



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 51 credits distributed as follows.

Language courses

- CHIN 0001 First Year Chinese 1
- 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 1041 Literary Chinese 2: Classical
- 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 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 0085 Revolution, Involution, and Identity in Modern Chinese Literature and Culture *
- CHIN 1025 Aspects of the Chinese Language
- CHIN 1027 Topics in Chinese as a Second Language
- CHIN 1041 Literary Chinese 2: Classical
- 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 1088 New Chinese Cinema *
- 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 0690 Chinese Landscape Painting
- HAA 1605 Ancient Chinese Art
- 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 courses marked with an asterisk (*) in the literature, linguistics, culture, and film section.

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Checklist for the Chinese major

Language courses

_____ CHIN 0001 _____ CHIN 0004
_____ CHIN 0002 _____ CHIN 1009
_____ CHIN 0003 _____ CHIN 1010

Advanced language courses; choose one

_____ CHIN 1033 _____ CHIN 1050
_____ CHIN 1040

Literature, linguistics, culture, and film

Choose one of the following courses

_____ CHIN 1041 _____ CHIN 1083
_____ CHIN 1047 _____ CHIN 1090

Choose one of the following courses

_____ CHIN 0085 _____ CHIN 1084
_____ CHIN 1025 _____ CHIN 1088
_____ CHIN 1059

Choose two of the following

_____ CHIN 0007 _____ CHIN 1059*
_____ CHIN 0081* _____ CHIN 1083*
_____ CHIN 0085* _____ CHIN 1084*
_____ CHIN 1025 _____ CHIN 1088*
_____ CHIN 1027 _____ CHIN 1090*
_____ CHIN 1041 _____ CHIN 1700
_____ CHIN 1047*

CHIN 1908 must be taken in conjunction with a course marked by an asterisk (*),

Non-departmental course requirements

Choose two of the following

_____ ECON 1630 _____ HIST 1422
_____ HAA 0690 _____ HIST 1423
_____ HAA 1605 _____ PHIL 0275
_____ HAA 1640 _____ PS 1332
_____ HIST 1420 _____ RELGST 1560
_____ _____ Other course(s) with at
least 50% China-related
content offered in a
department other than EALL.

Capstone

_____ CHIN 1999 Senior Project

Checklist for the Chinese minor

Language Option

Two years of Chinese language or equivalent

_____ CHIN 0001 _____ CHIN 0003
_____ CHIN 0002 _____ CHIN 0004

One Chinese literature or culture course from the following list.

_____ CHIN 0007 Introduction to Chinese Civilization
_____ CHIN 0081 East Asia in the World
_____ CHIN 0082 Hong Kong Cinema
_____ CHIN 0085 Revolution, Involution, and Identity in
Modern Chinese Literature and 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 Lit and
Film
_____ CHIN 1083 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature:
Premodern
_____ CHIN 1084 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature and
Film
_____ CHIN 1088 New Chinese Cinema
_____ CHIN 1090 Great Minds of China

Language and Culture Option

One year of Chinese language or equivalent

_____ CHIN 0001 _____ CHIN 0002

Three CHIN China-related courses, which must include one course on traditional Chinese culture (CHIN 1047, CHIN 1083, or CHIN 1090)

_____ CHIN _____ _____ CHIN _____
_____ CHIN _____

Culture Option

Four Chinese courses in literature, linguistics, culture, or film

_____ CHIN _____ _____ CHIN _____
_____ CHIN _____ _____ CHIN _____

Two courses in other departments that have significant China-related content; the following list is a sample

_____ _____ _____
_____ _____ _____

ECON 1630 Economic Development of China
HAA 0620 Art of China
HAA 0690 Chinese Landscape Painting
HAA 1605 Ancient Chinese Art
HAA 1640 Twentieth Century Chinese Art
HIST 0401 Modern East Asian Civilization
HIST 0755 Religion in Asia
HIST 1422 Late Imperial China
PS 1523 East Asia in World Politics
RELGST 0505 Religion in Asia
Other course(s) with at least 50% China-related content offered in a department other than EALL.

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed by the time they apply for graduation.