

## Chinese Studies

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### Program Description

The Chinese Studies major is interdisciplinary in nature. Students are offered a structured approach to the study of Chinese history, art, language, literature, customs, culture, economy, and politics while allowing the flexibility to pursue individual areas of interest. Chinese Studies majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in China.

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### Program Requirements

Students pursuing the major in Chinese Studies must complete ten courses. One of the ten courses will constitute the capstone experience, which is to take the form of an independent study completed during the senior year.

- **One core course:** Hist 223 Modern China, Hist 222 East Asia 1800 to the Present, or an equivalent offering a broad survey of the historical context.
- **Language study:** CHN 301 and CHN 302 or their equivalent as determined by placement tests.
- **Disciplinary breadth:** four courses with a substantial focus on China. These courses must come from at least three different disciplines, with at least one from the "Humanities" category and one from the "History and Society" category. In addition, at least one of the four must be explicitly comparative. (Comparative courses are listed with an asterisk. (\*))

*Note: CHN 401 can be counted as a third discipline.*

- **Disciplinary focus:** two courses that, together with a China-focused course, serve to ground the student in an explicit discipline-or functional equivalent-with an eye to preparing the student for a fruitful capstone experience. This three-course track is to be determined through consultation between student and advisor, but one of these courses will ordinarily include the "methods" course in a particular discipline.
- **Capstone experience:** one course taken in the form of an independent study to be completed in the senior year in which the student must write a substantial paper. The topic of the paper must be mutually agreed upon by the student and his or her advisor, but it is expected that the paper will build upon the courses constituting the student's "disciplinary track." In addition, the student must present his or her results orally in a public forum composed of other Chinese Studies majors and interested faculty.

## **Courses Currently Available for the Major**

The major requires that students demonstrate "disciplinary breadth," so the courses listed below are organized both by discipline and under two broader categories: "Humanities" and "History and Society."

The major requires a course with substantial China-focus that is explicitly comparative. These courses are marked with an asterisk. (\*)

Several courses suitable for the major are infrequently taught. These are listed separately, as are the courses most usually available through the CET-Beijing Study Abroad program.

### **Chinese Language**

CHN 101 Beginning Chinese I

CHN 102 Beginning Chinese II

CHN 201 Intermediate Chinese I

CHN 202 Intermediate Chinese II

CHN 301 Advanced Chinese I

CHN 302 Advanced Chinese II

### **Humanities**

#### Art History

VAH 131 Introduction to Asian Art\*

VAH 234 Arts of China

VAH 235 Chinese Painting and Aesthetics

VAH 236 Early Chinese Art and Architecture

#### Film Studies

Film 262 Hong Kong Cinema

Film 350 Topics in Film Theory-Asian Cinema\*

#### Literature

AS 225 Contemporary Chinese Writers

AS222 China: 30 Years in Literature and Film

#### Religion

REL 210 Buddhist Spiritual Autobiographies\*

REL 244 Introduction to Buddhism\*

REL 248 Religions of China

REL 251 Looking for the Tao

REL 254 Confucianism

REL 351 Buddhist Scriptures\*

REL 352 The Tao of Chinese Medicine

## History and Society

### Cultural Studies

AS 224 Chinese Folklore

AS/Anth 229 Tourism and Culture in China

### Economics

ECON 213 East Asian Economic History and Development\*

### History

AS 266 Chinese Culture in Early in Japan\*

Hist 221 East Asia to 1800\*

Hist 222 East Asia 1800 to the Present\*

Hist 223 Modern China

### Political Science

POL 270 Government and Politics in China

### Psychology

Psych 210 Cultural Psychology\*

### Sociology

SOC 243 Chinese Demographics

## **Courses (in Addition to Language Study) Available through the CET Chinese Studies Program in Beijing**

(Some of these fulfill requirements for the major.)

CS 250 21st Century Beijing

CS 255 Chinese History from 1800 to the Present

CS 270 Politics in China

CS 276 China's Environment: History, Politics, and Possibilities

CS 151 Service-Learning Internship

## **Course Listing**

Course level:

Course level: [100](#) | [200](#) | [300](#) | [400](#)

### **CHN-101 Beginning Chinese**

Introduction to the fundamentals of Chinese language (Mandarin)--speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course focuses on interactive communication, essential grammatical structures, and basic

vocabulary and usages. Students learn communicative skills regarding daily life, college activities, and basic social interaction. Students master approximately 700 characters.

### ***CHN-102 Beginning Chinese***

Introduction to the fundamentals of Chinese language (Mandarin)--speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course focuses on interactive communication, essential grammatical structures, and basic vocabulary and usages. Students learn communicative skills regarding daily life, college activities, and basic social interaction. Students master approximately 700 characters. Prerequisite: Chinese 101 with a C- or better or placement.

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### ***CHN-201 Intermediate Chinese***

Continuation of beginning Chinese. The course further develops skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a rigorous training to improve aural-oral proficiency and to assure mastery of 800 additional characters. Upon completion of the course, students are able to talk about topics of personal interest and familiar social events, write short essays, and have a good command of 1,500 characters. Prerequisite: Chinese 102 with a C- or better or placement.

### ***CHN-202 Intermediate Chinese***

Continuation of beginning Chinese. The course further develops skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a rigorous training to improve aural-oral proficiency and to assure mastery of 800 additional characters. Upon completion of the course, students are able to talk about topics of personal interest and familiar social events, write short essays, and have a good command of 1,500 characters. Prerequisite: Chinese 201 with a C- or better or placement.

### ***CHN-228 Business Chinese***

Intermediate Chinese course focusing on the effective communication skills essential in professional fields and the understanding of the Chinese business world. Students develop their verbal, listening, reading, and writing proficiency in business Chinese and acquire culturally appropriate inter-personal communication skills needed to deal with a variety of business situations. Students are expected to effectively employ their language skills to explore and analyze current business trends and issues in China.

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### ***CHN-301 Advanced Chinese I***

Prerequisite: Chinese 202 with a C- or better or placement.

### ***CHN-302 Advanced Chinese II***

Prerequisite: Chinese 301 with a C- or better or placement.

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### ***CHN-401 Advanced Chinese***

Continuation of CHN302. This course develops the skill of reading a variety of authentic materials, ranging from literature, newspaper, magazine, film, to scholarly blogs. The topics include the social-cultural-economic phenomena and transformations in contemporary China. Students are also expected to develop their speaking and writing skills for high-level communicative tasks in Chinese, including rhetorical skills in speech and conducting formal presentations through well-articulated statements.

### ***CHN-450 Individualized Study-Tutorial***

Individualized tutorial counting toward the minimum requirements in a major or minor, graded A-F

### ***CHN-460 Individualized Study-Research***

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