

BHA-Chinese Studies

Fall 2023

Bachelor of Humanities and Arts (BHA)

Dietrich College (DC) Concentration in Chinese Studies

81 units (minimum)

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A BHA concentration in Chinese Studies promotes not just language proficiency but also an understanding of Chinese culture. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and/or who have high Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, a Cambridge GCE Advanced level or internal placement exam scores will be able to begin taking courses in the concentration earlier in their undergraduate program. In all cases, progress in the concentration will be accelerated by study abroad, which is recommended for all students.

BHA students take at least 9 courses in their DC concentration, for a minimum of 81 units. A completed DC Concentration Declaration Sheet must be approved by the concentration advisor and submitted to the BXA office by spring mid-semester break of the student's sophomore year. BHA students who are admitted through internal transfer must have chosen a DC concentration at the time of their application, which serves as declaration.

Prerequisites

Intermediate level proficiency in Chinese. This is equivalent to the completion of three courses (two at the 100-level and one at the 200-level) or exemption based on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge GCE Advanced level or Carnegie Mellon internal placement test scores.

Core Courses in Chinese Studies

(4 courses, 36 units minimum)

82-232	Intermediate Chinese II *	12
or 82-235	Fables, Legends and Stories from Ancient Chinese Civilization (9)	
82-331	Reading into a New China I: Population, Youth, Marriage, & Housing	9
82-332	Reading into a New China II: Transportation, Education, Pop Culture, & Health	9
82-333	Chinese Language and Culture	9

* Students who place out of 82-232/82-235 must take a minimum of 9 additional units chosen from Chinese Studies Electives at the 400-level.

Core Courses in Modern Languages

(1 course, 9 units)

Complete one course.

82-239	Crazy Linguistically Rich Asian Languages	9
82-280	Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US	9
82-281	Contextual Thinking in Modern Languages	9
82-282	Interpreting Global Texts & Cultures	9
82-283	Language Diversity & Cultural Identity	9
82-284	Multicultural Pittsburgh: VR Storytelling	9
82-285	Podcasting: Language and Culture Through Storytelling	9
82-286	Cultural Complexities	9
82-287	Multicultural Immersion: Relating Your World in Virtual Reality	6
82-383	Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research	9
82-388	Topics in Second Language Acquisition	9
82-480	Translation Technologies	9

Note: In consultation with the concentration advisor, students may substitute a Modern Languages course elective with one related to language analysis, language learning, or acquisition of language and culture from the listings in Chinese Studies or from another department. Examples: 80-180 Nature of Language, 85-421 Language and Thought. In addition, students may choose to take 82-580 Senior Seminar in Modern Languages (9 units). The selected course may not double count in the Electives category.

Core Courses in Chinese History & Society

(1 course, 9 units)

Complete one course in consultation with the concentration advisor.

79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-309	The Chinese Revolution Through Film (1949-2000)	9
82-138	Comparative China: Perceptions through YouTube and TikTok	9
82-230	Cultural Topics in Chinese Studies	9
82-234	Topics in Chinese History	9
82-238	Topics in Chinese Culture: Gender & Sexuality in China	9
82-333	Chinese Language and Culture (must be a different section than the one used for the core requirements)	9

Chinese Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives

(3 courses, 27 units minimum)

Complete two courses from Chinese Studies Electives and one course from Interdisciplinary Electives in consultation with the concentration advisor.

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82-235	Fables, Legends and Stories from Ancient Chinese Civilization	9
82-334	Structure of Chinese	9
82-335	Chinese Culture Through Legends and Folktales	9
82-337	Mandarin Chinese for Oral Communication I	9
82-338	Mandarin Chinese for Oral Communication II	9
82-339	Business Language & Culture in China I	9
82-340	Business Language & Culture in China II	9
82-431	China and the West	9
82-432	Chinese Popular Culture: A Game of Learning *	9
82-433	Topics in Contemporary Culture of China *	9
82-434	Studies in Chinese Traditions *	9
82-436	Introduction to Classical Chinese	9
82-439	Modern China Through Literature	Var.
82-440	Studies in Chinese Literature & Culture *	9
82-505	Modern Languages Undergraduate Internship	Var.
82-531/532	Special Topics in Chinese Studies (independent studies)	Var.
82-533	Cultural Topics in Chinese Studies *	6

* Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

Interdisciplinary Electives:

This list is compiled from possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult SIO and the concentration advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Chinese Studies curriculum. Courses may be suggested to the concentration advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

Business

70-342	Managing Across Cultures	9
70-365	International Trade and International Law	9
70-430	International Management	9

English

76-318	Communicating in the Global Marketplace	9
76-386	Language & Culture	9

History

79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History and Society, 1600-1900	9
79-262	Modern China: From the Birth of Mao ... to Now	9
79-309	The Chinese Revolution Through Film (1949-2000)	9

Institute for Politics and Strategy (Choose in consultation with the concentration advisor.)

84-226	International Relations	9
84-310	International Political Economy	9
84-362	Diplomacy and Stagecraft	9
84-369	Decision Science for International Relations	9
84-370	Nuclear Security & Arms Control	9
84-380	US Grand Strategy	9
84-388	Concepts of War and Cyber War	6
84-405	The Future of Warfare	9

Modern Languages

82-137	Chinese Calligraphy: Culture and Skills	9
82-138	Comparative China: Perceptions Through Youtube & TikTok	9
82-139	Topics in Chinese Language, Culture and Society	9
82-198	Research Training: Modern Languages	Var.
82-230	Cultural Topics in Chinese Studies	9
82-234	Topics in Chinese History	9
82-238	Topics in Chinese Culture	9
82-280	Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US	9
82-281	Contextual Thinking	9
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Philosophy

80-180	Nature of Language	9
80-276	Philosophy of Religion	9
80-280	Linguistic Analysis	9
80-380	Philosophy of Language	9

Psychology

85-375	Crosscultural Psychology	9
85-421	Language and Thought	9