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XINGWEI
COLLEGE

The first liberal arts college in China
Xing Wei





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What is **Xing Wei**?

Xing Wei College is the first liberal arts college in China. Here at Xing Wei, we are committed to fostering innovative thinking and cultivating skills that will adapt to our rapidly changing world.

Though Xing Wei students come from different backgrounds, they share a common goal: to understand our world and discover their place in it.

Our students **experience a different kind of college** at Xing Wei. In addition to a liberal arts education, Xing Wei students learn from student self-government. As our students manage the college, they learn real responsibility and take ownership of their education.



1.1. A Xing Wei Education

Xing Wei's motto is “**freedom, passion, conscience.**”

Our distinctive approach to hands-on learning, teamwork, and educational freedom allows our students to develop and learn beyond the classroom. As Xing Wei students take an active role in managing the college, they must learn interpersonal communication. As our Xing Wei students engage in a liberal arts learning environment, they learn to understand concepts of freedom and conscience. And as the Xing Wei students undertake the responsibility of their own education, they will develop their own interests and passions.

A Xing Wei education aims to be more than traditional classroom teaching. Here our students **learn by doing**. Working hand-in-hand with coaches and mentors, our students learn how to communicate with each other, take individual responsibility, and problem solve through real-world experience.



Xing Wei Stories



Thea, 潘燕

Alumni of Xing Wei College

**Education & Globalization at Finland
University of Oulu**

“Xing Wei is the real example of ***students at the center of education.*** Students have the decision power to define what the college will look like.

In Xing Wei all students are collectively responsible for what course we take, what kind of students we get, and which kind of faculty we hire, through student committees.”

1.2. Student – Centered Education

Our goal is to move students beyond knowledge acquisition to self-led learning.



Student-Centered Education

Xing Wei College cares for the growth and development of each of its students.

The student self-management encourages each student's individual motivation and facilitates self-learning.



Small class size

Xing Wei is focused on personalized teaching. This is first accomplished through small class sizes. The teacher-to-student ratio is 1:10.

In a small classroom, teachers can provide every students with a high-quality learning environment. To facilitate critical and innovative thinking, our seminar-style classes are interdisciplinary and internship oriented.



Mentors not professors

Our college desires that every student receives comprehensive and individualized instruction from its teachers.

Our teachers not only provide education in the classroom, they also work alongside of the student to help them pursue their interests and augment their talents. Students and mentors together work to manage the college, enhance campus life, and cultivate a global perspective. Student and mentors undertake this learning outside of the college campus by participating in cultural learning activities like visiting museums, concerts, farms, and ancient villages.

1.3. Xing Wei and the Liberal Arts



The goal of a liberal arts education is to develop critical and creative citizens.

A student skilled in the art of listening, reading, reasoning, and communicating has the ability to examine the world closely. Xing Wei students are challenged to be critical thinkers that not only have the courage to make a judgment about the world, but also the courage to amend such a judgment if found to be wrong.

Xing Wei also encourages its students to be creative thinkers that have the courage to experiment with reality and draw unique conclusions regarding it. The individual who can think on their own and take responsibility for what they say about the world will be able to contribute to the flourishing of humanity—a valued citizen who contributes to the well-being of family, neighborhood, city, and nation.



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Ryan C. McIlhenny, PhD

Professor at Xing Wei College

Dr. Ryan McIlhenny has been an educator for nearly twenty years. He holds an MA in history from California State and Ph.D from University of California, Irvine

“As a teacher, I want to **create an environment that encourages my students to engage with big questions in critical and creative ways.** I want to challenge my students and guide them at the same time.”

1.4. Our Campuses

Xing Wei is located in Shanghai, one of the most influential cities for global trade and technology. Xing Wei has two campuses. Our main campus is located in Nanhui and the second campus is located in the heart of the city of Shanghai.

The Nanhui campus covers an area of 354 hectares with beautiful canals and walking paths.

The Downtown campus is based in the WeWork coworking space where students can be in close contact with real startups and companies around Shanghai and China.

Our classrooms are equipped with all the resources necessary for an ideal learning environment. At Xing Wei, rather than traditional rows of desks and chairs, we prefer to organize our classrooms in circles to promote seminar-style mentor to student interaction.

At Xing Wei College, students and mentors live together. Our resident teachers interact with student outside of the classroom ensuring that learning, development and growth occurs in every area of our campus.





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Xing Wei's Philosophy



2.1. A supportive environment for collaboration and team learning



Collaborative Team Learning

Because traditional education systems focus on student's performance on standardized tests, they tend to neglect the student's ability to collaborate and work as a team.

At Xing Wei, however, we believe to thrive in the information era, students need to nurture their ability to work with each other to achieve common goals. **Xing Wei College applies the Team Academy methodology from Finland, which has been nurturing team-entrepreneurs for the last 30 years.** It has been proven to be effective in supporting students in developing leadership skills, team management skills, and fostering their creativity.



Student Self-Government

One key aspect of Xing Wei's learning philosophy is learning by doing. We accomplish this by putting **student in the center of college management.** All the major functions of the college are overseen by student-led committees, from facilities management to the hiring of faculty to campus activities

Through working in committee management, our students practice collective decision making, leadership, and have hands-on practice in organizational development.



“We want **students who have the courage to pursue their dreams**, to know what they really want. That’s different from the traditional definition of top students. People who can think outside of the box need to have a lot of courage. We want to **prepare students for a society that will be different from what they've experienced** over the last 20 years. Liberal education prepares you for the rest of your life.”

Co-founder of Xing Wei College

2.2. Students have the freedom to explore their interest and passion

At Xing Wei, we believe students need a variety of courses to be able to find their passion. We want to give our students the **freedom to explore themselves**, their career possibilities, and their natural way of learning. Xing Wei students have the opportunity to explore their interests as part of their college education. Students can choose the classes and subjects that best suit their interests and goals. Students can also join together to hire teachers outside the school to teach a subject they believe will enhance their education.

Freedom
Freedom
Freedom



2.4. Combining East and West education

At Xing Wei, we integrate the spirit of Western liberal arts education with the traditional Chinese philosophy of acting with consciousness. A Xing Wei student will learn not only the skills necessary to attain self-knowledge, to attain freedom, but also how to act in way that is conscientious of how the individual impacts the community.

It is our hope that Xing Wei students will develop kindness and curiosity about the world around them.

Conscience
Conscience
Conscience





Passion Passion Passion

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2.5. Inspiring student to be self-driven learners

Liberal Arts education does not limit its courses to subjects just within the student's major but provides a variety of courses covering natural science, social science, and humanities. As our students listen to the voices of the past, they will learn the necessary skills of reading, listening, reasoning, and communicating. Students can freely choose the courses that match their interests. At the same time, the school encourages students to use various resources to learn the subjects that fuel their **passion**.





03

Majors &
4 year
Experience



International Business Management Major

The International Business Management major is designed to help students understand the needs of international trade development and to enhance a student's ability to compete in the marketplace of the future. The International Business major was established in 2015 as a response to the rapidly changing international economy and the need for international entrepreneurship.

Utilizing all that Shanghai has to offer as an international economic center, the International Business major cultivates and practices the socialist core values, integrity, and economic literacy. It helps students to have an international vision as well as inspires innovative thinking, as it provides hands-on teaching of teamwork, operational management, and communication.



International Business Management Major | **TA (Team Academy) program**

Key features in TA program:

Students create real companies



Teaching and learning are based on Finnish education methods [Team Academy].



Because student projects are based on their passions, students are highly motivated and find the work over four years enjoyable and interesting.



Students learn in entrepreneurial teams that are supported by faculty coaches/mentors over 3 years.



All students obtain international experience as part of their learning and aspiration to become global citizens. And they have the possibility to join International Teams of MTA (Mondragon Team Academy) to travel the world and create cross-cultural projects.

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Cooper, 黄文俊

3rd year of International Business Major

“During the International Business Major, I am training my entrepreneurial skills, including leadership, communication, selling, branding skills.

I have always wanted to become an entrepreneur and right now **I have a start-up project related to the food industry**, in which, together with my team, we are developing an e-commerce platform to sell gourmet food products from Xinjiang Province to other parts of China.”

English (Liberal Arts) Major

The English (Liberal Arts) major program is designed to give Xing Wei students strong **cross-cultural communication** skills. Our English major programs allow students to freely choose courses in literature, history, philosophy, science, management, social science, and humanities.

English major students will grow in their interpersonal skills, confidence, and ability to work with others as they learn all forms of English communication.

During the four years at Xing Wei, English major students grow in their ability to read English materials from great classic books to the latest information about the marketplace. Students will also learn how to effectively communicate through writing and in speech.

After graduating with an English major, Xing Wei students will have a broad international vision, creative thinking skills, and the ability to adapt to our rapidly changing society.



Xing Wei Stories



Ronny, 张浩榕

3rd year English Liberal Arts Major Student

“The experience in Xing Wei is like a new world of opportunities. **You can create and you can build your learning path** and experience all kinds of areas to discover what you are good at and what you love doing.

During my English major studies, I combine my passion for English learning, education, and basketball.”

Xing Wei Experience

Year 1: Familiarization



The first year at Xing Wei is spent familiarizing yourself with what makes our school unique. Specialization liberal arts and introductory classes are held for all new students where they get a sample of what Xing Wei has to offer. These include but are not limited to the different student committees, core subjects and specializations -on exchanges with partner schools such as Shanghai Vancouver Film School, and Montessori.

Year 2: Experimentation



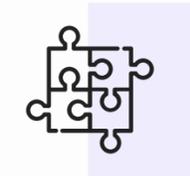
Second year is when students start branching out from their introductory and core classes and experiment with all Xing Wei has to offer. From course creation to officially joining student committees, students play around with their curriculum and see what it is they wish to pursue. This is also the year where International Business majors start Team Academy and move downtown to begin their project-oriented learning.

Year 3: Extrapolation



In the third year, students continue with their custom curriculum and further build upon the courses they have chosen beforehand. This is also the year where students choose to explore a specialization offered in one of our exchange programs. We are partnered with multiple other universities and learning institutions, offering programs ranging from film production to business entrepreneurship. This is also the year where most International Business students start their overseas experiences.

Year 4: Culmination



The final year at Xing Wei is when students finalize their learning and start exploring options for their future career. Along with their final thesis and business projects, students will also start to participate in more experience-based learning to help prepare them for what is to come. The final year represents the culmination of everything a student has experienced at Xing Wei and will hopefully help guide them onto their desired career paths.

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Lu , 徐璐

Alumni of Xing Wei College

Cross-culture & marketing professional

“Since I was a child one of my biggest dreams was to work in a multicultural environment and right now I am working in a cross-cultural consultancy company to help foreign companies enter China.

Xing Wei was the place that allowed me to choose what I wanted to do instead of following what society tells me to do. ”

Contact



“I look forward to helping you learn more about this unique college.”

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We invite you to join us!

Xing Wei college bridges education and professional experience to better prepare you for the future.



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