

2027 Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University Master's Programme Admissions Prospectus

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University

Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU) is an international joint venture university founded in 2006 by Xi'an Jiaotong University in China and the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom. XJTLU Locates in Suzhou, a city that has been known in China as 'paradise on the earth' since ancient times. Since its founding, XJTLU's unique educational philosophy and high-quality talent cultivation have been widely recognized across society, and it has been hailed as 'a benchmark for Sino-foreign cooperative universities' and 'a pioneer in China's higher education reform'.

University of Liverpool

The University of Liverpool was founded in 1881 and received a Royal Charter in 1903. It is a world-renowned comprehensive public university in the UK, as well as the UK's first 'red brick university' and a member of the prestigious Russell Group. The Russell Group comprises 24 leading research universities across the UK, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, and Imperial College London.

Feature

- Awards a University of Liverpool master's degree, which recognised by China's Ministry of Education and globally, together with a corresponding XJTLU certificate.
- Adopts the internationally recognised **application-based admissions system**. Applicants are not required to take the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination.
- Programme duration is **1.5 to 2 years**. Generous entry scholarships are available, with awards covering **up to 100% of the total tuition fees**.
- **International faculty and campus environment, with more than 90%** of faculty members have overseas study or work experience.
- **Rigorous teaching and quality assurance system**. Multiple programmes and disciplines are **accredited by international professional organisations**.
- **Programmes are taught in English** to help students strengthen their professional expertise while developing an international perspective and cross-cultural communication and collaboration skills.
- Integrates **interest-driven learning, research-oriented education, interdisciplinary study and innovative practice** to cultivate students' innovative thinking and lifelong learning capabilities.
- Strong integration of industry, academia and research, and close link with industry resources. Some programmes offer **Industry joint-supervision pathways**, providing opportunities to participate in real-world industry projects and cutting-edge research.
- A diverse and comprehensive support system for **employment, further study, and innovation and entrepreneurship**, enhancing graduates' global competitiveness.
- **Location advantage**: located in Suzhou, adjacent to Shanghai, in the Yangtze River Delta Economic Circle, China's most economically developed region, with a concentration of Fortune Global 500 companies, creating abundant opportunities for internships, industry engagement and career development.



Programme List

School	Programme	Total Tuition (RMB)	Duration	English Requirement	Bachelor's Background and Other Requirements
SMP	Actuarial Science MSc	150,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in mathematics and applied mathematics, statistics, data science, finance, insurance, or other related disciplines with a strong quantitative background.
	Financial Mathematics MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in mathematics, statistics, physics, engineering, computer science, finance, economics, or related disciplines.
	Data Science MSc*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in mathematics, statistics, computer science, data science, finance, or related disciplines; relevant work experience helps.
	Applied Mathematics MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in mathematics or related disciplines.
AoLNS	Medicinal Chemistry MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in pharmacy, chemistry, chemical engineering, biological sciences, medicine, materials, pharmaceutical engineering, food engineering, or other experimental science disciplines, or relevant industry experience.
	Pharmaceutical Sciences MRes*^	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.0 (5.5)	Five pathways: Artificial Intelligence Drug Discovery and Development (AIDD), Pharmaceutical Management, Regulatory Science, Pharmaceutical Science, Clinical Pharmacy. Bachelor's degree in pharmacy, chemistry, chemical engineering, biological sciences, medicine, materials, computer science, bioinformatics, management, biopharmaceuticals, food engineering, medicine-related disciplines, or relevant industry experience.
	Applied Statistics (Biostatistics) MSc*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in statistics, applied mathematics, economics, or other mathematical/data analysis sciences; epidemiology, clinical and preventive medicine, biomedical sciences, or other health-related disciplines, or relevant industry experience.
	Molecular Bioscience MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in life sciences or related disciplines.
	Advanced Chemical Sciences MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, medicinal chemistry, or related disciplines.



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AoLNS	Materials Science and Engineering MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in engineering or other related science disciplines.
	Environmental Sciences MRes	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in ecology, environmental science, environmental engineering, agriculture, forestry, grassland science, plant protection, nature conservation and environmental ecology, soil and water conservation and desertification control, chemistry, materials science and engineering, biology (botany, zoology, physiology, microbiology), atmospheric science, geography (physical geography, human geography, GIS), architecture (urban/rural planning, urban design, landscape architecture), design (environmental design), water conservancy engineering (hydrology and water resources, hydraulics and river dynamics), geology (hydrogeology), remote sensing science and technology, computer science and technology, statistics, data science, or related disciplines.
	Bioinformatics MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in bioinformatics, biological sciences, medicine, biomedical engineering, physics, computer science, mathematics, biostatistics, data science, artificial intelligence, or related disciplines.
AFCT	Cultural and Creative Industries MSc^ (Taicang)	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in cultural and creative industries-related majors, such as media, film and television arts, new media, creative media, advertising, public relations, game design, digital media art, fine arts, digital media technology, animation, cultural industry management, tourism, music, museum studies, product design, visual communication, etc. Relevant work experience accepted. Supplementary materials such as work experience, portfolio, and/or recommendation letters may be provided.
XEC (Taicang)	Advanced Intelligent Manufacturing Technology MRes*^	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering, robotics, industrial engineering, or related disciplines.



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XEC (Taicang)	Digital Business MSc [^]	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Four pathways: Digital Supply Chain, Digital Finance, Digital Marketing, Intelligent ESG. Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, business, economics, management, supply chain, marketing, science, engineering, or related disciplines.
	Advanced Robotics Systems MSc ^{*^}	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.0 (5.5)	Four pathways: Advanced Robotics Technologies, Leadership, Technopreneurship (tech entrepreneurship), Applied Robotics Technologies. Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering, robotics, industrial engineering, computer science, or related disciplines.
	Advanced Microelectronic Technology and Materials MRes ^{*^}	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in microelectronics, electrical engineering, materials science, engineering, or related disciplines.
	Intelligent Engineering Science and Industrial Operations MSc ^{*^}	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related disciplines, or relevant field experience.
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation MSc [^]	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	Ten pathways: Business and AI Innovation, Sustainable Solutions and Inclusive Technology, Creative Technology, Enterprise Governance, Innovation and Succession, Venture Investment, Smart Cities, Technology Transfer Management, Strategic Human Resources Management, Intelligent Robotics, Smart Ageing and Health Management. No background restriction. Personal statement must explain learning interests, motivation, intended industry direction, and future career goals. Entrepreneurial experience or 1+ year of engineering, management, or investment-related work experience preferred.
IBSS	Management MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 30 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in Business-related disciplines preferred.



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IBSS	Management MRes	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in business, economics, management, accounting, finance, science, engineering, or related disciplines.
	International MBA (IMBA)^	320,000	Part-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	No background restriction. At least 5 years of work experience; management experience preferred. Outstanding applicants with middle-to-senior management experience individually assessed.
	Finance MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, economics, management, science, engineering, or related disciplines, with knowledge of quantitative analysis methods, statistics, or econometrics.
	Economics and Finance MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in finance, economics, mathematics, statistics, or related disciplines.
	Business Analytics MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, economics, management, marketing, science, engineering, or a related discipline. Prior knowledge of econometrics is strongly preferred. A background in statistics, mathematics, or probability is advantageous. Prior exposure to programming or data analytics tools such as Python, R, Stata, or SQL is beneficial but not required. Applicants should be prepared to develop these skills during the programme.
	Investment Management MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in financial management, accounting, finance, financial mathematics, financial engineering, investment, asset valuation, economics, management, or related disciplines; or relevant work experience with quantitative analysis methods or statistics knowledge.
	Project Management MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 30 months	6.5 (5.5)	No background restriction; Bachelor's degree in science and engineering preferred.
	Operations and Supply Chain Management MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	No background restriction; applicants with study experience or work background in management, engineering, mathematics, science, or related fields preferred.



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IBSS	Professional Accounting MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor degree in Accounting or Financial Management is preferred. Applicants with an undergraduate degree in other disciplines will also be considered if they have completed the 6 Certificate Level papers of ACA, ACCA or hold equivalent exemptions.
AoFE	Child Development and Family Education MA [^]	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 30 months	6.5 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in psychology, educational psychology, education, teacher training, social work, child and family studies, English, or related disciplines. Psychology or education-related backgrounds preferred.
	Global Education MA [^]	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 30 months	6.5 (6.0)	No background restriction; applicants with work experience in educational institutions preferred.
	Digital Education MSc [^]	200,000	Full-time 24 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (6.0)	No background restriction; may include but not limited to computer science, information technology, education, international relations, human resources, psychology, etc. Work experience in educational institutions or a bachelor's background related to computer science helps.
DES	Urban Planning MSc	150,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (5.5)	Three pathways: Urban Regeneration, Urban Design, Landscape Design. Bachelor's degree in urban and rural planning and design, architecture, landscape design, environmental design, interior design, industrial design, fine arts or related disciplines. Other backgrounds assessed case by case. Urban Design and Landscape Design applicants must submit a design portfolio (4–8 representative projects, PDF).
	Industrial Design MDes	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in industrial design, engineering, architecture, urban and rural planning and design, or related design disciplines. Applicants must submit a design portfolio (A3, usually 10–30 images, PDF).
	Construction Management MSc [^]	150,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or other related disciplines.



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DES	Civil Engineering MSc*^	150,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related disciplines.
	International Professional Practice in Architecture MSc^	150,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in built environment, architecture, or related disciplines.
	Architectural Design MArch	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in architecture or related disciplines. Applicants must submit a creative portfolio (A3, usually 10–30 images, PDF). Internship or work experience in architecture helps.
	Sustainable Building Design and Engineering MSc^	150,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in engineering, architecture, or built environment-related disciplines, including civil engineering, architecture, building engineering, construction and engineering management, environmental engineering, energy engineering, mechanical engineering, materials engineering, etc. Other relevant backgrounds assessed case by case.
AIAT	Multimedia Telecommunications MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in communication engineering, electronic science and technology, electrical engineering, computer science and technology, or related disciplines.
	Low Carbon Electrical Power and Energy Technology MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, electronic science and technology, communication engineering, computer science and technology, mathematics, semiconductor physics, automation and control, embedded systems, engineering thermophysics, or related disciplines.
	Computer Science MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science or related disciplines; relevant work experience.



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AIAT	Financial Computing MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science, information systems, or related disciplines; programming and program design experience.
	Sustainable Energy Technology MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, electronic science and technology, communication engineering, computer science and technology, mathematics, semiconductor physics, automation and control, embedded systems, engineering thermophysics, or related disciplines.
	Pattern Recognition and Intelligent Systems MRes*	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in digital media technology, electrical engineering, computer science and technology, software engineering, robotics systems, or related disciplines.
	Human-Computer Interaction MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science, artificial intelligence, software engineering, communication engineering, mechanical and automation, cyberspace security, or related disciplines; relevant work experience preferred.
	Artificial Intelligence MSc* (Taicang)	200,000	Full-time 24 months	6.5 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science, electronic engineering, Internet of Things, digital media technology, or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related disciplines.
	Social Computing MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science, engineering, information systems, e-commerce, mathematics, or related disciplines; programming or program design experience.
	Applied Informatics MSc*	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.0 (5.5)	Bachelor's degree in computer science, computer engineering, automation, e-commerce, financial mathematics, or related disciplines.
HSS	International Business and Global Affairs MA	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in international relations, economics, business and management, or related disciplines.



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HSS	Global Public Policy and International Relations MA [^]	180,000	Full-time 18 months / Part-time 36 months	6.5 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in international relations, political science, communication, sociology, law, economics, history, philosophy, management, international studies, area studies, English language and literature, foreign languages (minor languages), or other related disciplines.
	Digital Media and Global Communication MSc	180,000	Full-time 18 months	7.0 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in communication, media, media English, or related disciplines; media-related work experience helps.
	Applied Linguistics and Multilingual Studies MA	180,000	Full-time 18 months	6.5 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in linguistics, applied linguistics, sociolinguistics, communication, ethnic studies, political science, anthropology, or other humanities/social sciences disciplines. Linguistics or applied linguistics background preferred.
	TESOL MA	180,000	Full-time 18 months	7.0 (6.0)	Bachelor's degree in English, linguistics, education, or literature. No teaching experience required, but secondary or higher education teaching experience helps. Cross-disciplinary applications accepted.
	China Studies MA [#]	180,000	Full-time 18 months	7.0 (6.0)	No background restriction.

Note: 1. The English language requirements above are IELTS (Academic) scores, and the figures in parentheses are the minimum requirements for each individual IELTS component. 2. Programmes marked with * offer XJTLU-JITRI Joint-Supervision pathway (full-time only). 3. Programmes marked with ^ offer February entry. For Pharmaceutical Sciences MRes, February entry is only available for the Pharmaceutical Management and Regulatory Science, Pharmaceutical Science pathways; for Digital Business MSc, February entry is only available for the Digital Marketing pathway; for Advanced Robotics Systems MSc, February entry is only available for the Leadership and Technopreneurship (tech entrepreneurship) pathways. 4. For programme marked with #, any change to the programme name will be notified separately. 5. The University reserves the right to revise programmes and the right to cancel relevant programmes if there are insufficient student numbers.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Academic Requirements

China

- Top 100 of 2026 Shanghai Ranking or [World-class universities or First-class disciplines](#) (MoE, People's Republic of China): 75 per cent or above (Weighted Average Mark)



- Other universities: 80 – 85 per cent or above (Weighted Average Mark), depending on your undergraduate institution

Note: Shanghai Ranking of The Best Chinese Universities is subject to annual update at <https://www.shanghairanking.cn/rankings/bcur/202610>

UK:

- Upper second class honours (2:1) or equivalent

North America:

- 3.0 Cumulative GPA (out of 4) or
- 3.2 Cumulative GPA in the final two years of your undergraduate programme

Other Regions

- Equivalent to UK upper second class

English Language requirements

For the 2027 entry, we only accept onsite IELTS (Academic), TOEFL iBT, and PTE (Academic), and tests must be completed no earlier than 1 January 2025. Please refer to the equivalence table below for the accepted English qualifications.

Main Recognized English Exams XJTLU Equivalence Table						
IELTS (academic)	5.5 (min 5.0 in all skills)	6.0 (min 5.0 in all skills)	6.0 (min 5.5 in all skills)	6.5 (min 5.5 in all skills)	6.5 (min 6.0 in all skills)	7.0 (min 6.0 in all skills)
PTE (academic)	58 (min 54 in all skills)	60 (min 54 in all skills)	60 (min 58 in all skills)	62 (min 58 in all skills)	62 (min 60 in all skills)	69 (min 60 in all skills)
TOEFL (iBT) & TOEFL (iBT) from 21 January 2026	72 (min 15 in all skills)	80 (min 15 in all skills)	80 (min 18 in all skills)	90 (min 18 in all skills)	90 (min 21 in all skills)	100 (min 21 in all skills)
	4.0 (min 3.5 in all skills)	4.0 (min 3.5 in all skills)	4.0 (min 4.0 in all skills)	4.5 (min 4.0 in all skills)	4.5 (min 4.0 in all skills)	5.0 (min 4.0 in all skills)

* We accept IELTS One Skill Retakes if taken within 60 days of the original test. We do not accept other combination of test scores taken at different times, such as MyBest Scores of TOEFL iBT.

English language exemption requirements

You will qualify for an exemption from the English language requirement if one of the following applies to you:

1. You are a national of a majority English-speaking country: *Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, USA, UK*



2. You have fully completed/are completing a degree in a majority English-speaking country (Chinese joint venture programmes are not included). Your degree shall be conferred no earlier than 1 January 2025.

3. You have fully completed/are completing a degree which has been taught and assessed in English (Chinese joint venture programmes are not included), and your degree shall be conferred no earlier than 1 January 2025 with an English proficiency letter issued by the institution. The English proficiency letter should:

- be typed and printed on institutional letterhead
- bear the seal/signature of the issuing authority
- indicate your degree has been taught and assessed entirely in English

4. You have completed/are completing a degree from one of the universities listed below. Your degree shall be conferred no earlier than 1 January 2025: *Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, University of Nottingham Ningbo China, New York University Shanghai, Wenzhou-Kean University, Duke Kunshan University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Beijing Normal-HongKong Baptist University, Guangdong Technion-Israel Institute of Technology*

Note: If you qualify for an English Language exemption and provide a valid IELTS/TOEFL iBT/PTE score when you submit application, we will access it as the evidence of your level of English proficiency.

Pre-Sessional English (PSE) Course

If you are issued a conditional offer, your IELTS overall score is 0.5 below the English entry requirement (depending on programmes) but meet the overall and component score requirements of the the 6-week full-time or 12-week part-time PSE course of the admitted programme (differ among programmes), you may be accepted onto the 6-week full-time or 12-week part-time PSE course subject to Programme Director's approval. If your IELTS score is 1.0 below the English entry requirement (depending on programmes) but meet the overall and component score requirements of the 12-week full-time PSE courses (only available for a few programmes), you may be accepted onto the 12-week full-time PSE course subject to Programme Director's approval.

Upon successful completion of the PSE course, you will be able to change your XJTLU Master's offer letter to 'Unconditional' for the English level.

Notes:

1. The English language requirement for Pre-sessional English (PSE) Course in each master's programme is the minimum requirement. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee successful application for the Pre-sessional English (PSE) Course.
2. The 12-week part-time PSE course is available only for master's programmes with September entry.

Entry Scholarship and Alumni Discount

We offer a partial entry scholarship of **20, 30 or 50 per cent** of the total programme tuition fee for all full-time master's programmes based on academic merit.

A **full scholarship** will be considered for a few applicants with outstanding academic merit and research potential for Masters of Research Programmes. The awardees' tuition fees will be fully waived.



Applicants from the following MRes programmes are eligible for the full scholarship application:

- MRes Advanced Intelligent Manufacturing Technology
- MRes Advanced Chemical Sciences
- MRes Advanced Microelectronic Technology and Materials
- MRes Bioinformatics
- MRes Computer Science
- MRes Environmental Sciences
- MRes Low Carbon Electrical Power and Energy Technology
- MRes Management
- MRes Materials Science and Engineering
- MRes Medicinal Chemistry
- MRes Molecular Bioscience
- MRes Pattern Recognition and Intelligent Systems
- MRes Pharmaceutical Sciences

Alumni discount

If you are a graduate of XJTLU, the University of Liverpool or Xi'an Jiaotong University, you will automatically receive a discount of 20 per cent of the tuition fee.

Please note that the alumni discount could not be accumulated with the XJTLU entry scholarship.

Application Deadline

The 2027 Intake Application Portal is now open. A few programmes offer a **February intake**; the application deadline is **5 pm Beijing Time, 15 November 2026**. The application deadline for the 2027 **September intake** is **5 pm Beijing Time, 15 June 2027**.

Note: XJTLU strives to adopt and adhere to recognised international standards in providing equality of opportunity, and fairness in admissions process and decision-making. We evaluate each application on its individual merits and in comparison with other applications. We do not guarantee to make an offer to all applicants who have met or are predicted to meet the minimum entry requirements.

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