

GET CONNECTED! LOCAL VOLUNTEER AND CULTURAL CONNECTION SUGGESTIONS

Organization/Event/Activity	Description	Website/Contact Details
Traditional Chinese Festivals	Almost every Chinese festival has its own unique origins and customs which reflect the traditional practices and morality of the whole Chinese nation and its people. The grandest and most popular festivals are the Spring Festival, the Lantern Festival, the Qingming Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Mid-autumn Festival, which is an important part of Chinese history and culture, both ancient and modern.	http://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/holidays/ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traditional_Chinese_holidays
Chinese Etiquette	China is a country that has long been known for its ceremonies and etiquette through the ages. However, it can be something of a culture shock when it comes to the differences between the social niceties between China and the western world. Thus, an introduction to the daily manners and courtesies of social life in China is in need of attention before coming to China.	http://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/etiquette.htm
Guides on Beijing	Information of Beijing, the history, culture, things to do, places to go, and much more:	http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/beijing.htm
Clubs & Volunteer in Beijing	View a list of possible clubs and volunteer activities within Beijing. These clubs and volunteer options are outside of Minzu Univ. but a great way to interact with community members.	http://beijing.asiaxpat.com/directory/expat-associations-general-info/clubs-volunteer-associations/

GET CONNECTED! GENERAL ADVICE FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The International Office at Minzu University provides support for study abroad students and can help you find ways to get connected depending on your interests, hobbies and skills. There are clubs and sporting groups on campus to get involved with, and opportunities off campus which they can help you get information about. There will be opportunities to meet other international students, as well as Chinese students, when you arrive on campus. We recommend taking advantage of these activities and start getting connected right away!

In China, your knowledge of what is not acceptable and what is favorable can make your transition to life in China much smoother. Being aware of one's surroundings and remaining respectful of cultural norms. Manners, table manners, and cultural taboos in China should be paid much attention. Patience and respectfulness are the keys to overcoming cultural differences.

GET CONNECTED! ON CAMPUS RESOURCES AT YOUR ASIALEARN UNIVERSITY

General Resource	Description	Website/Contact Details
Clubs and Student Associations at Minzu University	Minzu University offers an abundance of clubs and associations for students to participate in and interact with local students.	Students will receive a list of the clubs and associations during the recruitment fair that happens every semester.