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# Chinese Major and Minor

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The Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures offers courses in the language, literature, film, linguistics, and culture of China and Japan; the department offers majors in Chinese and Japanese as well as minors in Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. They offer courses in the modern standard language of China, Japan, and Korea, and a wide variety of offerings ranging from introductory level to specialized, designed to illuminate various facets of these Asian civilizations. Students whose interests range broadly across the civilization of East Asia may want to consider the interdisciplinary studies option or take advantage of the Asian Studies Certificate Program.

## Required courses for the Chinese major

The Chinese major requires the completion of 46 credits distributed as follows.

### Language courses

CHIN 0002 First Year Chinese 2  
CHIN 0003 Second Year Chinese 1  
CHIN 0004 Second Year Chinese 2  
CHIN 1009 Third Year Chinese 1  
CHIN 1010 Third Year Chinese 2

### Choose one of the following advanced language courses

CHIN 1033 Advanced Chinese Across Genres  
CHIN 1040 Literary Chinese 1: Classical  
CHIN 1050 Fourth Year Chinese 1

### Literature, linguistics, culture, and film

#### Choose one of the following traditional period courses

CHIN 1047 Chinese and Western Poetry\*  
CHIN 1083 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature: Premodern\*  
CHIN 1090 Great Minds of China\*

#### Choose one of the following modern period courses

CHIN 0085 Revolution, Involution, and Identity in Modern Chinese Literature and Culture  
CHIN 0177 Language in Chinese Food Culture  
CHIN 1025 Aspects of the Chinese Language  
CHIN 1059 Adapted for the Screen: Chinese Literature and Film\*  
CHIN 1084 Masterpieces of Chinese Literature and Film\*  
CHIN 1088 New Chinese Cinema\*

#### Choose two of the following courses

CHIN 0007 Introduction to Chinese Civilization and Culture  
CHIN 0081 East Asia in the World  
CHIN 0083 Intercultural Communication Between Chinese & Other Cultures  
CHIN 0085 Revolution, Involution, and Identity in Modern Chinese Literature and Culture  
CHIN 0177 Language in Chinese Food Culture  
CHIN 1025 Aspects of the Chinese Language  
CHIN 1027 Topics in Chinese as a Second Language \*

CHIN 1047 Chinese and Western Poetry \*  
CHIN 1059 Adapted for the Screen: Chinese Literature and Film \*  
CHIN 1083 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature: Premodern \*  
CHIN 1084 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature: Modern \*  
CHIN 1086 Love in Chinese and Western Literature  
CHIN 1088 New Chinese Cinema \*  
CHIN 1089 The World of China  
CHIN 1090 Great Minds of China \*  
CHIN 1700 Translation Theory and Practice

### Senior Project

CHIN 1999 Senior Project

**Note:** CHIN 1999 Senior Project should be taken and completed in the last term of the senior year.

### Non-departmental course requirements

Students must complete two courses with at least 50% China-related content offered by other Dietrich School departments. Examples of appropriate courses follow.

ECON 1630 Economic Development of China  
HAA 1640 20th Century Chinese Art  
HIST 1420 Ancient China  
HIST 1422 Late Imperial China  
HIST 1423 Modern China  
PHIL 0275 Introduction to Chinese Philosophy  
PS 1332 Government and Politics in Contemporary China  
RELGST 1560 Chinese Religious Traditions

### Grade requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

### Satisfactory/No Credit option

First year language courses may be taken on an S/NC basis, but not second year language courses. In the third and fourth years, majors have the option of taking two additional courses on an S/NC basis, one of which may be an advanced language course.

## Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete CHIN 1908 Directed Writing (one credit) in conjunction with one of the 1000-level courses marked with an asterisk (\*) in the literature, linguistics, culture, and film section.

## Advising

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## Checklist for the Chinese major

### Language courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0002      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1009  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0003      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1010  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0004

### Advanced language courses; choose one

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1033      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1050  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1040

### Literature, linguistics, culture, and film

#### Choose one of the following courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1047\*      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1090\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1083\*

#### Choose one of the following courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0085      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0177  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1084\*      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1025  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1059\*      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1088\*

#### Choose two of the following

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0007      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1059\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0081      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1083\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0083      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1084\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0085      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1086  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0177      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1088\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1025      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1089  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1027\*      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1090\*  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1047\*      \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1700

CHIN 1908 must be taken in conjunction with a 1000-level course marked by an asterisk (\*).

## Non-departmental course requirements

**Choose two courses with at least 50% China-related content offered by other Dietrich School departments** (see above sample courses)

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## Capstone

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1999 Senior Project

## Checklist for the Chinese minor

### One Language Course

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0001  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0002  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0003  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 004  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1009  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1010  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1033  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1040  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1050

### One Culture Course

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0007  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0081  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0083  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0085  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0177  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1025  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1027  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 1047  
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### Three Other Language and/or Culture Courses

\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0001  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0002  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0003  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0004  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0007  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 0081  
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**Note:** Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed by the time they apply for graduation.