

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

Capstone Project

Choose one of the following courses
EAS 1998 Capstone Project: Linguistics
EAS 1999 Capstone Project: Lit/Culture

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
ENGFLM 1534/FLMST 1534 Giant Monsters and Kaiju Films
ENGFLM 1670/FLMST 1230 Global Anime
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.

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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

Choose one of the following courses

_____ EAS 1998	_____ EAS 1999
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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
_____ CHIN 1059
_____ CHIN 1083
_____ CHIN 1084
_____ CHIN 1086
_____ CHIN 1088
_____ CHIN 1089
_____ CHIN 1090
_____ CHIN 1700

Three Other Language and/or Culture Courses

_____ CHIN 0001
_____ CHIN 0002
_____ CHIN 0003
_____ CHIN 0004
_____ CHIN 0007
_____ CHIN 0081
_____ CHIN 0083
_____ CHIN 0085
_____ CHIN 0177
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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.