

Guideline on Course Selection (For Foreign Postgraduates)



Graduate School

Autumn Semester of 2018-2019

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Schedule:

| Schedule | Time | For students | principle for course selection: |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Period 1 | 29 th July to 7 th September | Graduate students before Grade 2018 | Random selection |
| Period 2 | 8 th September to 12 th September | Graduate students at school | to the course choosing results |
| Period 3 | 13 rd September to 16 th September | Graduate students at school | by the algorithms of the selection |
| Courses withdrawal dealine | 23 rd September | Graduate students at school | system |

Important notes

- 1. Postgraduate students (including exchange students and scholars) can register for their desired courses via the on-line course registration system during the course registration periods.
- 2. There are two times for course selection in each academic year, one in late August/early September (Autumn Semester) and the other in January/February (Spring Semester). The actual dates vary from year to year depending on the academic calendar.
- 3. Curriculum schedule of the English taught programs can be downloaded from the Graduate School homepage

- http://gs.xmu.edu.cn/en/.
- 4. Students are strongly encouraged to consult their supervisors or program secretary/coordinator the courses they should are required to take before starting to register for courses.
- 5. Preparation for Course Selection
 - a) Read the regulations.
 - b) Check the study schedule of your program.
 - c) Check the teaching timetable.
 - d) Check the course selection schedule and confirm whether selection of courses is required by your program.
- 6. Students can sign up for courses during the course registration periods or withdraw the selected courses before the course withdrawal deadline. The course withdrawal deadline is normally one week after the course selection period (please refer to the schedule of the relevant semester). After the course withdrawal period, students will not be allowed to drop any courses.
- 7. Students who fail to complete the entire lessons or to participate in course work and examinations will receive zero score for that course.
- 8. Please be reminded that the course selection system may get "crowded" when the deadline is near. Therefore, students are suggested to sign up for or withdraw from any course as early as possible.

Notice on the Adjustment of the General Chinese Course for International Students

In order to enhance the Chinese proficiency of international students and to enhance the teaching effect of the general Chinese course at the University, starting from the 2018/19 academic year, unified teaching requirements will be implemented for the general Chinese course of international students in bachelor's and master's degree programs. This arrangement is made in accordance with the *Administrative Provisions on the Recruitment and Cultivation of International Students at Higher Education Institutions* (Decree No. 22), promulgated jointly by the Ministries of Education, Foreign Affairs, and Public Security; it also takes the University's reality into account. Following is the specific arrangement:

I. Course Setup

"Chinese I" and "Chinese II" are offered as two general courses to international students with different levels of Chinese proficiency. In each course, students will be placed in one of the three classes – beginner, intermediate or advanced. Specifically:

| Semester | Autumn | Spring |
|-----------|---|--|
| Course | Chinese I | Chinese II |
| Category | Compulsory for Chinese-Medium Programs | Compulsory for Chinese-Medium Programs |
| | Compulsory for English-Medium Programs | Optional for English-Medium Programs |
| | Chinese I (Beginner) | Chinese II (Beginner) |
| Placement | Chinese I (Intermediate) | Chinese II (Intermediate) |
| | Chinese I (Advanced) | Chinese II (Advanced) |
| Credits | 2 | 2 |
| Hours | 64 | 64 |

II. Course Requirements

There are different requirements in Chinese language teaching for different categories of international students as provided below:

- International students in programs of study with English as the medium of instruction are required to complete the "Chinese I" course and pass the course assessment;
- 2. International students in programs of study with Chinese as the medium of instruction are required to complete the "Chinese I" and "Chinese II" courses and pass the course assessment.

III.Placement

In the autumn semester of each academic year, international students will be placed in a relevant class based on the results of their self-tests and classroom interviews by the course instructor.

- 1. Student's Self-Test: During the course selection period of the autumn semester, students will complete a self-administered test in the course selection system and select a class relevant to their level of proficiency based on the test results.
- 2. Interview by the Course Instructor: When the class meets for the first time, the instructor will test the student's level of Chinese proficiency, and depending on the result, the instructor may move the student to the most relevant class if the student has selected a class not commensurate with his or her proficiency level.

IV. Course Repeat and Exemption

1. A student who has failed a compulsory course must repeat the course,

generally in the next academic year.

2. International students who have passed the new HSK Level 5 test with a total score of 270 or more may apply for exemption from the course.

V. Miscellaneous

- This notice will take effect from the 2018/19 academic year for all students in bachelor's and master's degree programs. For earlier students, these regulations may be referenced.
- 2. All colleges and schools at the University should incorporate the Chinese course into their respective cultivation schemes for international students. The revised schemes should be submitted to the Graduate School and the Office of Academic Affairs for record.

Graduate School
Office of Teaching Affairs

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Course Introduction

Postgraduate courses are generally divided into three categories: general courses, required courses and optional courses. General courses are offered by the graduate school.

Below is the introduction of general courses and English-taught courses:

General compulsory Courses

There are three required General Course modules:

- 1. Chinese Language
- -Chinese Language I
- Chinese Language II
- 2. Introduction to China
- -中国概况 (Taught in Chinese) or
- Selected Issues on China (Taught in English)
- 3. The Spirit of Tan Kah Kee and History of Overseas Chinese (the Compulsory Courses of Tan Tah Kee Scholarship Recipient)

| Teaching Language | Targeted students | Course 1 | Course 2 | Course 3 |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| program of study | PhD candidate | Chinese | | Selected Issues on |
| with English | Postgraduate | Language I | | China |
| Program of study | PhD candidate | Chinese I | Chinese II | 中国概况 |
| with Chinese | postgraduate | Cinnese 1 | Cimiese ii | 1 17/10/00 |

The specific time/place/classroom/teachers and other information of

these courses are available in the on-line course registration system.

Exemption from the General Courses

| Course Title | Eligibility (You are allowed to apply for courses exemption if you meet one of the following requirements) |
|---|---|
| Chinese Language II Chinese Language II | 1. Obtained at least 270 in new HSK5 or above |
| Selected Issues on China | Majored in Chinese or relevant programs Obtained a bachelor's degree or master's degree in China |
| 中国概况 | Majored in Chinese or relevant programs Graduated and obtained a bachelor's degree or master's degree in China |

Students who would like to apply for course exemption should submit their applications within the first three weeks from the beginning of every semester. Any application received after the due date will not be processed. The application documents include an "Application for Courses Exemption" (Download: http://gs.xmu.edu.cn/ch/index/show/id/4483.html)form completed by the applicant and any supporting documents. Being approved by the applicant's enrolled school/institute, which means getting the administrative director's signature on the application form, the applicant should then submit the application form and supporting documents (original and duplicated copies), e.g., transcripts and certificates to Graduate School for a final review.

English-taught courses

The English-taught courses cover a number of professional fields, mainly offered by international graduate programs. In this semester, it includes a total of 16 professional international projects as follows:

| No. | Programmes | Colleges/Schools |
|-----|--------------------------|--|
| 1 | Chinese Philosophy | School of Humanities |
| 2 | Civil and Commercial Law | School of Law |
| 3 | International Law | School of Law |
| 4 | Fiscal and Tax Law | School of Law |
| 5 | International Relations | School of International Relations |
| 6 | International Trade | School of Economics |
| 7 | Marine Affairs | Coastal and Ocean Management Institute |
| 8 | Chemical Engineering | College of Chemistry and |
| 9 | Physical Chemistry | Chemical Engineering |
| 10 | Computer Technology | School of Information Science and Technology |
| 11 | Finance | |
| 12 | Financial Engineering | Wang Yanan Institute for |
| 13 | Quantitative Economics | Studies in Economics |
| 14 | Management Economics | |
| 15 | Finance | Institute for Financial & |
| 16 | Accounting | Accounting Studies |

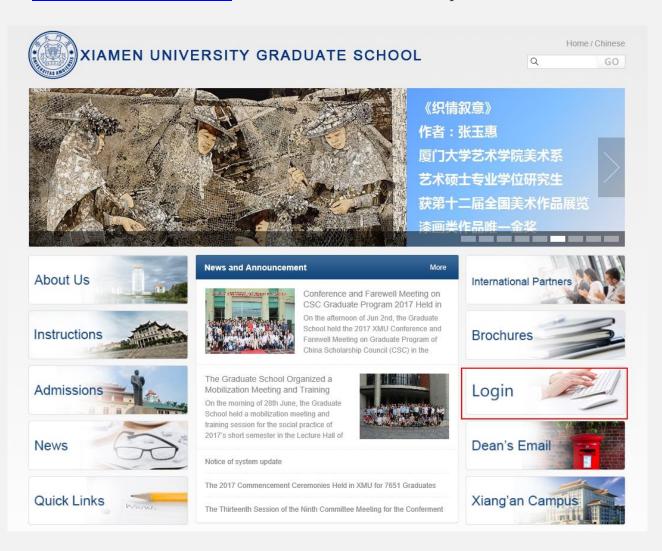
Most of the courses are open for all postgraduates and PhD candidates. Students could select cross-faculty electives according to their own academic needs. The specific time/place/classroom/teachers and other information of each course are available in the online course registration system.

How to use the online course selection system?

The following is a step-by-step guide for selecting the courses on-line:

Step 1 - Log-in

Students should access the system via System Portal. Please visit http://gs.xmu.edu.cn/EN/ to enter the course selection portal.





The account name is your student ID, and the initial password is the last six letters or numbers of your passport number. If you can't log in, please go to Student e-Card Service Centers to modify your password.

Find the "sign up for courses" button under the curriculum folder.

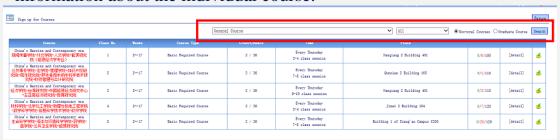


Before signing up for courses, you must finish the "Self-quiz for class placement of required Chinese I in Xiamen university" first, by clicking the red words hyperlink.

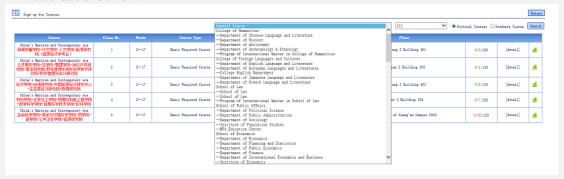




On this page, you can see the courses that you have selected and find the courses that are available for selection Click "details" to get more information about the individual course.



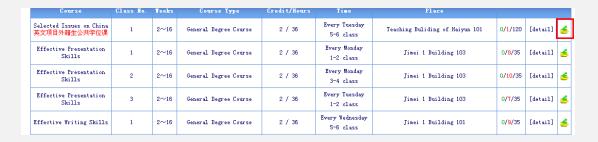
Use the drop-down list to view courses offered by different schools as illustrated below.



Choose "ALL" to search for courses of different type as below.



Click button to sign up for a course.



Click "YES" to confirm your course selection



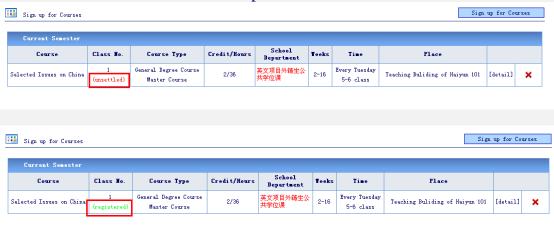
Go back to the "sign up for a course" page to check if the chosen course is on your course list.



To drop courses just click the" * "button.



The red word "unsettled" means that the selected course has not been successfully confirmed. If your course selection has been secured, the "unsettled" in color red will change to "settled" in color green. The course status will be changed after the deadline of each course selection period. Students who do not successfully register in their desired course(s) in the first or second period can choose to sign up for other available course(s) in a subsequent period. Students will not be able to register for courses after the course selection period ends.



Note: The system does not follow a first come first serve rule. The selection outcomes are decided by the system randomly.

Graduate School General Courses Timetable

| Courses | Class | Instructors | Time | Campus | Lecture room |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 中国概况 (Taught in Chinese) | 1 | Chang Daqun | Every Tuesday 14:30-16:10 | Siming Campus | Room 202, Haiyun Bldg. |
| 中国概况 (Taught in Chinese) | 2 | Chang Daqun | Every Monday 14:30-16:10 | Xiang'an campus | Room A204, NO.1 Bldg. |
| Selected Issues on China (Taught in English) | 1 | Xia Guangwu etc. | Every Tuesday 14:30-17:25 | Siming Campus | Room101, Haiyun Bldg. |
| Selected Issues on China (Taught in English) | 2 | Xia Guangwu etc. | Every Wednesday 14:30-17:25 | Xiang'an campus | Room B205, NO.1 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | | | Every Tuesday 8:00-9:40 | Siming Campus | Room 201, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | 1 the Beginner class | Han Zhen | Every Thursday 10:10-11:50 | Siming Campus | Room 201, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | 2 | Han Zhen | Every Tuesday 10:10-11:50 | Siming Campus | Room 201, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. |
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| Chinese I | the Beginner class | □on 7hon | Every Wednesday 14:30-16:10 | Siming Campus | Room 201, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | | | Every Friday 14:30-16:10 | Siming Campus | Room 201, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | 4 the Beginner class | se I | | Every Monday 10:10-11:50 | Xiang'an campus | Room B205, NO.1 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | | r class Xiao Ningyao | Every Wednesday 10:10-11:50 | Xiang'an campus | Room B205, NO.1 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | 5 the Intermediate class | | Liu Qiang | Every Tuesday 10:10-11:50 | Siming Campus | Room 203, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | | | | Every Thursday 10:10-11:50 | Siming Campus | Room 203, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. |
| Chinese I | 6 the Intermediate class | 1. 0. | Every Monday 10:10-11:50 | Xiang'an campus | Room B206, NO.1 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | | Liu Qiang | Every Wednesday 10:10-11:50 | Xiang'an campus | Room B206, NO.1 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | 7 the Advanced class | Zeng Xiaohong | Every Thursday 8:00-11:50 | Siming Campus | Room 102, Nanqiang 2 Bldg. | |
| Chinese I | 8 the Advanced class | Zeng Xiaohong | Every Monday 8:00-11:50 | Xiang'an campus | Room B211, NO.1 Bldg. | |

^{*} Please select courses in accordance with the campus that you are on.

Self-quiz for class placement of required Chinese I in Xiamen university

厦门大学汉语公共课分班自测题

自测说明:本自测全部为单项选择题,共 20 题,每题 1 分,共 20 分。得分在 6 分及以下者,建议选初级班。得分在 7-14 分者,建议选择中级班,得分在 15 分及以上者,建议选高级班。

Instructions: This self-quiz is composed of 20 questions. Only one correct answer for each. When you complete the quiz, your mark will be shown automatically. If you get 6 or below, we suggest you start with the Beginner class; 7-14, the Intermediate class; 15 or higher, the Advanced class.

| 5,他个子不高,篮球却打很好。 |
|----------------------------------|
| A. 得 B. 地 C. 的 D. 可 |
| 6,我叫麦克,是美国来的。 |
| A. 往 B. 从 C. 向 D. 去 |
| 7,看到老师走教室,同学们都站了起来。 |
| A. 上 B. 下 C. 起 D. 进 |
| 8, 我在厦门生活了一年, 我希望继续在这里生活。 |
| A. 起来 B. 进来 C. 下来 D. 下去 |
| 9,来厦门快半年了,她 |
| A. 连 B. 都 C. 除了 D. 当然 |
| 10他诚实善良,因此公司领导非常信任他。 |
| A. 因为 B. 所以 C. 由于 D. 尽管 |
| 11, 这篇课文比较难, 我。 |
| A. 看得不懂 B. 不看懂 C. 看得懂 D. 看不懂 |
| 12,"李小龙的一生是短暂的,但却如同一颗耀眼的彗星划过国际武 |
| 坛的上空。"这句话的意思是:() |
| A. 李小龙去世的原因不明。 |
| B. 李小龙虽然很年轻就去世了, 但他的影响很大。 |
| C. 李小龙功夫很厉害。 |
| D. 大家都想向李小龙学习中国功夫。 |
| 13. "茫茫人海,真爱可遇而不可求啊!但林杰的哥们儿就遇到了! |
| 天上的馅饼偏偏掉到了他的头上, 经过一年多的恋爱, 已经准备结婚 |

| | A. 一种食物 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| | B. 好运气 |
| | C. 一种工具 |
| | D. 坏运气 |
| 14 | , "外国大学非常看重综合素质、社会活动能力和社会责任感。如 |
| 果 | 孩子在这些方面没有足够的发展潜力,一旦出去,尝到的恐怕不是 |
| 甜 | 头,而将更多地吃到苦果"一句中,"苦果"的意思是:() |
| | A. 好处 |
| | B. 痛苦 |
| | C. 不好吃的水果 |
| | D. 中药名 |
| 15 | ,"深圳大学的一次问卷调查显示,有86.6%的中学生希望出国学 |
| 习 | 。对于这一热门现象,人们见仁见智,褒贬不一"一句中,"热门" |
| 的 | 意思是:() |
| | A. 受众人关注和欢迎的 |
| | B. 热烈 |
| | C. 暖和 |
| | D. 暖和的门 |
| 16 | , "艾滋病在世界范围内的传播越来越迅猛,严重威胁着人类的健 |
| 康 | 和社会的发展,艾滋病已成为威胁人们健康的第四大杀手。"这句 |
| 话 | 说明: () |
| | |

了。"这句话中的"馅饼"是指()

- A. 艾滋病是人们健康的保镖 B. 艾滋病病人常常犯罪 C. 艾滋病严重威胁着人们的健康
- D. 艾滋病对人们的健康影响不大
- 17, 我们学校下半年打算举办一个学术研讨会, ____具体时间, 另外再作安排。
 - A. 关于 B. 关系 C. 至于 D. 出于
- 18, 昨天晚上那对夫妻____。
 - A. 吵架一个小时 B. 吵架了一个小时
 - C. 一个小时吵架了 D. 吵了一个小时架
- 19, "中国的小留学生出国人数有增无减,势头强劲,留学浪潮已是一浪高过一浪,澎湃不止。"这句话的意思是:()
 - A. 越来越多人去留学
 - B. 越来越少人去留学
 - C. 留学越来越贵
 - D. 留学越来越浪费
- 20, "类似这种现象的报道不时出现在报端、网页,已成为不争的事实"一句中,"不争的事实"的意思是:()
 - A. 事实很明显,没有争论的必要了
 - B. 事实还不清楚,不得不争论一番
 - C. 事实很清楚, 不过还可以争取
 - D. 事实不争论的话就很明显

答案:

- 1. C
- 2. A
- 3. A
- 4. B
- 5. A
- 6. B
- 7. D
- 8. D
- 9. A
- 10. C

- 11. D
- 12. B
- 13. B
- 14. B
- 15. A
- 16. C
- 17. C
- 18. D
- 19. A
- 20. A