

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 and professional development. XJTLU is accredited by University of Liverpool for the delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate 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 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.

Subject Areas

XJTLU has established departments in:

- Business, Economics and Management
- Biological Sciences
- Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Languages and Culture
- Architecture
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Mathematical Sciences
- Urban Planning and Design
- Chemistry

Programme Structures

Undergraduate Programmes

All undergraduate degrees at XJTLU are four years in length. 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 therefore may be considered a foundation year and Years 2 - 4 equivalent to a three year undergraduate degree at 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	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
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:

XJTLU	1 credit	2.5 credits	5 credits	10 credits
UoL Equivalent	3 credits	7.5 credits	15 credits	30 credits

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 normally be delivered over 18 months, with 20 credits delivered over each of the three 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.

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 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 are to be available to students on a particular degree programme at XJTLU will normally be identified during the validation process. This will necessitate 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 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.

Awards

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

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

Language of Delivery

At XJTLU teaching and assessment for all modules at undergraduate levels 1, 2 and 3 and at postgraduate level is undertaken in English, with the exception of foreign language modules.

Further Information

Further information about XJTLU can be found on the XJTLU website at:

<http://www.xjtlu.edu.cn>

and on the following University of Liverpool web-pages at:

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/xjtlu>

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/tqsd/XJTLU/index.htm>

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