

**Annexe to Programme Specifications for Bachelor Degrees and Integrated
Master's Degrees with a Year in China
(for students who began their degree before September 2024)**

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) at either Suzhou or Taicang, China.

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

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

Pathway 1: Year in China (Language & Culture) – Suzhou Campus

The aims of this programme are to provide students with:

- a. engagement with the Chinese language, and
- b. an understanding of and insight into Chinese society and culture.

Pathway 2: Year in China (Entrepreneurship) – Taicang Entrepreneur College

The aims of this programme are to provide students with:

- a. engagement with the Chinese language, and
- b. an understanding of and insight into business and entrepreneurship from a Chinese perspective.

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 two semesters of study at XJTLU shall normally be at UoL level 4 equivalent. Students normally should not take modules at a higher level than that which they have previously achieved at the University of Liverpool.

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 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:

Pathway 1: Year in China (Language & Culture) – Suzhou Campus

1. Develop an understanding of Chinese society and culture;
2. Develop an appreciation of the intellectual and practical similarities and differences between China and the UK.

Pathway 2: Year in China (Entrepreneurship) – Taicang Entrepreneur College

1. Develop an understanding of Chinese society and business culture;
2. Develop an appreciation of the intellectual and practical similarities and differences between China and the UK.

4. Curriculum

The Year in China shall comprise the equivalent of 60 UoL credits per semester.

Pathway 1: Year in China (Language & Culture) – Suzhou Campus

Students will be encouraged to choose a range of modules that develop their understanding of China and Chinese cultural practices; their appreciation and skills in the Chinese language; support their career aspirations

Students will also be permitted to take one module per semester that is directly related to their degree studies at the University of Liverpool.

Pathway 2: Year in China (Entrepreneurship) – Taicang Entrepreneur College

Students will choose 20 credits per semester in modules from the Taicang Diploma in Entrepreneurship list.

Whilst not required, students will be encouraged to take one Chinese Language module (at the appropriate level) and one China Studies module per semester during their studies at XJTLU.

All Pathways

Students intending to take the Year in China will be expected to successfully complete the pre-departure programme at UoL, and will be encouraged to study one or more modules of Chinese through [Open Languages](#) prior to departure.

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.

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 should undertake all formative and summative assessments associated with the modules for which they are registered at XJTLU. Students will not be offered reassessment opportunities should they fail any modules, but will revert to the programme without the Year in China.

- Students will be registered for two 60 credit modules (one per semester) in Liverpool.
- To pass the Year in China students must achieve an overall grade in each 60 credit module of 40% or above. Grades achieved at the partner will be converted and the overall grade for each 60 credit module will be calculated according to the standard Study Abroad regulations.

If students fail the Year in China, they will not be awarded a degree with a Year in China and, where appropriate, progress, to subsequent years of the corresponding degree programme without a Year in China. (The modules and marks will be listed on the students' transcripts).

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.