About CSCA

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China Scholastic Competency Assessment (CSCA) is a standardized test designed for international students who plan to pursue undergraduate degrees in China.

Organized by China Scholarship Council (CSC) and jointly developed with experts from Chinese universities, CSCA assesses students' language proficiency and academic readiness, helping them better prepare for undergraduate studies in China.

CSCA is also an important reference used by Chinese universities in their admission and scholarship evaluation processes.

CSCA provides a comprehensive evaluation of academic and language abilities, enabling students to better understand their strengths and prepare for successful study in China. CSCA is recognized and widely accepted by Chinese universities. It aims to enhances students readiness and competitiveness for undergraduate studies, and serves as an academic reference for university admission and scholarship review.

Official website: www.csca.cn

Test Contents

Test Subjects

Subjects		Test Language	Duration	Number of multiple-choice questions	Score Range
Professional Chinese	Humanities	Chinese	90 min	80	0-100
	STEM	Chinese	90 min	80	0-100
Fundamental Subjects	Mathematics	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100
	Physics	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100
	Chemistry	Chinese/English	60 min	48	0-100

Note: 1.For details on required test subjects for the applied major, please consult your target universities. 2.Mathematics, Physics, and

Chemistry are offered in both Chinese and English. Test-takers may choose the test language according to the requirements of their intended university.

Test Schedule

The first global CSCA test will be launched on December 21st, 2025. Starting in 2026, CSCA will be held on a regular basis five times a year — in January, March, April, June, and December.

As each test session begins simultaneously worldwide, exams scheduled in December, April, and June are more convenient for candidates in the Asia-Pacific region, while those in January and March better suit candidates in Europe and the Americas. This global scheduling ensures that test-takers from all time zones have fair and convenient opportunities to participate.

Test Formats

Initially, CSCA will be conducted primarily in a remote, home-based online format, with onsite test centers (computer-based or paper-based) gradually established in major source countries and regions.

In December 2025, the first onsite test centers will be launched in Vietnam and Thailand, marking the beginning of a hybrid testing model. Additional test centers in other countries and regions are currently under development.

Score and Results

After the exam, you can log in to the official website of CSCA (www.csca.cn) to check your exam results. Each CSCA subject is graded on a 100-point scale. Test results will serve as a reference for universities, which will set their own admission criteria based on individual program requirements. Score release dates vary by test format: results for online and onsite computer-based tests will be announced within 7 working days after the test, while paper-based test results will be released within 14 working days.

Universities can also view each applicant's percentile ranking among all global test-takers to better understand their academic standing within the international applicant pool.

Test Fees

Number of subject(s)	Fees (CNY)
1	450
2 or more	700

Registration

Registration Process

Applicants must log in to the website www.csca.cn to register.

Please prepare the following items: 1.Photo. Please review the photo requirements before registering. 2.Valid ID. It is required to provide valid government-issued ID information when registering online. 3.Credit Card. After completing the registration, proceed with the payment by using one of the accepted methods.

Check the test dates, formats, and test centers (if applicable). CSCA is offered annually in January, March, May, June, and December. The specific dates are released at the start of each year.

Create your account and register online, book the test and make the payment.

Syllabi

Syllabi for fundamental subjects and professional Chinese are available on the website https://csca.cn/testprep/examsv.