



SOUTHWEST MEDICAL UNIVERSITY



NO.

24

Medical universities



SHANGHAI RANKING

2026

MOE-LISTED ENGLISH MBBS

PROGRAMME

Clinical Medicine / MBBS

DURATION

6 years: five years of medical coursework and one year of internship

LANGUAGE

English

UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

Southwest Medical University began as a medical school in 1951 and adopted its current name in 2015. Its Zhongshan and Chengbei campuses are in Luzhou. English-taught Clinical Medicine consists of five years of medical coursework and one year of internship. Admission includes an online interview and a compulsory entrance examination after arrival.

KEY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 01 Age and education.** Non-Chinese applicants aged 18-30; senior-high diploma/equivalent with satisfactory grades and sound health. Former Chinese citizens need nationality review.
- 02 English.** IELTS 6.0, each band 5.0; TOEFL 70, each section 15; or equivalent. Native/wholly English-medium secondary-school exemption still requires school evidence.
- 03 Assessment.** Online interview with psychological assessment, then arrival tests in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Failure prevents enrolment.
- 04 Insurance.** Follow your programme-specific assessment instructions from FirstLiners. Insurance throughout study is compulsory.



FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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PAYMENT	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR ONWARDS	
		RMB / USD	RMB / USD
Tuition		31,000 USD 4,603	31,000 USD 4,603
Hostel / extra / room/year		8,000 USD 1,188	8,000 USD 1,188
Health insurance budget		800 USD 119	800 USD 119
Visa / residence permit / paid separately		Separate Separate payment	Separate Separate payment
University registration		2,400 USD 356	240 USD 36
FirstLiners application		2,000 USD 297	0 USD 0
Admission Concierge / FirstLiners		15,000 USD 2,227	0 USD 0
STUDY FEE SUBTOTAL / HOSTEL EXTRA		51,200 USD 7,602	32,040 USD 4,758

University registration is separate from the FirstLiners application fee.

Pay hostel costs in addition to the subtotal. Twin-room hostel RMB 8,000 / USD 1,188 · room/year.

Visa application, residence permit, meals, flights, utilities and personal spending are separate.

Health checks, books and entrance tests are separate.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Entrance: RMB 4,000/5,000/6,000 once, based on examination results. Provincial: RMB 20,000 yearly. Academic: RMB 1,800-3,300 yearly. Annual awards require merit selection and review.

USD estimates: USD 1 = RMB 6.7351 (30 Sep 2026). Payments are billed in RMB.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

YOUR APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Checklist for Clinical Medicine / MBBS. Other degrees may have different requirements.

- ☐ **University application form.** Complete the university's international-student application form accurately and sign it where required.
- ☐ **Family information form.** Complete the separate SWMU family-information form; it is part of the required application file.
- ☐ **Personal information form.** Complete the Clinical Medicine/MBBS personal-information form, consistent with your passport and academic records.
- ☐ **Passport.** Provide a copy of the passport with at least one year of validity remaining when you apply.
- ☐ **Academic records.** Provide the high-school diploma copy and notarised academic transcript copies. Retain the matching original records for university verification on arrival.
- ☐ **Medical report.** Provide the original physical-examination report bearing the official seal of a recognised government hospital.
- ☐ **English evidence.** Provide IELTS, TOEFL or accepted equivalent evidence, or qualifying school-issued English-proficiency and instruction-medium documents for the exemption route.
- ☐ **ID photograph.** Provide a two-inch white-background JPG, at least 320 × 240 pixels and the specified 4:3 ratio, 100-500 KB. Use your passport number as the filename.
- ☐ **Originals for arrival assessment.** Bring the original materials matching the submitted application. The university verifies academic records, conduct, document authenticity and eligibility before registration and the entrance examination.

Keep complete scans and originals. Use passport spelling consistently; follow the university rules for translations, notarisation and validity.

