

The Latest Notice on Learning and Teaching Arrangement and Student's Return to Suzhou

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Dear students and colleagues,

Spring has made the City of Suzhou such a beautiful and warm place, where we should have met on the University Campus. However, a sudden pandemic development has disturbed our normal studies and life, with COVID-19 cases reported in many cities across the country. Although Suzhou has made great progress in pandemic control, there were new cases reported locally as well. As a result, educational institutions at different levels announced plans to postpone or adjust the return of students around March 14th.

XJTLU has been communicating with the Department of Education of Jiangsu Province and the local government since this February, trying to bring our students back to Suzhou as early as possible. However, local government has made the judgement that currently Suzhou does not have such conditions ready to bring university students back to the City. We therefore are writing to inform you of the latest teaching and learning arrangements and the students' return arrangements as follow.

I. Online Learning and Teaching Arrangements, Students' Return and Mid-term Examinations

Online learning and teaching will be extended to Week 5 and Week 6 of this semester (March 21st – April 1st), during which all students should not return to Suzhou or to the dormitory, and the dormitory areas are fully closed and are under strict pandemic control management in accordance with the requirements of the local government. The University will monitor the pandemic situation in the future and send further notice in advance about the arrangements of Week 7 and onwards. Please continue to fill in the Daily Health Report promptly, and strictly abide by the relevant requirements of the University.

The mid-term examinations scheduled in Week 7 will be switched to other assessment format, and detailed arrangements will be informed by the relevant module leaders respectively.

II. Practice-based/Lab-based Course Arrangements

For any practical or laboratory teaching sessions that were originally scheduled during Weeks 1-6, efforts will be made by academic units to deliver the sessions in alternative ways online where it is possible. Otherwise, make-up sessions will be arranged later this academic year when students are allowed to return in accordance with approval and guidance of the education authorities and the local government.

We do appreciate your understanding and support during this special time period. The University will make every effort to balance the normal operations and the pandemic control requirements, while ensuring prompt and effective communication to the XJTLU community. We will keep everyone informed of any updates via University Communications.

关于教学安排和学生返苏安排的最新通知

各位同学、同事：

春日已到苏城，我们本应在春风和煦的西浦校园相见，但一场突如其来的疫情打乱了我们正常的学习和生活。近期国内疫情多发、频发，苏州市疫情防控虽取得了阶段性胜利，但近日也报告了新增本地确诊病例，属地各级教育机构于3月14日左右均推迟或调整了学生返校计划。

我校自今年2月以来，一直积极与江苏省教育厅、属地政府沟通请示，争取让西浦学子早日返苏返校。但根据属地对疫情防控形势的最新研判，近期尚不具备安排在苏高校学生返苏的实际条件。现就我校未来两周教育教学与学生返校相关工作通知如下：

一、线上教学、学生返校和期中考试安排

第5周和第6周（3月21日至4月1日），我校将延续线上教学模式，在此期间，全体学生不可返苏返宿，宿舍区现正根据属地政府要求执行严格的封闭管理措施。第7周及后续安排，学校将及时根据疫情防控形势变化，提前另行通知，请全体学生持续、及时填写健康监测日报，严格遵守学校相关要求。

原定于第7周的期中考试将改为以其他考核方式进行，具体安排将由相应任课老师通知学生。

二、实践实验类课程安排

原定于第1周至第6周开展的实践或实验类教学课程，各学院将尽可能以线上方式安排替代教学。对于无法线上替代的部分，学校将在经教育主管部门与属地政府的批准、安排学生返校后，在本学年后期安排相应课程的补课。

感谢全校师生在这段特殊时期对大学工作的关注、理解与支持！学校将一如既往统筹协调好各项大学工作和疫情防控要求，并保持与全体师生的及

时高效沟通。请全体师生密切关注学校官方信息平台（University Communications）的后续通知。

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