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XI'AN JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY

## Xi'an Jiaotong University International Students Handbook

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## About Xi'an Jiaotong University

### **XJTU Introduction**

Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), reputed as MIT of the East, is a highly recognized university in Xi'an, Shaanxi, under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education of China. XJTU was a key institution included in the seventh and eighth five-year plan, China's "Project 211" and "Project 985" to develop into a world-class university. Our university is currently on the List of World-class Universities and First-class Disciplines (also known as "Double First-class"), which means it is financially supported by the government to have world-wide recognition on its eight disciplines.

### **Motto**

Study assiduously, resolve to succeed, act decisively, and manage affairs with magnanimity.

### **Mission**

Xi'an Jiaotong University is committed to cultivating outstanding students who advocate pursuing science, making practical innovations, working hard and steadily, and having noble-minded virtues and a strong sense of social responsibility, and to preserving, generating, and disseminating knowledge to contribute to science and technology advances, social development, and human civilization in China and the world at large.

### **Vision**

XJTU works hard to take the lead in student education, scientific research, and social service to achieve preeminence. By the middle of 21st century, we aim to make XJTU a world-class university, where prestigious teachers gather, talented students are charmed to attend, talents graduated from it in large numbers, the international influence is considerable.

### **Brief History**

After the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-1895, Sheng Xuanhuai, a famous industrialist and educator in modern China, established Nanyang College in 1896. Nanyang College, which was established in Shanghai, had the purpose of "promoting education for talents development to realize the nation's rejuvenation". 25 years later, the college changed its name to Jiaotong University under the mission of "learning practical skills, developing industries". The university stressed the pursuit of "culturing with the first-class code of conduct, learning, entrepreneurship, and talent". By this time the university counted with the reputation of "Science, Engineering and Management" as their distinctive disciplines.

During the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, one part of the university moved to Chongqing and another to Shanghai surroundings. The university has been honored as the "Fortress of Democracy" as many students and teachers engaged in democratic revolution for establishing an independent nation in 1949.

In 1956, the main part of Jiaotong University was relocated to Xi'an. It was renamed Xi'an Jiaotong University in 1959. That year the university was listed as one of the 16 key universities in

China. In 2000 the former Xi'an Medical University and former Shaanxi Institute of Finance and Economics were merged with Xi'an Jiaotong University. During its more than 120-year history, Xi'an Jiaotong University has upheld the principles of developing education to make China strong, pioneering with painstaking efforts, advocating virtues and pragmatism, seeking a meticulous scholarship, and pursuing excellence.

XJTU is a comprehensive research university with 10 major categories of disciplines: Science, Engineering, Medicine, Economics, Management, Humanities, Law, Philosophy, Education, and Art.

## **XJTU in numbers**

### **Faculty and Departments**

- 26 schools (departments/centers)
- 9 university colleges for undergraduates
- 20 affiliated teaching hospitals
- 6,137 faculty and staff
  - 3,081 full-time teachers
    - 45 are members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and/or the Chinese Academy of Engineering
    - 6 Nationally Distinguished Teachers
    - 93 distinguished professors in the Yangtze River Scholars Program
    - 42 recipients of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars
    - 23 National Experts with Outstanding Contributions
    - 29 scholars who are enlisted in the National Hundred, Thousand and Ten Thousand Talents Program
    - 29 scholars who won the support as Innovation Team leaders
    - 234 scholars who won the Support Program for New Century Excellent Talents administered by the Ministry of Education
    - 493 experts who have made outstanding contributions to the nation and receive the State Council Special Allowance

### **Students and Research Centers**

- 40,346 full-time students
  - 19,629 postgraduates
- 87 undergraduate majors
- 31 first-level disciplines authorized to confer doctorate degrees
- 45 first-level disciplines authorized to confer master's degrees
- 2 disciplines authorized to confer professional doctorate degrees
- 20 disciplines authorized to confer professional master's degrees
- 25 post-doctoral research stations
- 8 state-level key first-level disciplines
- 5 national key laboratories
- 7 National Engineering Technology Research Centers
- 3 National Engineering Laboratories
- 5 International Science & Technology Cooperation Base

- 1 Collaborative Innovation Center (2011)
- 115 key research facilities at the provincial and ministerial level
- Western China Energy Research Institute, Western China Institute of Quality Science and Technology.

### **Rankings and Recognitions**

According to the data released by the Essential Science Indicators (ESI) in May 2019, 14 disciplines of XJTU are ranked top 1/100 among international academic institutions, 2 disciplines are ranked 1/1000 and the discipline of engineering is ranked top 1/10000 on the ESI list.

XJTU has won 78 national-level awards for excellence in teaching, upgraded 35 courses to be National-level Quality Courses, 23 to be National-level Quality-Resources-Sharing Courses, 11 National-level Video Open Courses, 31 National-level Experimental Teaching Demonstration Centers, and 9 National-level Teaching Teams. To date, 27 XJTU student dissertations have won an award as “China's 100 best doctoral dissertations”; another 46 have been nominated for that award.

Since 2000, XJTU has hosted 25 winners of the Nobel Prize and the Fields Prize. Over 2,000 foreign professors have given lectures at XJTU. XJTU has established cooperation relations with over 20,000 scholars, CEOs, and high-level government officials worldwide to develop collaborative projects. More than 28,000 XJTU teachers and students have been abroad to visit, study, do research, or participate in degree programs. XJTU has had relations and exchanges with 300 universities and research institutions in 44 countries and regions, including the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, and Korea.

- 29,000 research achievements
- 237 National Natural Science Award, the National Technological Innovation Award, and the National Prize for Progress in Science and Technology, worth over one hundred billion RMB.
- 21 research projects supported by “Program 973”
- 5,343 research projects supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China
- 30 major projects supported by the National Social Science Foundation
- 25 Excellent Research Achievement Awards (Humanities and Social Sciences) of the Ministry of Education
- 11 high-end think tanks have been established collaborated with the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Commerce

### **International Students**

In 2018, 2,800 foreign students from over 136 countries were studying at XJTU.



Dear International Students,

It must have been a long journey all the way to XJTU, so welcome! Welcome to the campus, and to your family at JiaoDa. The learning experiences will continue daily due to the situation that we live through this first year that you can return to the university. Teachers, administrators, student ambassadors, friends, and other staff will try to help you adapt and get the things you need to feel comfortable in this new environment. We appreciate your patience and understanding on the challenges and changes that we have to face, even on short notice. If you ever feel pressured or want to address a particular concern, please feel free to reach out to any of the contacts at the end of this booklet. We will be happy to hear you and give advice whenever possible.

Remember why you are here and what positive impact you can do at Xi'an Jiaotong University!

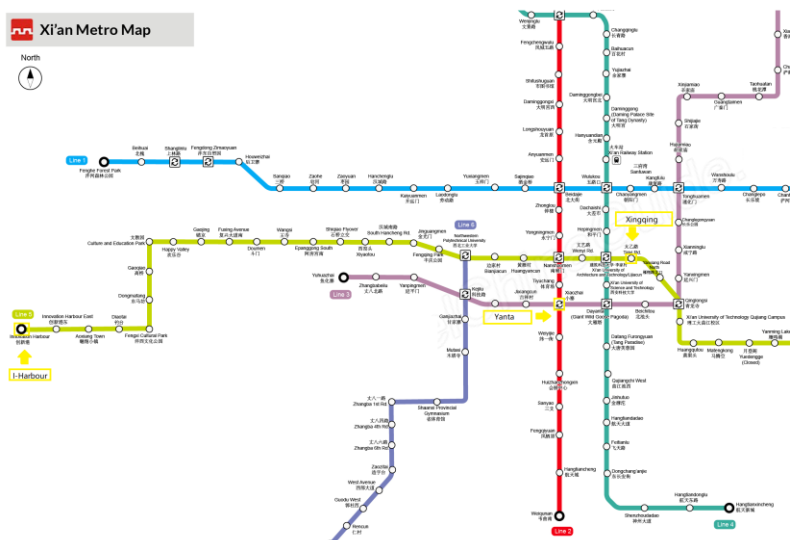
All the best,

## Campuses and Location

XJTU has four campuses: Xingqing campus, Yanta campus, Innovation harbour campus and Qujiang campus

### Xi'an Metro Map

- IOS: <https://apps.apple.com/ru/app/metroman-xian/id1529836159>
- Amap: 搜索 - 高德地图 (amap.com) Tip → download Amap to find your location and places



**Innovation harbour**  
• Metro: Line 5 - CHUANGXINGANG

**Xingqing:**  
• Metro: Line 5 - TAIYILU ZHAN

**Yanta:**  
• Metro: Line 2,3 - XIAOZHAN

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Arriving to China

1. What do I need to prepare before going back to China?

Review all requirements from the country of origin to China. Generally, PRC asks for 2 nucleic acid tests (PCR test) one at most 48 hours before and another one within 12 hours before your flight. With them you apply for a health code (Green Code) to board your flight.

You will also have to get your Visa approved and prepared the money to pay for your quarantine at the city of arrival. For more information, visit [apply.joinsherpa.com](http://apply.joinsherpa.com)

2. How much is quarantine by the Health administration?

Costs vary; this is not upon choice but depends on the hotel availability. The costs go between 350 and 500 RMB, including meals three times a day. Do not forget your towel, socket adapter, personal hygiene products, snacks, books.

3. Will I have to pay for PCR test in China?

No, almost all the tests are done for free. The one you must do at the airport is free. The ones at the school are also free. However, it costs RMB 3 in the public area.

4. Must I get a SIM card when I arrive in China?

It is HIGHLY recommendable. From the moment you arrive at the airport, it is better to get a Chinese SIM card. You will need it for entering all the applications (including applications for the Nucleic Acid Test (PCR tests) that will be done every day. At the quarantine hotel in Xingqing, there is no Wi-Fi, and the dorms have no Wi-Fi installed until you buy a router. Therefore, you can expect times when an internet connection will not be available unless you have bought a SIM card.

Although a bit more expensive than other SIM Cards, Nihao mobile can be ordered online and get to your quarantine hotel. Some buses that take you from the airport to your quarantine hotel also have the option to buy a SIM within. However, China Unicom could be contacted by an agent or relevant party. There is a student promotion for long-term studying in Xian, China.

[Nihao Mobile](#) , *China Unicom*

5. When can I book my flight to Xi'an?

You can expect to be out of quarantine after 8 days (5+3) of entering the hotel (including hours). This means that if you entered the quarantine hotel at 7:00 pm you can leave the hotel after 8 days at 7:00 pm. This applies only if you have already received that day'. You will have to wait if your results have not yet arrived by when your time has finished. Sometimes, you will need to extend your stay for one more day.

Consider the times of PCR test results, entry and flights to book yours. It could happen that you are asked to stay for longer at the quarantine hotel if there is a COVID case near you. So be ready and flexible to change your flight ticket.

**After receiving your Green Code, flight to Xi'an within 24 hours. Do not delay your flight.**

6. Can I travel by train?

Yes, you can travel by train but preferred on flights due to health monitoring.

7. Can I do the 5 days in my first city and 3 in Xi'an?

It becomes more complicated to arrange. It is better to do the 8 days (5+3) in your city of arrival.

### **School Quarantine**

1. Will anyone pick me up at the airport?

Yes, your supervisor/teacher will arrange a school minivan to pick you up and take you to the quarantine hotel inside the school.

2. Is there WIFI at the quarantine hotel?

There is WIFI at the quarantine hotel in the Yanta campus, but there is none at the Xingqing campus (which is the place where most international students arrive to do the 14-day quarantine). Therefore be prepared for not having a connection upon arrival.

3. How long is quarantine at school?

It depends according to Public Health Administration requirements. Before arriving to China, the quarantine time at school was 7 days and it changed to 14 days due to the new announcement.

**Update as at October 26, 2022:** the requirement is 14 days of quarantine inside the school hotel.

**Update as at November 11, 2022:** Refer to announcement No. 2 (10) - For those who enter the country, adjust the "7-day centralized isolation + 3-day home health monitoring" to "5-day centralized isolation + 3-day home isolation", during which codes are assigned for management and they are not allowed to go out. After the inbound personnel have completed the quarantine at the first point of entry, the destination shall not be quarantined again. One nucleic acid test was carried out on the first, second, third, and fifth days of centralized isolation medical observation, and one nucleic acid test was carried out on the first and third days of home isolation medical observation.

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4. Where do I order food?

Quarantine hotels at the university have different ways of arranging food through the school canteen. Be prepared to pay by WeChat, if you do not yet have an account try contacting a friend who can pay for you. If that is still not possible, look for a way to access RMB in cash or contact someone from the Student Union, we hope to help.

5. Can I order food from outside?



No, you cannot ask for food delivery during quarantine. If you need any personal supplies or things from the supermarket, there will be a contact you can text and get the supplies. Otherwise, friends can help you receive any necessary items. But outside delivery is not allowed.

6. When can I leave after the 14<sup>th</sup> day?

Every day there is a PCR test done (Nucleic Acid Test). When you have completed the 14 days (also counting the hours), you will have to wait for the test results to come out. If your code is Green, which means your sample is negative, you can leave after that.

7. What do I need to buy at the quarantine hotel?

Water and Toilet Paper. You will have to ask for water and toilet paper from the supermarket as you arrive to the quarantine hotel as rooms do not have.

8. When will I do my residence permit and my medical examination?

You will do them after you have finished your quarantine and you are cleared. Do not worry if your visa allows only 30 days after the entry date to process the residence permit. Due to current restrictions and changes, it will be likely that the application will be after that time.

### **Other Questions**

1. Can I live outside the campus as a CSC student?

Only **after one year** of having arrived to the university can you live outside the campus and ask for housing income support.

2. Where can I apply for my student card?

At Xi'an Jiaotong University, either Xingqing or Innovation Harbour campus (5-Hanying).

3. Is there a school WIFI in the dormitories?

There is a network you can connect to if you buy a router. You can order one online and install it. There is no need to register to the campus network to get WIFI into your router. Refer to University Internet & VPN - <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/9sEJaZhMsPhndiE5iQyVsg>

## Lockdown

Lockdown restrictions are mandated by General Public Health Administration. Xi'an is a city with a high number of Covid-19 cases according to the Health Monitoring status. There are lockdowns in the city that can last several weeks. During this time, PCR tests are arranged at your campus everyday or every two days. You will be notified by your instructor. Food will be purchased from the school options. There are limitations on ordering packages and food from outside the campus.



Lockdown is often announced some hours before the deadline to reach the school. Please mind that if you have any errand outside your campus, you are to return within the given time.

## No lockdown time

Avoid red-zone areas so that your QR code remains green. If you visit a high-risk zone, you may not be allowed back in to the school installments under the prevention of the disease spread.

When entering the campus, you are required to swipe the student card, take your temperature, show your health code and travel code (If you travel outside Xi'an city, you are required to show the certificate of the resumption from the leave.), and the negative results of the nucleic acid test within the specified time limit, and wear a mask as well.



Only those who meet the requirements can enter the campus. Cross-campus classes, research experiments, etc. must be reported in the leave and resumption system.

If you are going to visit another city, it is necessary to apply for a leave permit from your instructor. Trips that are necessary for studies will be considered. Leisure travel is to be limited according to number of cases. Students who

must leave the city, ought to abide by the policies of leaving the city and the prevention and control policies of the destination, and go through the leave formalities in the "Leave and Resumption System for Entering and Leaving Xi'an". Before returning to the university, the students are required to complete the "Travel Path Records" to resume from the leave, and students can only enter the campus after completing the relevant control measures and get approval to resume from

the leave according to the epidemic prevention and control requirements of Xi'an city and the university.

Those who have a history of staying in medium-high risk areas or have not completed the corresponding control measures within the recent 7 days (including those living with similar circumstances) are not allowed to enter the university.

### **Create a Bank Account**

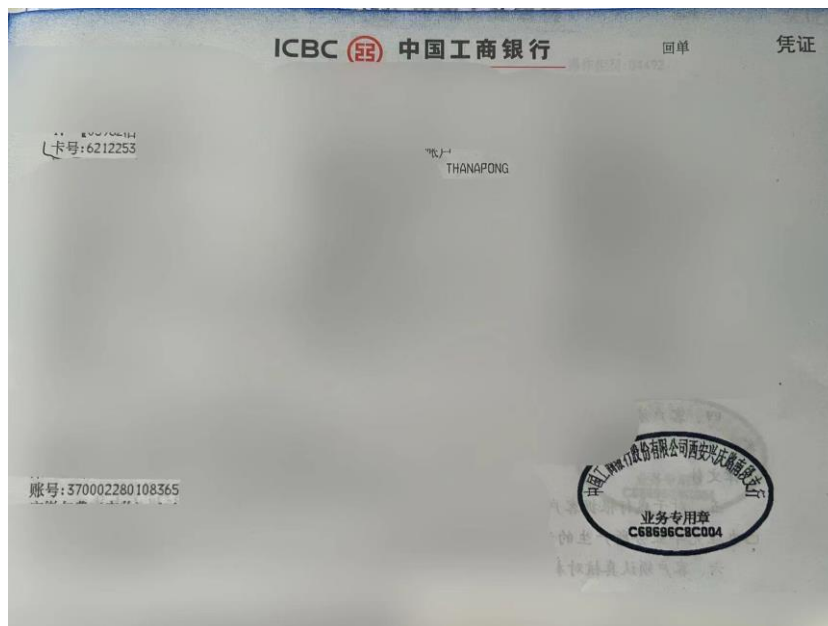
Step 1: Prepare all your documents

- Physical XJTU Student Card
- University documents (JW, Admission Notice)
- Payment = RMB 20 (Cash only)
- Alipay Identity Verification

Step 2: Go to the bank

Available Bank for XJTU scholarship

- Xingqing campus ICBC - Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (East Gate)
- Bank of China (BOC)
- Don't forget to get the copy back after opening the account



Step 3: After finishing the Bank account

- Fill in the form and send the excel file back to your counselor
- File: jff-新生银行卡导入.xlsx (Update: Nov.9, 2022)

\*Bank information needs this 账号: begins like 3700xxxxx, not the same with card number!!!

### **Go to the PSB Public Bureau Service to apply for visa**

The Visa Extension and the Resident Permit are two different processes. The first one is for when you arrived before 30 days in China but it was not possible to apply for the resident permit on time due to health security procedures. The second one is done after the Medical Check. You must get your medical check results **before** applying for the Resident Permit.

#### VISA Extension

##### Step 1: Prepare your documents

- 1 Photo (1 Inch)
- Physical Passport
- Copy (Passport, VISA)
- University Certificates (New student: Admission notice, JW 201 or 202; Existing student: Student Certificate)
- Registration Form of Temporary Residence (provided by the school)
- VISA/stay permit/resident permit application form
- Letter of introduction for VISA Processing
- Explanation of VISA Expiration
- Payment = RMB 160 (Cash, Alipay, WechatPay)

##### Step 2: Go to the PSB office

- PSB Map
- Metro: Line 3 - TAIBAINANLU ZHAN (Exit C1)

Step 3: Wait to receive your VISA extension or Resident Permit on the given date. Pick it up on the given date.

### **To make the Medical Check**

##### Step 1: Scan the QR code to make an appointment

##### Step 2: Prepare your documents:

- 3 Photos (1 Inch)
- Physical Passport (copy of passport is not allowed)
- Payment = RMB 303 (Cash, Alipay, WechatPay)

##### Step 3: Go to the location on your time Address [Link here](#)

- 陕西国际旅行卫生保健中心
- 陕西省西安市碑林区张家村街道含光北路 10 号西安海关

by Metro: Line 5 - SHENGRNMINIYUAN/ HUANGYANCUN (Exit B - Shaanxi Provincial People'sHospital) → Walk or Bicycle (\*Approx. 10 mins walk) until you see the lion on the front of building as the photo:



• Note: there is a COVID testing before queue line (on the right handside of the hospital - FREE of charge)

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