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Xiamen University (XMU)

In 1921, the renowned patriotic leader of overseas Chinese, Mr. Tan Kah Kee, founded Xiamen University (XMU), which is the first higher-learning institution established by overseas Chinese in the nation’s modern education history. XMU is not only a comprehensive university directly under the administration of China's Ministry of Education, but also a high-level institution with privileged support from the state under the 211 Project and the 985 Project. Since its inception, the University has adhered to its motto of “Purse excellence; strive for perfection”. Known as the “Strength of Southern China”, XMU is a nationally-ranked and internationally-recognized comprehensive university with a wealth of experience in higher education, distinctive educational features, a full spectrum of disciplines, and a highly qualified faculty.

More about XMU: http://www.xmu.edu.cn/
Economics at XMU

Founded in 1921, the Department of Economics at XMU became China’s first School of Economics in 1981. Ever since its establishment, the SOE has not only maintained its leading edge in economic research in China, but has also forged ahead towards its goal of being an internationally recognized center for teaching and research. In 2005, economics research at Xiamen University received a huge boost with the establishment of the Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE). WISE is a research-oriented institute founded as part of an initiative to modernize economics and finance research and education in China. WISE focuses on frontier research, high-quality teaching, and enjoys intensive international academic exchanges and cooperation. Then SOE and WISE not only offer students rich courses on modern economics, econometrics and finance taught by distinguished faculty, but also provide innovative programs tailored to different career goals, excellent study abroad opportunities, sophisticated information technology services, and fascinating teaching and research experiences.

Nomination

Eligibility

Applicants must be students from partner institutions of School of Economics, Xiamen University.
**Note:** For foreign citizens of Chinese origin, only after being officially recognized by the Exit and Entry Administration Bureau as foreign citizens can they make registration and apply for Residence Permit in China. Please refer to the Instructions on Citizenship Certification for more information.


**Selection Procedure**

Each partner institution has its own selection procedure; please first contact your home institution’s international office or coordinator. Applications without nomination will **NOT** be accepted.

**Application Procedure**

**Step1:** Apply and get nominated by the sending university

**Step2:** Complete the online application at

http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/application.php

For details please refer to the Online Application Guide

**Step3:** Submit hardcopies of requisite materials to **School of Economics**

**Step4:** Get Admission Letter sent by XMU Admissions Office after evaluation

**Application Documents**

- Application Form for Exchange Students, which should be completed in Chinese or English and then printed out after successful online application.
- A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s home university.
- Current academic transcripts in English or Chinese.
- Write a personal statement (minimum 1000 words) in Chinese or English, which should include a self-introduction, a description of educational experience, the motivations for studying in China.
- Photocopy of Chinese (HSK) or English Proficiency Certificate or medium-of-instruction certificate. Applicants should present a TOEFL certificate with 80 points or above, or an IELTS certificate with grade 6.0 or above, or another certificate of English proficiency from an accredited test. **Native English speakers and applicants who have taken courses in English are exempt from this requirement.**
- Photocopy of a valid passport.
Submission of Documents
Application documents should be mailed to School of Economics within 15 days after the deadline for online application.

Important Dates

Deadline for Online Application
For spring entry: Oct. 1 - Nov. 15; for fall entry: Feb. 15 - May 1

Registration Date
Mid-February for the spring semester; Mid-September for the fall semester. Please refer to the admission notice for the exact date.

*Students should register on time on Registration Day. Any late registration should be approved by the Dean of School of Economics.

Academic Information

Course Selection
Exchange students are advised to complete the course registration under the instruction of the relevant teaching secretaries. Courses information and selection instruction will be given to exchange students in the beginning of the new semester.

Chinese Language Courses
Exchange students may register for Chinese language courses offered by the School of Humanity. There will be 3 different levels and each course awards 2 credits. However, your home institution may reevaluate or determine your transfer credits.

Grading System

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Transcript
Students will be assigned final grade for each course they successfully registered. And the official transcript will be send to the program coordinator of partner institutions within the first month after the next semester begins.

Visa Application & Insurance

Visa Application

Students who are accepted by the XMU will need to apply to the Chinese Embassy or Consulate - General for an X1 visa or X2 visa to study in China. The following documents will be required:

- An original copy of the Admission Notice - provided by the XMU after admission.
- Visa Application Form (JW201/JW202) - provided by the XMU after admission.
- Foreigner Physical Examination Form (if required) - available from the "download" section of the XMU Admissions Office website (http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/)

Note that students should keep the original copies and bring them to China.

Residence Permit

After entering China, foreign students who hold X1 or X2 visa should apply for residence permit within given time, which allows multiple entries and exits. More information about getting residence permit will be provided by Overseas Students Affairs Office upon arrival.

Insurance

International exchange students should have insurance covering their study period in China before coming to China. Students can purchase insurance from the insurance companies in their own countries.
Accommodation

On-Campus

The overseas student dormitories are Cai Qingjie Building and Nanguang 4 & 5 Building (http://english.xmuoec.com/file/cqj.htm). Campus rooms are scarce and the Student Dormitory Administration Office does not accept reservation. Exchange students can check with the Student Dormitory Administration Office (2F, Cai Qingjie Building) upon arrival on campus to see if there is any room available. Student who gets a room on-campus will need to pay 1000RMB as deposit and 5 months’ rent in the beginning. The deposit and pre-paid rent are refundable if the student decides to move out later on. Note: If a student gets a room and stays for less than one month, he or she will need to pay higher price for the bed per day.

Off-Campus

Daxue Cheng (大学城) and Hengda Building (恒达大厦) are popular complexes for students seeking private accommodation near the campus. More information about renting rooms off campus can be found at: http://english.xmuoec.com/file/daxuecheng.htm.

Some Useful Resources for Temporary Stay


Buddy Program

To help our exchange students’ transition to new life in XMU, we would like to offer the Buddy Program, in which exchange student will be paired up with current students (Buddy mentors) who provide helping hand and friendship. Buddy Mentors will be happy to provide linguistic support, cultural guidance and information about life at XMU to our exchange students.