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 in Chinese Literature: Premodern
CHIN 1086 Love in China and Western Literature
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 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 China 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 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 1083*
________ CHIN 0081*  ________ CHIN 1084*
________ CHIN 0085*  ________ CHIN 1086
________ CHIN 1025  ________ CHIN 1088*
________ CHIN 1027*  ________ CHIN 1089
________ CHIN 1047*  ________ CHIN 1090 *
________ CHIN 1059*  ________ CHIN 1700

CHIN 1908 must be taken in conjunction with a 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
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
________ CHIN 0081
________ CHIN 0082
________ CHIN 0085
________ CHIN 1025
________ CHIN 1027
________ CHIN 1047
________ CHIN 1059
________ CHIN 1083
________ CHIN 1084
________ CHIN 1086
________ CHIN 1088
________ CHIN 1089
________ CHIN 1090
________ CHIN 1700

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 with at least 50% China-related content offered by other Dietrich school departments. (See Chinese major non-departmental course requirements above for sample courses)

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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.