

Individualized Major in Chinese Studies

The Individualized major in Chinese studies combines study of the Chinese language through at least the intermediate level with further studies in language, literature, film, history, and culture of China and East Asia. Although not required, study abroad in a Chinese-speaking country is strongly recommended. Courses taken while studying abroad may be counted towards the major.

Core Classes (20 credits)

CHNSE 132 Elementary Chinese II (4)

CHNSE 231 Intermediate Chinese I (4)

CHNSE 232 Intermediate Chinese II (4)

CHNSE 499W Senior Thesis (4)

One of three gateway courses, chosen from among:

- ASIA 288: Introducing Asia to the World (4)
- ASIA 201: Gateway to East Asia (4)
- HIST 118 East Asian Civilization since 1800 (4)

Electives:

Sixteen additional credits in Chinese language, history, culture, or East Asian-related topics, of which at least eight must be at the 300 level or above.

Current options include:

CHNSE 235 Chinese Practicum I (1)

CHNSE 254 Folklore and Identity (4)

CHNSE 258 Gender and Mass Communication in Asia (4)

CHNSE 269 Chinese Society and Media (4)

CHNSE 331 Third Year Chinese I (4)

CHNSE 332 Third Year Chinese II (4)

CHNSE 335 Advanced Chinese Practicum (1)

CHNSE 352 Rites of Passage in Chinese Societies (4)

CHNSE 431 Reading the Humanities (4)

CHNSE 432 Introduction to Classical Chinese Texts and Thoughts (4)

CHNSE 490-491 Chinese Reading and Conference (2 or 4)

ASIA 201 Gateway to East Asia (4)

ASIA 210 Making and Playing of Traditional Musical Instruments (4)

ASIA 258 Topics in Asian Studies (4)

ASIA 288 Introducing Asia to the World (4)

ASIA 301 Asian Visual and Creative Culture (4)

ASIA 315 Asian Social Media in a Global Context: Critique and Design (4)

ASIA 390-391 Independent Study (2 or 4)

ECON 453 International Economics (4)

GCS 105 Introduction to Global Cultural Studies (4)

HIST 131W Historical Inquiry: Gender and Society in East Asia (topic dependent) (4)

HIST 233 Asian Empires on the Silk Road (4)

HIST 265 Late Imperial China (4)

HIST 282 China in Revolution 1911-1949 (4)
HIST 331 Asian Environmental History (4)
HIST 344W Studies in East Asian History (4)
HIST 381 History of Modern Japan (4)
HIST 383 Mao's China (4)
INTST 374 Asian and International System (4)
INTST 380 Asian Politics and Development (4)
JAPN 201W Modern Japanese Society and Culture (4)
JAPN 314W Japanese Literature in Translation (4)
JAPN 340 The Japanese Cinema (4)

Additional special topics courses may be added to the college's offerings from time to time. Students may also, with advance permission, gain major credit for courses taken at other colleges and universities, including through the NW5C consortia exchange.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Chinese Studies Major

1. Obtain Advanced level of language proficiency defined by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
2. Gain a broad knowledge of the cultures of China through interdisciplinary approaches
3. Demonstrate their interdisciplinary understanding of China by completing a project in the Senior Seminar