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China Restructures 22,400+ College Majors in Major Higher-Ed Overhaul

China's universities cancelled or suspended 12,200 undergraduate majors and added 10,200 new ones during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021–2025), with cumulative adjustments exceeding 30% of all programs. The restructuring aims to align talent supply with national strategic priorities, including AI, integrated circuits, and advanced manufacturing. (www.hkcna.hk)

China Expands Global Education Ties with 1,700+ Joint Programs

As of May 31, 2026, China hosts over 1,700 joint undergraduate and postgraduate programs with international partners. These cooperative initiatives span 45 countries and regions across the globe. More than 1,100 overseas universities are involved in these joint institutions and programs. The partnerships include 34 of the world's top 100 universities, reflecting high-quality collaboration. (britishcouncil.org)

38 new majors added in 2026 undergraduate Program Catalogue

According to China's Ministry of Education, Chinese universities have added 38 new majors to their offerings. These newly introduced fields include embodied intelligence, brain-computer science, and digital finance, reflecting cutting-edge technological and economic trends. Meanwhile, outdated disciplines such as information management and public administration are being phased out from the curriculum. (**Ministry of Education**)

China Reaffirms Policy Continuity on Transnational Education

According to China's Ministry of Education, China will continue to expand high-quality international engagement in education. The policy direction was presented under three broad themes: attracting international education resources into China, supporting Chinese institutions and students to engage internationally, and strengthening platforms for international cooperation. (britishcouncil.org)

China's University Count Hits 3,196; 47 New Undergraduate Colleges Added

The Ministry of Education released the National Higher Education Institutions List on June 18, showing 3,196 universities nationwide as of June 17, 2026. This includes 1,412 undergraduate institutions (up 47) and 1,540 vocational colleges (down 14). Newly established undergraduate colleges are heavily concentrated in central and western China, with 24 of 32 located in the region. (**NETEASE**)