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**XI'AN**  
INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY







## Message from the President

Welcome to Xi'an International University! We are a school born out of China's Reforms and Opening and full of growth momentum.

In its relatively young life of almost 25 years, XAIU has developed into a well reputed university of beautiful campus, medium-sized student body, solid academic quality, and a globalized educational community. In the era of evolving student and societal needs for higher education, we strive to not only meet the challenges but also become a world-class university. We welcome you to join us in our pursuit for excellence and wish to provide you with the best educational experiences.

**Aimin Chen, Ph.D.**

President, Xi'an International University



# Profile

Xi'an International University (XAIU) is a private institution of higher education with the accreditation of China's Ministry of Education for four-year baccalaureate programs. Founded in 1992 and located in the heart of Xi'an, the most historic city in China, the University sits on 1.26 million square meters of land, possesses state-of-the-art classroom buildings, spacious dormitories, well-stocked libraries, standardized sports fields, and has about 22,000 students and 2,000 faculty and staff.

The academics of the university include seven colleges offering 37 major fields of study, which cover management, economics, humanities, medicine, engineering, agriculture, and arts. A relatively young institution and an outcome of China's marketization and reforms, XAIU has over the years grown into a multi-discipline comprehensive university and has stabilized in scale. The university now places its primary emphasis on quality enhancing and successful transformation.

In the era of information technology, XAIU invests heavily in equipping the campus with advanced information technological system infrastructure and has recently, as the only higher education institution in northwest China, been classified to enter the list of "100-School Big Data Project" as part of the Industry-Education Integration and Innovation Initiative jointly launched by School Planning and Development Center of China's Education Ministry and the Dawning Information Industry Co., Ltd.

The University upholds highly the values of strong ethics, professionalism, appreciation, dedication, self-improvement, and life-long learning. It strives to provide equal access to higher education especially for those who are less advantaged and to foster the campus culture of diversity and creativity.

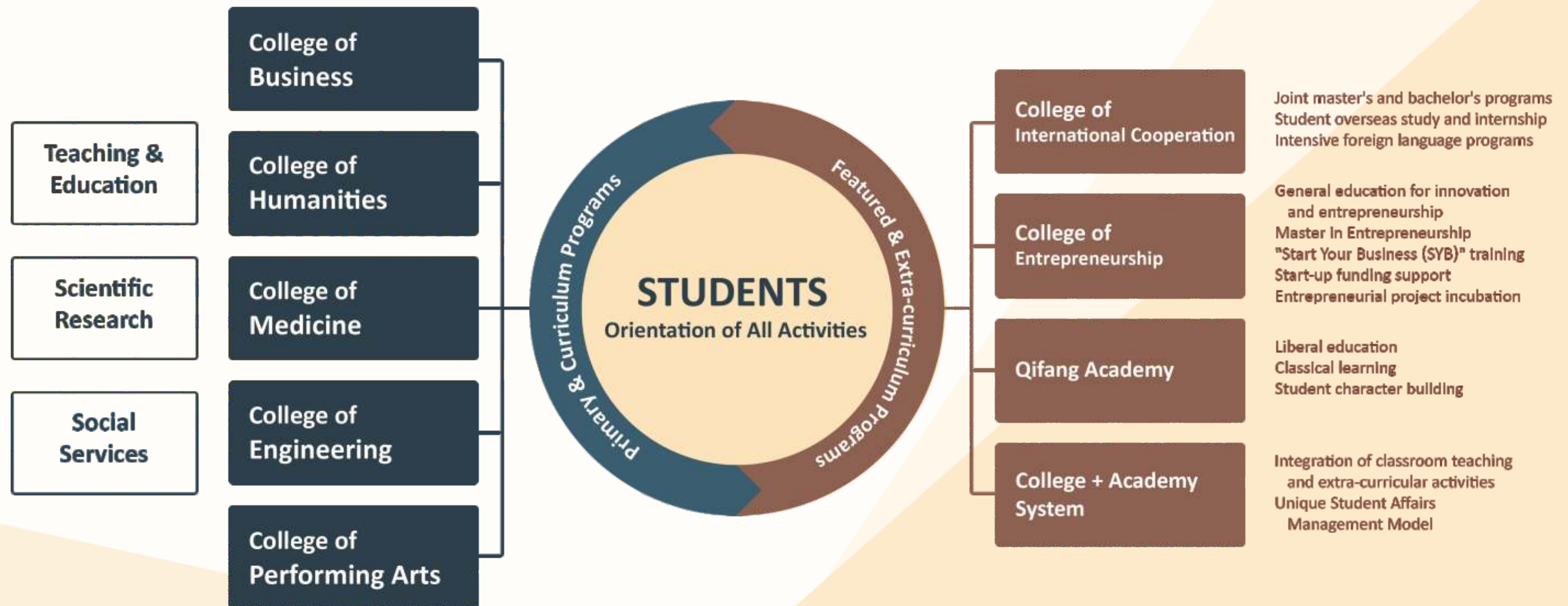
Students of XAIU come from all over the country and overseas, with the majority from Shaanxi Province. XAIU commits itself to bringing students into college graduates with well-rounded knowledge structure and practical capabilities, critical thinking skills, good mannerism, and strong sense of social responsibilities. Campus facilities, academic programs, as well as extracurricular activities are accordingly designed.

Situated in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, the origin of ancient Silk Road, XAIU commits itself to contributing to the One Belt One Road Initiative as well as the economic and social development of the local economy.

Administratively, the University Board of Directors, led by Dr. HUANG Teng, founding owner of XAIU, makes decisions and policies on the University's strategic development, and the President is responsible for carrying out the Board's policies and for routine operation. Faculty members participate in shared governance through serving on various university, college, and department level committees.



# Mode of Education





# Distinctive Programs

## Globalized Education

With the philosophy of “education discriminating no borders”, XAIU leads private institutions of higher education in China in globalized education. XAIU was the first private university in Shaanxi province approved to carry out joint educational programs and recruit international students, and hundreds of students from over 15 countries have taken Chinese language, culture, history and economics classes on campus. The University has also established cooperation and exchanges with over 100 universities in countries such as the USA, Canada, France, Australia, Russia, Korea, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia etc. Ongoing joint programs include 3+1 with Université de Poitiers in France (in collaboration with ZTE), 2+2 with Mount Saint Vincent University in Canada, 2+2 with Dhurakij Pundit University in Thailand, 1+3 with Myongji University in Korea, and 1+1+2 with Green River Community College in the USA.

The University's president, Dr. Aimin Chen, a tenured and distinguished professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana State University, has been the first and only one in the nation globally recruited through an open search. Many internationally renowned scholars, as well as political and business elites, have visited and collaborated with XAIU. In 2011, XAIU jointly initiated the Association of Global Development of Universities and Colleges (AGUAC) and in 2016, held on its campus again the Association's 7th international conference.

## Campus Life

Students at XAIU are actively involved in campus life, from social clubs to university management by means of their governing bodies such as Youth Committees, student societies at university and college levels, as well as their participation in committees related to university governance and management. A rich variety of extra-curricular activities are regularly organized to enrich students' campus life.

72 student associations provide a platform to develop their talents and skills. Academic and performing activities include APEC Voices of the Future, Bald Eagle & Panda Virtual Conference, and Chinese Folk-dancing performances in Australia, Japan and Europe organized by China's Ministry of Culture and by Shaanxi Provincial Bureau of Culture, etc.





# Distinctive Programs



*XAIU faculty and students perform in the nationally praised stage adaptation of the award-winning novel "White Deer Plain"*



## Creativity & Entrepreneurship Education

XAIU is the first in China to establish College of Entrepreneurship in 2009. Creativity and entrepreneurship education is an important part of the curriculum, and XAIU has become a leading university in helping students with their career planning and job placement. In 2016, XAIU has become one of the Top 50 Institutions of Higher Education awarded by China's Ministry of Education in Creativity and Entrepreneurship Education.

A most noteworthy example of creativity in curriculum by XAIU faculty and students is the stage adaptation of the highest national award-winning novel "White Deer Plain". The drama performances at nation's most prestigious opera houses have been highly and widely praised for their creativity and artistic merits. The performance tour has earned XAIU many honors and awards, and, more importantly, as part of the University's dynamic curriculum improvement, it has enriched the learning experience of the students.



# Distinctive Programs

## College + Academy System & Whole-person Education

It is a system in which an Academy is established and located in a designated student dormitory complex of an academic college. Each Academy serves as a center for student after-class educational activities facilitated with spaces for conference, psychological counseling, reading, group projects, and creative activities. Professors and instructors are urged to extend office hours at the Academy to help students academically and otherwise. All academies of respective colleges are then assembled by the university-level institution – Qifang Academy.

College + Academy System serves as a unique model of student affairs management involving in-class and extra-curricular activities. XAIU also places great importance on classroom interaction, differentiated teaching, student hands-on activities, faculty academic and professional experiences, as well as new educational technologies such as MOOC and internet teaching.





# Research



At XAIU, faculty actively engage in academic research, especially in the field of private education development. XAIU's Qifang Institute of Education Research undertakes many national and provincial research projects, has published numerous, and has hosted national and international conferences on topics related to private education in China and overseas. The Institute has thus maintained a leading position in the area and is awarded “Excellent Research Institute of Universities and Colleges” by the Association of Higher Education in China.



*Chairman HUANG Teng lectures at Harvard Business School on the growth of private universities in China, using XAIU as a case study.*



# Honors & Awards

- 🏆 Harvard Business School Case; “Xi’an International University: the Growth of Private Universities in China” – the only case among all educational institutions in China
- 🏆 Ranked No. 1 among China’s Private Universities & Colleges in 2015 by China’s Alumni Network



2016 National Top 50 Universities and Colleges of Outstanding Experiences in Creativity and Entrepreneurship Education awarded by China's Education Ministry

The only educational institution in Shaanxi Province to receive the 2015-2017 most highly graded “China Social Organization of Grade 5A” awarded by the provincial Bureau of Civil Affairs (*see picture on the right*) as well as “National Excellent Social Organization” awarded by China's Civil Affairs Ministry.



We take pride in our achievements and understand the challenges and opportunities that we face. In the era of college campus globalization, changing demographics and demands for higher education, as well as more favorable policies for private higher education development in China, we strive to grow more vigorously and to become not only China's premier private educational institution, but also a world-class university. In this process, we welcome all worthy international collaboration and exchanges to further better us and to together improve higher education worldwide.