Pre-Application Briefing
XJTLU

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First of All…

CONGRATULATIONS!
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Life in Suzhou

Chris Gould – your Liverpool contact at XJTLU

English really is the common language on campus!

How can I maximize my time in China?
  • Speak to the Chinese students
  • Join Societies at XJTLU
  • Become a regular at a food cart, café or coffee shop
  • Practice your Mandarin language in public!
How much does life in Suzhou cost?

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

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<th>Lixiao - Lives in international halls and lives cheaply, i.e., only eats Chinese food from the university canteen. Doesn't go clubbing or drinking. Occasionally takes the bus or metro into the old town.</th>
<th>Sami - Lives in International halls. Lives cheaply during the week, but occasionally treats himself to food from a nicer restaurant. Goes drinking once a month. Normally takes the bus but will take three or four taxis a month.</th>
<th>David - Lives the expat life style normally eating in western restaurants and going to bars. He owns an E-Bike and takes occasional taxis</th>
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<td>Sami doesn't like to spend a lot of money, but likes the odd luxury. Bed instead of seat on the train. Generally stays in hostels or cheap hotels.</td>
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<td>Cost of a week long holiday</td>
<td>Total cost: 1000 - 2000 Hotel/night: 10 - 50 Tickets: &lt;200/day Food: &lt;40/day</td>
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1.00 CNY/RMB = .10 GBP

1.00 GBP = 9.65 CNY/RMB
Your Conditional Offer

Every study abroad offer is conditional, based on Semester 1 marks

• Current Year 1 Students:
  • You must maintain a 60% academic average, with no fails for all of 2015/16 (re-sits ok, but we should talk)

• Current Year 2 Students (Year in China programme)
  • You must maintain a 40% academic average for all of 2015/16, with no fails
  • You must attend at least 80% of the pre-departure language lessons (occurring week of April 11 through Mid May)

• Offers are confirmed after Semester 2 marks are released (early July)

• We do not recommend buying plane tickets or submitting your visa application until after your marks are released
  • If you are really worried about flight prices, look into a changeable ticket in case you cannot go
How do I accept my offer?

- You need to log into your Mobility Online account (the system you submitted your application through)

- Login credentials are at the very bottom of the Confirmation Message you received after submitting your application

- If you do not have this message please email saenq@liverpool.ac.uk and the message will be re-sent to you
Pre-Application Briefing Handbook

Read your handbook before emailing questions
What happens next?
There’s still work ahead!

The Study Abroad process takes time and effort

In the course of this process YOU will:
- discuss modules with your Academic Study Abroad Co-ordinator
- complete a Host University Application
- submit your Host University Application and wait for acceptance
- provide even more forms/info to your host university after you are accepted
- sort out your accommodation abroad and in the UK
- attend the Pre-Departure Briefing May 18, 2016
- enjoy a Farewell Networking Reception on May 19, 2016
- see your Semester 2 Marks and receive a confirmed offer (July)
- submit your visa application and finalize flights
- pack your bags

…… and then finally you will be abroad!
Applying to your Host University

- UoL will notify XJTLU of your nomination

- XJTLU will contact you with application details, which you must submit to them with a photo copy of your passport

- You **MUST** respect the INTERNAL (i.e. UoL) deadlines

- It rarely happens but Host Universities can refuse your application
Choosing your Modules:
Students following The Year 2 Curriculum
(Course Approval Form, access through Mobility Online)

- Look at the modules you WOULD do here in Liverpool next year

- Review the modules catalogue at XJTLU (it will be strikingly similar!) for your degree

- Complete and download Course Approval Form (list your modules)

- Meet with your ASAC to discuss modules and sign approval form

- Upload signed Course Approval Form to Mobility Online

- List the approved modules on the XJTLU application/module selection form
Choosing your Modules: Students following Year in China Programme

- Download Module Course Approval Form from Mobility Online

- Students from Chemistry, Physics, Software Development, Computer Information Systems, Aerospace Engineering, Industrial Design and Mechanical Engineering:
  - Choose 1 Chinese Language Module
  - Choose 2 China Studies Modules, or 1 additional Chinese Language Module plus 1 Chinese Studies Module
  - Choose 1 Module related to your degree

- Students from all other degrees
  - Choose 1 Chinese Language Module
  - Choose 3 China Studies Modules, or 2 Chinese Language Module plus 1 additional Chinese Language Module

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Choosing your Modules:
Students following Year in China Programme

Recommended China Studies modules for Year in China Students

Choose your Chinese language module/s (you may have a placement test when you arrive: http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn/en/academics/learning-teaching/undergraduate/module-catalogue.html

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**Semester 1 (September -January)**

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<td>Purple Text</td>
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**Semester 2 (February- June)**

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Who is my Academic Study Abroad Co-ordinator (ASAC)?

https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/departments/

- The ASAC will approve the modules you take abroad, ensuring that you will earn credit toward your degree
Further Academic Considerations

1. Your exams will be taken abroad, at the end of your semester at the host university.

2. You will EARN MARKS for modules taken abroad which will be calculated into your Liverpool degree.

3. The marking at XJTLU is very similar to Liverpool as they use the same scale.

4. Re-sits are possible if needed.
Sorting out your Visa

• XJTLU must accept you before you will officially apply for the visa

• XJTLU Provides the supporting document you need to apply

• UoL/XJTLU will offer visa help for filling out the form, in late May/early June

• Most students apply via the Manchester or London Consulate
  • Think about where you will be when you need to apply for the visa

• If you are going to participate in the XJTLU summer school you should inform the Study Abroad Team now

• If your passport is not valid for at least 6 months after your exchange will finish, renew it now!
Study Abroad Drop In Meetings

• No appointment needed, first come first served
  • Located in Careers and Employability Service (Building number 502 on University Map)

• Tues, March 15: 2-3pm
• Tues, March 22: 2-3pm
• Weds, March 30: 1-2pm
• Weds, April 5: 1-2pm
• Tues, April 12: 2-3pm
• Weds, April 13: 1-2pm
• Tues, April 19: 2-3pm
• Tues, April 26: 2-3pm

• Weds, April 27: 1-2pm
• Tues, May 3: 2-3pm
• Weds, May 4: 1-2pm
• Tues, May 10: 2-3pm
• Weds, May 11: 1-2pm
• Weds, May 25: 1-2pm
• Weds, June 1: 1-2pm
• Weds, June 8: 1-2pm

Ring the Study Abroad Team if you have an urgent concern that cannot wait for Drop In. (0151 794 3039)
The XJTLU 2016/17 Academic Calendar

**Airport Pickup:** August 27-29, 2016

**Induction Week:** begins August 29, 2016

**Semester 1:** September 5, 2016 – January 12, 2017

**Winter Break/Spring Festival:** January 13-February 17, 2017

**Semester 2:** February 20 - June 9, 2017
Accommodation Abroad

- XJTLU provides you with a room in an apartment!
  - Usually 4-6 en-suite rooms with shared living space
  - Walking distance to campus, or cycle, bus

- All international students live in specific apartments
  - Not possible to live with Chinese XJTLU students

- Approximately £200 per month (rent + utilities)

- You will pay the apartment directly, not through XJTLU

- All foreigners must register with the Chinese authorities upon arrival, including confirming address so you should not arrange independent accommodation
Accommodation in Liverpool

• If you will just go to XJTLU for one semester, look into these options

• Live in the Study Abroad Village!
  • We’ll pull a list if you indicated it on your application. If still interested, let us know.

• Tick the ‘Share my Email’ box on the register so we can circulate a list of those interested in swapping rooms

• Use Liverpool Student Homes website

• ALWAYS SPEAK TO YOUR LANDLORD AND HOUSEMATES!
  • Get contracts to protect yourself

• Remember, accommodation is your responsibility
Student Finance and Bursaries

• Apply for your 2016/17 Student Finance NOW!!!
  • Tick a box to say you will be studying abroad during the next academic year

• Should get normal Student Loan/Grants, as a minimum. Student Finance offer means tested support on sliding scale. Student to pay first £303.

• Liverpool Travel Award Grants: after you arrive, when you send back confirmation. All students will receive it!
  Asia: £500

• Liverpool Bursary students will still get bursary during semester abroad, but will receive 50% of bursary if abroad for full academic year

• Remember, all grants (including Student Finance) are paid AFTER you’ve spent the money, so plan accordingly.
Tuition Fees

• You will continue to pay tuition fees to UoL

  • Semester Abroad: Same tuition fee as normal

  • UK/EU Student Abroad full year abroad: £1350

  • International Student Abroad full year abroad: 50% normal tuition fee
Scholarships and Grants

Consult the handbook for details (page 7)

Semester/Year 2 @ XJTLU:
   Santander Scholarship
   Fang Saxby Scholarship

Year in China Programme:
   Ede and Ravenscroft Scholarship

Emails with applications will be sent after March 16th, all scholarships prioritize Liverpool bursary recipients, but you should still apply

You can ask to be considered for as many scholarships as you are eligible, but you will only be awarded one

Fang Saxby Scholarship will also require an applicant interview
Insurance

- You will apply for UoL’s Travel Insurance (free) shortly before departure.

- Some Host Universities will require you to purchase, or will give you the option to opt into, basic medical insurance with them, but you’ll still need travel insurance (e.g. for repatriation).

- Important exclusions from UoL Travel Insurance include routine check-ups/ prescriptions for pre-existing medical conditions.

- It will cover you for incidental travel during HU holidays/weekends to adjacent countries. It will not cover you if you choose to travel after your exchange has ended. It will also not cover you for travel to countries deemed dangerous by the FCO or economically sanctioned countries (North Korea).

- If you are ever in any doubt, check directly with the UoL Insurance Office (finsec2@liverpool.ac.uk).

- Application form at PDB in May (Semester 1 Abroad) of Dec (Semester 2 Abroad).
Year in China
Pre-Departure Language Programme

• April 11 through May 12, taught by Confucius Institute

• Tues and Thurs from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
  • May have other days due to number of participants

• Lessons will cover language and culture

• You cannot miss more than two lessons
  • If you are ill and miss two consecutive lessons you must submit a GP note

• Schedule will be finalized in coming weeks

• Non Year in China students can participate in lessons if interested
Things to Think About Now…

• Do I know when my Host Uni application is due?
  • Do I know the academic calendar at my host university?

• Do I know the student visa requirement in my host country?

• Have I informed Student Finance that I will study abroad next year?
More things to think about…

• Do I have any special needs or concerns?
  • Disability Support?

• Do I have any medical needs or allergies that might impact my time abroad?
  • Do I carry an epi pen in the event of an allergic reaction?
  • You may need a consultation with Occupational Health to identify special considerations for China

• What vaccinations might I need? (including if you plan to travel to other countries)

• Continue to research your host uni/city/country
  • Foreign and Commonwealth Office
  • Buy a guidebook/phrasebook/dictionary
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