	Opening Ceremony & Welcome Session
	Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tour (landmark buildings, university history museum,) • Ice-breaking games • Tongji Study Abroad Info Session
Day 3	Morning	Chinese Language Class
	Afternoon	Traditional culture experience: Bamboo weaving + Tai Chi Class
Day 4	Morning	Chinese Language Class
	Afternoon	Thematic lecture: Overview of Contemporary China
Day 5	Full day	NICE2035 Innovation Workshop
Day 6	Full day	One-day Suzhou cultural experience: Visit Suzhou Museum & Suzhou Traditional Garden

Day 7	Full day	Shanghai urban culture tour: Shanghai Museum + Xujiahui City Walk + Tushanwan Museum + Night tour of the Bund
Day 8	Full day	Visit Songjiang Countryside + Design Harvest Workshop
Day 9	Morning	Thematic lecture & workshop: Sino-Italian Cultural Heritage Protection
	Afternoon	Sino-Italian Youth Exchange
Day 10	Morning	Thematic lecture (School of Foreign Languages/School of Architecture & Urban Planning)
	Afternoon	Calligraphy Class
Day 11	Morning	Visit COMAC/Huawei Base
	Afternoon	Visit China Art Museum + Lujiazui
Day 12	Morning	Visit West Bund + West Bund Art Museum
	Afternoon	Corporate visit: ByteDance or Italian enterprises in China
Day 13	Morning	Project showcase + Closing Ceremony
	Afternoon	Free time
Day 14	Full day	Departure to Italy

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Date: June 28 – July 11, 2026

Location: Shanghai, China (with a day trip to Suzhou)

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Tongji University covers fees for:

- All the accommodations in Shanghai (13 nights)
- All the meals and activities
- Intracity and Intercity Transportation

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Students need to budget for some expenses not covered by the program: International airfare & Insurance fee & other personal spending

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Application Deadline: 31 March 2026

Please pack the **Application Form**, **Passport Copy**, **University Enrollment Certificate**, and send these documents to the program coordinator at home university, who will then forward the complete set to chenyu_xia@tongji.edu.cn

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Most meals included in the itinerary will feature Chinese cuisine. If you are Muslim, vegetarian/vegan, or have any food allergies, please inform us in advance

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All final arrangements and interpretations are subject to the discretion of the organizer