

# Is ustc.edu.cn legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 98/100

ustc.edu.cn

## Verdict

98

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ustc.edu.cn appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official informational site for the University of Science and Technology of China (中国科学技术大学) including navigation, news, announcements, research highlights, and contact information.

## Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: 

UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

## At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

|                           |                                                                               |                  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Malware engines           | <div>None flagged it</div> <div>VirusTotal</div>                              | <div>CLEAR</div> |
| Google Safe Browsing      | <div>Not listed</div> <div>Google</div>                                       | <div>CLEAR</div> |
| Abuse reports on the host | <div>0 reports</div> <div>AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count</div> | <div>NOTED</div> |
| Domain age                | <div>Not available</div> <div>No registration record was returned</div>       | <div>NOTED</div> |
| Web archive               | <div>Never archived</div> <div>No public history of this site</div>           | <div>WATCH</div> |
| Certificate               | <div>Encrypted connection</div> <div>Issued by ZeroSSL RSA DV SSL CA 2</div>  | <div>NOTED</div> |

## The page as captured

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No screenshot is retained for this report.

## Key findings

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- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

## Full analysis

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### Overview

ustc.edu.cn is the informational website of the University of Science and Technology of China, presenting institutional information, departments, teaching resources, research activity, news, announcements, public services, and contact details. Its apparent purpose is to serve students, faculty, applicants, alumni, researchers, and the wider public rather than to conduct a consumer-facing commercial business.

### Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent university identity through Chinese and English navigation, academic departments, admissions, research, faculty, public-service links, institutional announcements, and a physical address. A page-analysis signal associated the site with “t.me” through a hyphen-variant similarity rule, but this is not supported by the page content: no impersonation, phishing, deceptive redirection, sensitive form, wallet connection, or suspicious external activity was detected. The apparent legitimacy of the institution is therefore strongly supported by the site's substantive academic content, while independent confirmation of the real-world operator remains incomplete.

#### EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies 中国科学技术大学 and provides university overview, faculty, education, research, recruitment, public-service, alumni, and admissions sections.
- The homepage contains no login form or sensitive submission form; observed behavior recorded 0 external XHR requests, 0 wallet-connect runs, 0 hidden forms, and 0 suspicious inline scripts across 2 successful runs.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, with no phishing or blacklist hit reported; the site has a traffic rank of 11677 and is within the top 1 million.

### Regulatory Verification Notes

The website functions as an academic and public-information portal, not as a financial, investment, brokerage, or other regulated commercial service. Its pages provide institutional, educational, research, and contact information, including an Anhui address and Chinese administrative filing references. No regulated-service license claim or license number is presented in the supplied content, so regulatory status would require confirmation only if a separate transaction, service, or credential workflow is contemplated. The site's lack of structured metadata and a formal meta description is a presentation limitation rather than evidence of deceptive identity. A third-party broker-dataset search produced no match and should be treated only as contextual reputation information, not as a licensing determination.

#### EVIDENCE

- The homepage lists the address as 96 Jinzhai Road, Hefei, Anhui, postal code 230026, together with contact information and Chinese filing references.
- The homepage's stated functions are university overview, teaching, research, news, announcements, recruitment, and public services; no financial product or regulated commercial offering is identified.
- The site's hosting network is AS4538, ERX-CERNET-BKB – China Education and Research Network Center, CN.
- TLS uses ZeroSSL RSA DV SSL CA 2 with DV validation and is valid to 2026-09-26T23:59:59+00:00.

#### What to Verify Next

For ordinary informational use, no additional identity action is indicated by the available evidence. If credentials, payments, admissions fees, donations, or another consequential interaction is introduced, confirm the institution and the specific service through an independently obtained official contact route, confirm the applicable terms and refund or return conditions, and use payment methods that provide appropriate protection. Any claimed authorization or regulated status for a separate service should be checked against the relevant official registry rather than inferred from the university website.

#### EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides a “联系我们” contact route and a stated institutional address that can support independent confirmation.
- The site presents admissions, alumni, student, faculty, and public-service navigation, creating identifiable official channels for cross-checking a specific interaction.
- The observed homepage behavior showed no sensitive form, password-external form, wallet provider, clipboard hijack, or cloaking classification.

#### Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture. The site's real-world operator identity is not independently verified, so the conclusion is strong but not equivalent to formal proof of ownership or institutional control.

#### Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to three likely origin addresses without a detected CDN or WAF, and is hosted directly within the China Education and Research Network Center environment under AS4538. This infrastructure is consistent with the site's academic purpose and provides useful attribution context, but hosting arrangements alone are not proof of legitimacy.

#### Closing Assessment

Routine informational interaction is appropriate; before any credential or payment action, ordinary independent identity, service-term, and payment-protection checks should be completed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

## What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

## Identity verification

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Status                           | UNVERIFIED |
| Identity score                   | 55/100     |
| Identity verification confidence | 60%        |

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

## What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of `ustc.edu.cn`.

- The request stayed on `ustc.edu.cn`. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on ERX-CERNET-BKB, from a server in CN. NOTED

## Domain intelligence

|                    |                                                                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Registrar          | Not available                                                                  |
| Hosting            | ERX-CERNET-BKB - China Education and Research Network Center, CN               |
| Country            | CN                                                                             |
| Server IP          | 2001:da8:d800:642::248                                                         |
| Name servers       | Not available                                                                  |
| SSL issuer         | ZeroSSL RSA DV SSL CA 2                                                        |
| SSL expiry         | 2026-09-26                                                                     |
| Domain age         | Not available (no registration date was returned)                              |
| Domain expiry      | Not available                                                                  |
| Archive first seen | Not available                                                                  |
| Archive snapshots  | 0                                                                              |
| Reputation         | VirusTotal: 0 flagged   AbuseIPDB: 0 reports   Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches |

## About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about `ustc.edu.cn` at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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