

XI'AN JIAOTONG-LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Brief Overview

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU)

XJTLU is an independent Chinese University established in partnership between University of Liverpool and Xi'an Jiaotong University in 2006. The University is a private institution which is formally recognised by the Chinese Ministry of Education. The institution is situated within Suzhou Industrial Park approximately 85km from Shanghai.

XJTLU and University of Liverpool

University of Liverpool (UoL) has been closely involved in the development of XJTLU since its establishment, providing support in a number of areas including programme design, student exchange partnerships, and professional development. XJTLU is accredited by University of Liverpool for the delivery of undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research programmes leading to Liverpool awards. As an awarding body University of Liverpool retains responsibility for assuring the standards of the degrees delivered at XJTLU. This is achieved through mechanisms, such as the validation of all provision at XJTLU and involvement in the assessment moderation process. University of Liverpool also provides support to XJTLU in the development of its quality assurance framework.

Programme Structures

Undergraduate Programmes

All undergraduate degrees at XJTLU are four years in length. All students undertake a common first year which covers aspects of Chinese History and Culture, Mathematics, IT, English Language and Physical Education and is designed to meet the requirements of the Chinese Ministry of Education. Year 1 may therefore be considered a foundation year and Years 2 - 4 equivalent to a three-year undergraduate degree at the University of Liverpool.

The credit structure at XJTLU is such that 1 credit is approximately equivalent to 3 credits at Liverpool. An undergraduate degree comprises 180 credits in total and the overall programme structure is as follows:

	Year 1 (Y1)	Year 2 (Y2)	Year 3 (Y3)	Year 4 (Y4)
XJTLU	50 credits	50 credits	40 credits	40 credits
UoL Equivalent	150 credits	150 credits	120 credits	120 credits

10 credits in Year 2 will normally be allocated to English Language teaching, with the remaining 40 credits comprised of subject-specific modules. Years 2 - 4 will therefore involve 40 credits of subject specific modules per year: the equivalent to 120 credits per year at Liverpool.

Undergraduate modules at XJTLU may have the following credit values:

	Year 1 (Y1)	Year 2 (Y2)	Year 3 (Y3)	Year 4 (Y4)
XJTLU	2.5 credit	2.5 credits	5 credits	10 credits
UoL Equivalent	7.5 credits	7.5 credits	15 credits	30 credits

XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) programmes

Programmes which are delivered at the XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) contain industry work placements that are undertaken during the summer periods at the end of each academic year. Monitoring and review of the quality and standards of the Taicang programmes, and industry placements are undertaken by UoL through its normal annual monitoring activity. Taicang programmes differ from programmes at Suzhou, as they integrate industry perspectives both theoretical and practical. Students have the opportunity to engage with companies and business and also study entrepreneurship & innovation. Graduates gain a Certificate of Achievement from XJTLU and UoL upon completion of the industry placement.

Postgraduate Programmes

The credit structure of postgraduate programmes at XJTLU is as follows:

	Master's	PG Diploma	PG Certificate
XJTLU	60 credits	40 credits	20 credits
UoL Equivalent	180 credits	120 credits	60 credits

A full-time Master's programme at XJTLU will either be delivered over 18 months, with 20 credits delivered over each of three semesters, or delivered over 24 months, with 20 credits delivered over each of four semesters.

Postgraduate modules at XJTLU may have the following credit values:

XJTLU	5 credits	10 credits	15 credits	20 credits
UoL Equivalent	15 credits	30 credits	45 credits	60 credits

The Dissertation module in a Master's programme will normally have a value of 20 credits. In addition, Master's programmes will normally include a further 10 credits per semester of English (or Chinese) Language, or a work placement, or a combination of both. These credits will be marked on a pass/fail basis and will not contribute to the final degree classification, but will be included on the student transcript.

Articulation

Many undergraduate students at XJTLU are eligible to transfer to University of Liverpool for the second part of their degree through a 2+2 articulation route, whereby they complete two years at XJTLU and two years at University of Liverpool. Under this scheme, students transfer into Year 2 of a three-year Bachelor's degree at Liverpool. The University of Liverpool programmes which will be available to students on a particular degree programme at XJTLU will normally be identified during the validation process. This will ensure that the curriculum undertaken in Year 2 at XJTLU provides appropriate preparation for the study to be undertaken in Years 2 and 3 at University of Liverpool. In order to transfer to University of Liverpool, students at XJTLU are required to apply for the 2+2 route during their second year. Alternatively, students may also indicate that they wish to follow a 4+1 route whereby they will complete all four years of their undergraduate degree at XJTLU and then transfer to University of Liverpool for postgraduate study.

Both universities have agreed that many undergraduate students on programmes delivered at the XJTLU Entrepreneur College (Taicang) will be eligible to transfer to University of Liverpool on a 2+1+1 arrangement. Under this scheme, students complete year one at XJTLU Suzhou campus and

year two at Taicang. Students then complete a 'Year in Liverpool' in year three, before returning to Taicang to complete a final year project in connection with one of Taicang's industry partners. The initial cohort of students will study at UoL in academic year 2024-25.

Awards

Undergraduate degree programmes at XJTLU lead to a dual award: one from University of Liverpool and one from XJTLU. This is the case whether a student undertakes all four years at XJTLU, the 2+2 articulation route, or the 2+1+1 Taicang route.

For postgraduate degree programmes delivered at XJTLU successful candidates will receive an award from the University of Liverpool only.

Language of Delivery

Teaching and assessment for all modules in years 2, 3 and 4 and at postgraduate level at XJTLU is undertaken in English, with the exception of foreign language modules.

Study opportunities at XJTLU

Year in China (YiC)

UoL undergraduate students may spend a year of study at XJTLU studying Chinese language, society and culture. Year in China for academic year 2023/24 is only open to applications from final year students. The YiC is assessed on a pass/fail basis, and does not contribute to the UoL degree classification. Students that pass the YiC will graduate with the degree title changing to 'Subject' with a Year in China (e.g. BA Philosophy with a Year in China). If the YiC is not passed the degree title will revert back to the initial programme title e.g. BA Philosophy. For eligibility for the Degree with a Year in China, students must pass the year (in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the YiC Annex, and the requirements of the UoL Code of Practice on Assessment).