

## STUDY ABROAD / EXCHANGE INFORMATION 2020-21 for XJTLU partners

UNIVERSITY AND AREA	
University	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)
Year of establishment	2006
Location	Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China
Institutional overview	<p>Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) is a unique Higher Education institution located in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. It is the largest international collaborative university in China established in 2006 by its parent institutions, the University of Liverpool (UK) and Xi'an Jiaotong University (China).</p> <p>XJTLU is an independent University with degree awarding powers under the Chinese Ministry of Education. XJTLU enrolls Chinese students through the "Gaokao" national examination system (tier 1 students) and international students through independent admissions. XJTLU is situated on a purpose built campus in the Dushu Lake Higher Education Town at the heart of one of Asia's research and innovation hubs. Markers of XJTLU's quality can be seen through the high rankings of both of parent Universities; both nationally and internationally well regarded.</p>
Total number of teaching staff	Approx. 700
Total number of students	Local: approx. 17,000 International: approx. 1,300
University website	<a href="http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/">http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/</a>
Undergraduate degree courses	<a href="http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/find-a-programme/?lev=undergraduate">http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/find-a-programme/?lev=undergraduate</a>
Taught Master's degree courses	<a href="http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/find-a-programme/?lev=masters">http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/find-a-programme/?lev=masters</a>
Language of instruction	All courses are taught in English, with the exception of other language classes
Length of stay for exchange students	Min. 1 semester. Max. 1 year.
Teaching weeks per semester	13/14
Undergraduate degree structure	Degree courses are 4 years with a general education year 1. Degree specific content is taught according to the 3-year UK norm in years 2, 3 and 4.
Full-time academic load	Students normally study 20 credits (30 ECTS credits) each semester / 40 credits (60 ECTS credits) each academic year.
Credit value	1 XJTLU credit = 1.5 ECTS credits 1 XJTLU credit represents 30 hours of student learning and assessment.

Marking and classifications	<p>We follow the UK system of marking and classification as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <th colspan="2">UG</th></tr> <tr> <td>Under 40%</td><td>Fail</td></tr> <tr> <td>40-49%</td><td>Third class (3)</td></tr> <tr> <td>50-59%</td><td>Lower second class (2.2)</td></tr> <tr> <td>60-69%</td><td>Upper second class (2.1)</td></tr> <tr> <td>70% and over</td><td>First class (1)</td></tr> </table> <table> <tr> <th colspan="2">PG</th></tr> <tr> <td>Under 50%</td><td>Fail</td></tr> <tr> <td>50-59%</td><td>Pass</td></tr> <tr> <td>60-69%</td><td>Merit</td></tr> <tr> <td>70% and over</td><td>Distinction</td></tr> </table>	UG		Under 40%	Fail	40-49%	Third class (3)	50-59%	Lower second class (2.2)	60-69%	Upper second class (2.1)	70% and over	First class (1)	PG		Under 50%	Fail	50-59%	Pass	60-69%	Merit	70% and over	Distinction																				
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Examinations	<p>All exams will take place at XJTLU campus. All students must follow XJTLU exam schedules. Special arrangements are not allowed.</p> <p>See above section for exam schedules.</p>																																										

APPLICATION PROCEDURES	
Step 1 – Nomination	
Nomination deadlines	September (Semester 1) intake: 1 <sup>st</sup> April February (Semester 2) intake: 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Nomination procedure	1. Home universities nominate students to XJTLU by sending an email to <a href="mailto:studyabroad@xjtlu.edu.cn">studyabroad@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> with students' names, gender, date of birth and email addresses. See Appendix 3 for nomination template  2. XJTLU emails application instructions to nominees, cc-ing home universities. (within 2 weeks after receiving nominations)
Step 2 – Application	
Application deadlines	September (Semester 1) intake: 1 <sup>st</sup> May February (Semester 2) intake: 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Application procedure	1. Students fill out the online application form and upload supporting documents online.  2. XJTLU emails students Admission Notice. (within two weeks after receiving completed applications).  3. XJTLU posts out original copies of Admission Notice and JW202 Form to students. (within four weeks after step 2)
Supporting documents	The following supporting documents should be uploaded to the online application system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information page in passport</li> <li>• Validated Transcript from home university (See Appendix 5 for academic requirements)</li> <li>• Chinese language placement test (if applicable)</li> <li>• A proof of English language proficiency (Appendix 4)</li> <li>• A standard passport photo (good quality, JPG format, 4MB max)</li> </ul> <p>Students who meet both the following 2 criteria should upload Chinese language placement test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who have studied Chinese language</li> <li>• Students who may want to study some Chinese language at XJTLU.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Students who have never studied Chinese do not need to do placement test. These students will be allocated to beginners' class automatically.</p>
Module catalogue	<a href="http://modules.xjtlu.edu.cn/">http://modules.xjtlu.edu.cn/</a>
Module selection	See Appendix 2, Module Selection Instructions for Incoming Exchange/visiting Students.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION	
HET student accommodation is guaranteed to exchange and visiting students who apply before the deadline (15 <sup>th</sup> July). HET student accommodation is owned by Dushu Lake Higher Education Town where XJTLU is located. XJTLU doesn't own the property, but can reserve accommodations for students.	
Application	Once students have received the digital version of the Admissions Notice, they will then be sent the accommodation application web link via email.
Room type and rent	<a href="http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/life-at-xjtlu/accommodation">http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/life-at-xjtlu/accommodation</a>

Utilities	Utilities include electricity and water. Bills is run on a pay-as you-go system. Students should top up at the reception desk.
Distance from campus	15 minutes' walk or by taxi for Wenhua Apartment.
Check-in accommodation	Students should check in with the original copy of passport and a print copy of Admissions Notice from XJTLU. Students need to make the following payments to the reception desk at the accommodation upon arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deposit: approx. RMB 2,000- 3,000 (cash only)</li> <li>• 3-month rent (cash or card payment)</li> <li>• Utility charge (water &amp; electricity): top-up RMB 500 upon arrival (cash only)</li> </ul>

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Generally, students should plan for:

- Non-refundable service charge (ID card, airport pick-up, insurance and logistical costs of induction processes), 300 RMB per semester/600 RMB per academic year.
- Accommodation & utilities
- Food
- Telephone
- Transport
- Medical costs
- Visa/Residence Permit costs
- etc.

Here is a representative sample of how much students could expect to spend in Suzhou per month:

Currency: RMB	Lixiao – Lives in international halls and lives cheaply, i.e. only eats Chinese food from University canteen, doesn't go clubbing or drinking. Occasionally takes bus or metro to downtown.	Sami – Lives in international halls. Lives cheaply during the week, occasionally treats himself to food from a nicer restaurant. Goes drinking once a month. Normally takes bus. Takes taxis a few times per month.	David – Lives the expat life style, normally eats in western restaurants and goes to bars. David owns an E-bike and takes taxis occasionally.
Rent	2,200	2,200	3,000
Utilities	200	300	500
Food	800	2,000	3,000
Transport	50	300	300 (+2,000 for an e-bike)
Luxuries	0	1,000	2,000
Total monthly expense	3,250	5,800	8,800
Holidays	Lixiao is not keen on luxuries when he's travelling. He travels by train and stays in youth hostels.	Sami doesn't usually spend a lot of money, but likes the odd luxury. Bed instead of seat on the train. Generally stays in hostels or cheap hotels.	David likes to be comfortable, only stays in four star hotels and usually flies.
Cost of a week-long holiday	Total cost: 1,000-2,000 Hotel per night: 10-50 Tickets: less than 200 per day	Total cost: 3,000-5,000 Hotel per night: 180-300 Tickets: 350-650 per day	Total cost: 8,000-10,000 Hotel per night: 700-900 Tickets: 650-1,100 per day

	Food: less than 40 per day	Food: 100 per day	Food: 300 per day
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STUDENT VISA	
Procedures	<p>1. XJTLU posts out original copies of Admission Notice and JW202 Form to students. (within 4 weeks after students receive digital copy of Admission Notice)</p> <p>2. Students apply for student visa (X visa) to China embassy (<a href="http://www.visaforchina.org/">http://www.visaforchina.org/</a>) with original copy of Admissions Notice and JW202 Form.</p>
Visa type	<p>Students should apply for X visa (student visa).</p> <p>There are 2 types of X visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• X2 visa is a single entry visa for students who will study in China for less than 180 days.</li> <li>• X1 visa is for students who will study in China for more than 180 days.</li> </ul> <p>X1 visa is valid for 30 days after students enter China. Once students enter China, they should report to Student One-stop Centre at XJTLU (Room CB115E in Central Building). XJTLU will assist students with health check, and help them convert X1 visa to long-term Residence Permit which will be multiple entry and will cover students' study period in China. Health check is mandatory for students holding X1 visas.</p>

HEALTH AND INSURANCE	
Public hospitals and insurance	<p>The medical insurance provided by XJTLU covers treatment in public hospitals. Public hospitals in Suzhou are generally clean and reliable. Due to language barrier and different registration procedures in hospitals, students are advised to take a Chinese speaker with them when they go. If required International Student Support Team at XJTLU can arrange a staff member or a student volunteer to assist international students.</p> <p>Student need to keep all the receipts/invoices and paperwork related to the hospital visit in order to claim back the expenses, either against their own insurance or the one provided by XJTLU.</p>
Private clinics	<p>Private clinics are more foreigner-friendly. Doctors are generally either international or have a high standard of English. Treatment is entirely western medicine based. Private clinics are significantly more expensive than public hospitals. The insurance provided by XJTLU does not cover private clinics.</p>
Dentists services	<p>There is a dental clinic close to XJTLU campus. All major hospitals provide dentist services. The insurance provided by XJTLU does not cover dental treatments.</p>
Pharmacy	<p>There are 2 pharmacies near XJTLU campus, both within 15 minutes' walk from campus. The pharmacies provide a range of Western and Chinese medicines. Staff don't speak English, so students should have the name of the medicine written in Chinese, or take a Chinese friend when they go. Students should always check the chemical name on the information sheet inside the box. Certain medicines may only be available in major hospitals or private clinics.</p>

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Study Abroad	Room CB108E, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University,

	<p>111 Ren Ai Road, Dushu Lake Higher Education Town, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, 215123, China.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:studyabroad@xjtlu.edu.cn">studyabroad@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> Tel: +86 (0)512 8188 3244</p> <p>Responsibilities: international partnerships development, nominations, student applications, modules and study abroad events.</p>
Student One-stop Centre	<p>Room CB115E, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, 111 Ren Ai Road, Dushu Lake Higher Education Town, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, 215123, China.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:global@xjtlu.edu.cn">global@xjtlu.edu.cn</a> Tel: +86 (0)512 8188 0406 / +86 (0)512 8188 4746</p> <p>Responsibilities: visa guidance &amp; documents, accommodation, pre-departure briefings and new student induction sessions.</p>

## Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University 2020-2021 Academic Calendar (STUDENT)

Semester	Month	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Description
Semester 1	September	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Induction: students, staff
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Week 1: Teaching starts; UG Year 1: Academic Bridging
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Week 2
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Week 3
	October	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	National day; Mid-Autumn day; University closed days
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Week 4
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Week 5
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Week 6
	November	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	Week 7: Midterm
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Week 8
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Week 9
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Week 10
	December	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Week 11
		30	1	2	3	4	5	6	Week 12
		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Week 13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Week 14
	January	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Christmas; Reading Week
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3	New Year; Reading Week
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Examination days
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Examination days
	February	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Additional learning
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Additional learning
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Additional learning
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Spring Festival
Semester 2	March	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	University closed days
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Week 1: Teaching starts
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Week 2
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Week 3
	April	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Week 4
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Week 5
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	Week 6: Qingming Festival
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Week 7: Midterm; Learning and Teaching Colloquium; University closed day
	May	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Week 8
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Week 9
		26	27	28	29	30	1	2	Week 10; Labour day
		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Week 11; University closed day
	June	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Week 12
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Week 13
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Week 14
		31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Examination days
	July	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Examination days
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Dragon Boat Day; Additional learning
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Additional learning
		28	29	30	1	2	3	4	Additional learning
	August	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Additional learning
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Reading Week (for resits)
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Reading Week (for resits)
		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	Graduation ceremony; Reading Week (for resits);
September	September	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Resit examinations
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Additional learning
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Additional learning
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Additional learning
	September	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Induction: students, staff, 2021/22

Colour key:

	Teaching days
	Midterm
	Marking/Exam board
	National holidays

	No colour	Reading week/Assessment moderation
		Examination days
		XJTLU graduation
		University closed days

## Appendix 2, Module Selection Instructions for Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students.

# Module Selection Instructions for Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students

At XJTLU we call the individual subjects that you will study modules. They are sometimes called classes or courses at other universities. Students normally study 20 credits each semester.

**Your module selections should have been approved by your home university before you submit them to XJTLU.**

### **Module selection procedure:**

1. Pre-selection: around 1-2 months before semester starts, you will be given e-Bridge (student information system) login details. You will then be required to pre-select your modules on e-Bridge. You should select 40 credits in order of preference, in case of time clashes or full classes.  
**Steps: 1 logon to E-bridge → Programme and Module → Module Pre-selection**
2. Confirm your modules and timetable: In mid-June, you will be asked to check your timetable on e-bridge, drop off those modules that have timetable clashes, and confirm the final list of modules you will be studying at XJTLU
3. Make changes of modules selections: before the end of week 2, you can still make changes of your module selections if any of them are not the right level for you. Module changes will not be possible after Week 2.

**Note: although changing modules are possible, we would like to remind you that your modules should be approved by your home university first. It is not guaranteed that you could be enrolled onto the changed modules due to timetable clashes, full or cancelled classes.**

### **Module catalogue and specifications:**

Please look at our module catalogue and module specifications here: <http://modules.xjtlu.edu.cn/>

In the specifications of each module, you can see whether it is available in Semester1 (Fall Semester) or Semester 2 (Spring Semester).

You will be using the previous year's module catalogue to select modules, so you need to be aware that some modules you select may not be running the following year when you study at XJTLU.

### **Modules for different levels:**

The first number in the module code refers to the undergraduate level 0, 1, 2, and 3 at XJTLU. Undergraduate degree courses at XJTLU are 4 years with a general education level 0. Degree specific content is taught according to the 3 year UK norm at XJTLU level 1, 2 and 3:



XJTLU Bachelor's Degree Programmes	Bachelor's Degree Programmes in England
Level 0	
Level 1	Year 1
Level 2	Year 2
Level 3	Year 3

The first number for Master's modules is 4.

The first number for non-credit-bearing modules is 9.

### **Restrictions:**

An exchange/visiting student can study max. 1 Chinese Language module (CLT module) each semester.

The following modules are not available for exchange/visiting students:

- All CCT modules
- All PHE modules
- ACF405
- CCS305
- ECO405
- MAN414, MAN416, MAN417, MAN418, MAN419, MAN421, MAN440
- Level 0 modules are not available for exchange/visiting students, **except** CCS (China Studies), CLT (Chinese language) and SPA (Spanish language) modules.

Master's modules are not available for undergraduate students while undergraduate's modules are available for master's students.

### Appendix 3, Nomination Template

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Study Duration	Intake(Sep or Feb)	Email Address	Academic level(UG/PG)	Nationality	Study abroad office contact email: tel:

### Appendix 4 Accepted English proficiency certificates:

English is the language of instruction at XJTLU. Applicants for any undergraduate or postgraduate course of study, including Visiting Students, whose first language is not English, should include an original or certified true copy of **one** of the following:

CEFR	B2+
IELTS Academic Version	6.0 (minimum 5.5 in all sections)
Cambridge English Levels*	170
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	58( min 58 in all skills)
TOEFL(IBT)	80
TOEFL(PTE)	550
CEFR	B2+

Cambridge English Levels combines: Cambridge First Certificate Test(FCE)Cambridge Advanced Test(CAE) and Cambridge Proficiency Test(CPT)

You are exempted from proving your English proficiency:

- Students who are nationals from a majority English-speaking country are automatically assumed to meet minimum English language requirements. These countries are: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom and the United States of America
- if you have met the English language requirements before your enrollment in a full English taught programme at your current university, you do not need to provide test results. The level of English should be in line with the level referred to in above mentioned English tests. In this case, please submit an English proficiency letter issued by your home university Language Centre (or equivalent unit)

## Appendix 5 Academic Requirement

Participating students shall be selected by your home institution, usually based on academic merit and suitability, to undertake a period of study abroad and are subject to acceptance by Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (hereafter XJTLU) undertaking the normal admission procedures.

Students who nominated by home country are required to achieve the score in the following. Please notice that even in the same country, universities or institutions might have different marking system. Listed is just the one mainly inside the country.

Country Grading System	Required score Year 2 / Full score
USA	GPA 3.0 / 4.0
England	60 (upper second class) / 100
Canada	70 / 100
France	13 / 20
Mexico	80 / 100
Netherland	7.5 / 10
Italy	23 / 30
	90 / 110
South Korea	GPA 3.3 / 4.5