Annexe to Programme Specifications for BVSc Degree with a Year in China

1. **Aims of the Programme:**
The aims of this programme are to provide students with (a) language skills in Chinese and (b) an understanding of, and insight into, Chinese society and culture. This 6-year programme of study will include 5 years of study of the BVSc Veterinary Sciences programme at the University of Liverpool, plus a year of study of Chinese language and Chinese culture at Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU), Suzhou, China.

2. **Pattern of Study**
As a non-modular programme, the BVSc will be studied independently of the Year in China. The normal pattern of study will be 2 years at the University of Liverpool (Years 1 and 2) followed by 1 year at XJTLU, with students returning to the 3rd, 4th and 5th years of the BVSc programme at the University of Liverpool. All credits that contribute to the Year in China will be obtained from modules studied at XJTLU.

3. **Learning Outcomes**
Upon successful completion of the Year in China (at XJTLU) students will:

(a) Develop a solid grounding in the use of Chinese language (speaking, reading, writing and listening);

(b) Develop an understanding of Chinese society and culture;

(c) Develop an appreciation of the intellectual and practical similarities and differences between China and the UK.

4. **Curriculum**
The year in China will comprise the following:

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<td>Chinese language* (30 UoL credits)</td>
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**Notes:**
*Chinese Language speakers could also take English Language, Suzhou or additional China Studies modules.

i. 1 credit of study at XJTLU = 3 credits of study at the University of Liverpool

ii. For an up-to-date list of available China Studies modules, please refer to the Study Abroad webpage: [http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/year-in-china/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/year-in-china/)
iii. The modules to be studied, including the two optional modules (one per semester) will be specified in a Course Approval Form, to be approved by the UoL academic department in consultation with the student, and, where necessary, with the academic department at XJTLU. For the optional modules, students may be required to take subject-specific modules, and this should be clarified with the academic department. If students are not required to take a subject-specific module, they may choose either a third China Studies module or an additional Chinese Language as an optional module. For an up-to-date list of available optional modules, please refer to the Study Abroad webpage: [http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/year-in-china/](http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/goabroad/year-in-china/)

iv. Students intending to take the year in China will be expected to successfully complete (i.e. a minimum of 80% attendance) a pre-departure Induction Programme at UoL that will include Chinese language and Chinese culture studies. Students will normally be exempt from the Induction Programme if:

(a) Students have undertaken a summer school programme at XJTLU in the summer of their second/third year (i.e. the summer immediately preceding the year in which their Year in China would commence);

(b) Students spent Semester 2 at XJTLU, immediately preceding the year in which their Year in China would commence (this only applies to Semester 2, as students who have spent a year abroad are not currently permitted to participate in the Year in China).

v. Students taking the Year in China after completing year 2 in Liverpool must pass Year 2 of their studies at Liverpool at the first attempt. Students who fail modules in Year 2 and are required to resit in August/September will not be permitted to participate in the Year in China at that time.

vi. The Year in China is not available to students who are not in attendance on the main campus during Semester 2 of the year preceding the Year in China unless this was spent at XJTLU, as explained under iv (b), (for example because they have been undertaking a period of Study Abroad) nor to students on programmes with a year in industry or a year abroad that follows immediately after Year 2.

8. **Assessment/re-assessment**

Students studying the Year in China programme will undertake all formative and summative assessments associated with the modules for which they are registered at XJTLU.

Students will be offered the following re-assessment opportunities should they fail any modules at first attempt:

a) **Chinese language modules** – students may re-sit the failed assessments/examinations of the modules;

b) **China Studies modules** – students may complete a portfolio where the size of the portfolio will be determined by the number of China Studies modules failed;

c) **Optional modules** – students may re-sit the failed assessments/examinations of the modules in accordance with the relevant module specification;

Re-assessments will take place at UoL during XJTLU’s resit period which is normally in the first week of August.
To pass the year in China students must:

(i) Pass (i.e. achieve 40%) in modules amounting to at least 90 credits; and
(ii) Achieve at least 40% averaged across all modules and a minimum mark of 35% in all modules.

The standard University pass and progression rules (as specified in Appendix B of the Code of Practice on Assessment) will apply to the Year in China.

If students fail the Year in China, they will not be awarded a BVSc Veterinary Sciences with a Year in China degree but may progress to the third year (Year 3) of their standard degree programme and obtain a BVSc Veterinary Sciences degree after satisfactory completion of the remaining years of that programme.

9. Awards

To be eligible for a BVSc with Honours with a Year in China, students must achieve at least 120 credits (at any level) in the Year in China (including any narrowly failed credits) and meet the requirements detailed in the programme specification for eligibility for a BVSc with Honours D100.