Annexe to Programme Specifications for MArch 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 3-year programme of study will include 2 years of study of MArch Master of Architecture 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**
All credits that contribute to the MArch Master of Architecture programme will be obtained from modules studied at UoL and from modules studied in the Year in China at XJTLU. The normal pattern of study will be 1 year at the University of Liverpool (Year 1), 1 year at XJTLU (Year 2) with students returning to the 3rd year at the University of Liverpool.

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, Suzhounese 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 1 in Liverpool must pass year 1 of their studies at Liverpool at the first attempt. Students who fail modules in year 1 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.

5. **Assessment/re-assessment**

Students studying on 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 MArch Master of Architecture with a Year in China degree but may progress to the final year of their degree programme and obtain a MArch Master of Architecture degree, subject to satisfactory attainment of the requirements of that programme.

6. Awards

To be eligible for an Honours degree 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 achieve the remaining credits in accordance with the programme requirements as specified in Appendix J in the Code of Practice on Assessment.

7. Weighting

The marks for Years 1, 2 and 3 are used to determine the degree classification for the MArch Master of Architecture with a Year in China, with a 45%:10%:45% weighting applied for years 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

If students fail the Year in China and/or transfer from the MArch Master of Architecture with a Year in China programme to the standard MArch Master of Architecture programme, then the degree classification will be determined from the years spend at Liverpool with a 50%:50% weighting applied for years 1 and 3 respectively.