Annexe to Programme Specifications for Bachelor Degrees and Integrated Master’s Degrees with a Year in China

The Year in China programme supplements the years of study required for the University of Liverpool (UoL) award with one year of study at Xi’an Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTLU), Suzhou, China.

XJTLU students are not eligible to take the Year in China.

1. Aims of the Year in China (YiC) 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.

2. Pattern of Study
   All credits that contribute to the YiC programme shall be obtained from modules studied in the Year in China at XJTLU.

   The pattern of study shall be that levels 4 and 5 are completed at the University of Liverpool prior to the Year in China. The two semesters of study at XJTLU, normally at level 5 equivalent, can then be taken:
   
   i. between levels 5 and 6, or after completion of level 6, in a BA or BSc programme, or
   ii. between levels 5 and 6, or between levels 6 and 7, or after completion of level 7 in an integrated master’s programme, subject to the approval of the UoL academic department/school, or
   iii. between the two years of study, or on completion of the second year of study, on the MArch programme.

3. Learning Outcomes
   Upon successful completion of the Year in China (at XJTLU) students will:
   
   1. Develop at least an elementary proficiency in the use of Chinese language*;
   2. Develop an understanding of Chinese society and culture;
   3. Develop a critical appreciation of the intellectual and practical similarities and differences between China and the UK.
4. **Curriculum**

The year in China shall comprise 60 UoL credits/20 XJTLU credits per semester from the following:

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<td>One China Studies Module (15 UoL credits/5 XJTLU credits) AND EITHER a foundation Chinese Language Module (15 UoL credits/5 XJTLU credits) OR Intensive Chinese Language Stage 1 and 2 Module (30 UoL credits/10 XJTLU credits)</td>
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**Notes:**

*Chinese Language speakers should replace with English Language, Suzhounese or additional China Studies modules.*

i. 1 credit of study at XJTLU = 3 credits of study at the University of Liverpool. Students should select modules equivalent to the total value of 60 UoL credits per semester.

ii. A list of currently available China Studies and other modules can be accessed from 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 optional modules to be studied by each student, shall 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. Where the academic department requires the student to take subject-specific modules this can be detailed in the Course Approval Form.
iv. Students intending to take the year in China will be expected to successfully complete the pre-departure Induction Programme at UoL that will include Chinese language and Chinese culture studies and a requirement for a minimum 80% attendance on the Induction Programme. This means that students who were not in attendance on the Liverpool campus during Semester 2 of the year preceding the year to be spent in China, for example if they had been undertaking Study Abroad in the preceding semester 2, except in accordance with point v (b) below, would not be eligible for the Year in China.

v. Students may be exempt from the Induction Programme if:

(a) Students have undertaken a summer school programme at XJTLU or at XJTU

(b) Students have spent a semester-long period at XJTLU.

vi. Students taking the Year in China must have passed all modules in the year preceding the year to be spent in China at the first attempt. Students who fail modules in the year preceding the year to be spent in China and are required to re-sit in August/September will not be permitted to participate in the Year in China and must transfer to the corresponding programme without the Year in China.

vii. Students studying Chinese as a Minor Subject Component or Joint Subject Component within Honours Select will follow the Modern Languages and Cultures Year Abroad in China and are not eligible for the Year in China.

5. 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 coursework-based reassessment;

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

Re-assessments will normally take place at UoL or exceptionally at XJTLU 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.

If students fail the Year in China, they will not be awarded a degree with a Year in China but may progress, as appropriate, to level 6 or level 7 of the corresponding degree programme without a Year in China.

6. Awards

The Year in China is assessed on a pass/fail basis. The marks for the Year in China will therefore not contribute to the degree classification for a programme with a Year in China. To be eligible for an Honours degree with a Year in China in the title, students must pass the Year in China in accordance with section 5 above and in accordance with the programme requirements as specified in either Appendix I or Appendix J of the Code of Practice on Assessment.