

The Department of Modern Languages The Major in Chinese Studies

Faculty Advisors

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Required Units: 96-99

Prerequisites

Intermediate-level proficiency in the Chinese language. This is equivalent to the completion of three courses (two at the 100-level and one at the 200-level), or placement or exemption based on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or CMU internal placement test scores. In all cases, progress will be accelerated by study abroad, which is highly recommended for all majors. (Study abroad advisor - Dr. Yueming Yu, yyu@andrew.cmu.edu) Students with native or near-native proficiency in listening and speaking of the language prior to entering CMU should consult with the major advisors for a different curriculum that may accelerate their completion of the requirement.

**Students may double count four courses taken for the Chinese Studies major that is also being used to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors, and programs. This does not include double-counting with General Education requirements.*

1. Core Courses in Chinese Studies 39-42 units

Complete four courses.

- 82-232* Intermediate Chinese II (may be substituted with 82-235)
- 82-331 Reading into a New China I: Population, Youth, Marriage, & Housing
- 82-332 Reading into a New China II: Transportation, Education, Pop Culture, & Health
- 82-333** Chinese Language & Culture

*Students who place out of 82-232 must take a minimum of 9 additional units chosen from List B electives.

**Students must take this course for 12 units to fulfill the requirement.

2. Core Courses in Modern Languages* 9+3 units

Complete one 9-unit course in Modern Languages, plus the senior seminar (3 units) in spring of the senior year.

- 82-280 Learning about Language Learning
- 82-281 Tutoring for Community Outreach
- 82-282 Community Service Learning
- 82-283 Language Diversity and Cultural Identity
- 82-284 Multi-Cultural Pittsburgh
- 82-285 Podcasting: Language & Culture Through Storytelling
- 82-286 Understanding Cultural Complexities
- 82-287 Multicultural Immersion
- 82-358 Literacies Across Language and Culture
- 82-383 Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Research
- 82-388 Understanding Second Language Fluency
- 82-480 Social and Cognitive Aspects of Bilingualism
- 82-580 Senior Seminar (3 units)

*In consultation with the major 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.

3. Core Course in Chinese History & Society 9 units

Complete one course after consultation with the major advisor and the designated History or Modern Languages professor.

79-212	China and Its Neighbors
79-261	The Last Emperors: Chinese History & Society, 1600-1900
79-262	Modern China
79-309	The Chinese Revolution through Film (1949-2000)
79-310	Religions of China
79-375	China's Environmental Crisis
82-138	Comparative China
	Past Topic: Perceptions through YouTube and TikTok
82-230	Topics in Cultural Comparison
	Past Topic: The Great Divergence Debate in Chinese Economic History
82-234	Topics in Chinese History
	Past Topics: China in the Age of Reform: 1978-Present
	China and the West
82-237	Topics in Traditional China
	Past Topic: China's Imperial Traditions
82-238	Topics in Chinese Culture
	Past Topic: Gender & Sexuality in China
	"Crazy" Linguistically Rich Asian Languages
82-333**	Chinese Language & Culture (must be a different section than the one used for the core requirements)

4. Chinese Studies and Interdisciplinary Electives 36 units

Complete two courses (18 units) from List A and two courses (18 units) from List B, or two courses (18 units) from List A, one (9 units) from List B, and one (9 units) from List C.

List A. Core Chinese Studies Electives

82-431	China and West
82-432*	Chinese Popular Culture
	Past Topics: A Game of Learning
82-433*	Topics in Contemporary Culture of China
82-434*	Studies in Chinese Traditions
	Past Topics: Traditional Chinese Literature and Thought through Comic Books
82-435	Advanced Readings in Chinese
82-436	Introduction to Classical Chinese
82-439	Modern China through Literature
	Past Topic: The Rise of Power: Chinese Society and Officialdom Literature
82-440*	Studies in Chinese Literature & Culture
	Past Topics: Chinese Puppetry Theater in the Social Context
	Chinese Folk Performances
	Into the World of Anomalies
82-505	Undergraduate Internship
82-531/532**	Special Topics in Chinese (Independent studies)
82-533*	Special Topics: Chinese Culture
	Past Topics: Chinese Wisdoms
	Visions of China

*Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

**Students should not choose this option if there are other ways to fulfill their elective requirements.

List B. Chinese Studies Electives

82-235*	Fables, Legends and Stories from Ancient Chinese Civilization
82-334	Structure of Chinese
82-335	Selected Readings in Chinese
82-337	Mandarin Chinese for Oral Communication I
82-338	Mandarin Chinese for Oral Communication II
82-339	Business Language and Culture in China I
82-340	Business Language and Culture in China II
82-431	China and West
82-432**	Chinese Popular Culture
	Past Topics: A Game of Learning
82-433**	Topics in Contemporary Culture of China
82-434**	Studies in Chinese Traditions
	Past Topics: Traditional Chinese Literature and Thought through Comic Books
82-435	Advanced Readings in Chinese
82-436	Introduction to Classical Chinese
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	Past Topics: Chinese Wisdoms
	Visions of China

* If students choose this course as the List B Chinese Studies Electives, then they then they must choose another course from List B and cannot choose the course from List C as the other elective.

**Students may repeat these courses with new topics.

***Students should not choose this option if there are other ways to fulfill their elective requirements.

List C. Interdisciplinary Electives

This list is compiled from possibilities such as but not limited to the following. Students should consult OLR and their major advisor for the most up to date interdisciplinary electives appropriate for the Chinese Studies curriculum. **Course must have a Chinese component in order to be considered as Chinese Studies major/minor electives.** Courses may be suggested to the major advisor for approval as a substitute. Note that not all courses are offered each semester.

Architecture

48-351	Human Factors in architecture
48-551	Ethics and Decision Making in Architecture

Art

60-373	Aesthetics from a Global Viewpoint
60-399	Art History/Theory Independent Study

Business Administration

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

English

- 76-318 Communicating in the Global Marketplace
76-339 Advanced Studies in Film and Media
76-386 Language & Culture
76-387 Narrative & Argument

History

- 79-212 China and Its Neighbors
79-261 The Last Emperors: Chinese History & Society, 1600-1900
79-262 Modern China
79-308 18th Century China through Literature
76-309 The Chinese Revolution through Film (1949-2000)
79-310 Religions of China
79-375 China's Environmental Crisis

Modern Languages

- 82-137 Chinese Calligraphy: Culture and Skills
82-138 Comparative China
Past Topic: Perceptions through YouTube and TikTok
82-180 Bilingual & Bicultural Experiences in the US
82-198 Research Training:
82-230 Topics in Cultural Comparison
Past Topic: The Great Divergence Debate in Chinese Economic History
82-234 Topics in Chinese History
Past Topics: China in the Age of Reform: 1978-Present
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Philosophy

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

Institute for Politics and Strategy

- 84-310 International Political Economy
84-326 Theories of International Relations (currently listed on our sheets as 88-326)
84-362 Diplomacy and Statecraft
84-369 Decision Science for International Relations

84-370	Global Nuclear Politics
84-380	Grand Strategy in the United States
84-388	Concepts of War and Cyber War
84-405	The Future of Warfare

Psychology

85-375	Cross Cultural Psychology
85-421	Language and Thought

Social and Decision Sciences

88-326	Theories of International Relations
88-357	Comparative Foreign Policy: China, Russia and the US
88-362	Diplomacy and Statecraft
88-384	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in International Relations
88-391	Technology and Economic Growth
88-408	Attitudes: The Media and Conflict in International Relations
88-415	Global Competitiveness: Firms, Nations, and Technological Change
88-410	The Global Economy: A User's Guide
88-411	The Rise of the Asian Economies

5. Oral Proficiency Interview

Complete an oral proficiency interview. At the latest, this exam should be scheduled by midterm of the senior spring semester. Students are permitted to retake the test.

Study Abroad

A semester or year of study abroad is strongly recommended. Consult with your advisor and the Office of International Education (OIE) about possible options.

Senior Honors Thesis

In addition, majors are encouraged to undertake a Senior Honors Thesis (82-591/592 Modern Languages Honors Thesis or 66-501/502 H&SS Senior Honors Thesis I, II). The Honors thesis program provides qualified seniors with a valuable opportunity to synthesize their academic and personal experiences and interests accumulated during their college years here and elsewhere (Prerequisite: a 3.5 QPA in Chinese and a 3.25 QPA overall).

Sample Curriculum- Chinese (B.A.)

This sample curriculum assumes that all prerequisites for 82-331 are fulfilled prior to the junior year.

Junior Year		Senior Year	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
82-331	82-332	Core Chinese Studies Elective from List A	Core Chinese Studies Elective from List A
82-333 (12 units)	Core History & Society Elective	Chinese Studies from List B	Senior Seminar 82-580
ML core course or equivalent approved by advisor	Chinese Studies or Interdisciplinary Elective From List B or List C	Chinese Studies or Interdisciplinary Elective From List B or List C	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

This is presented as a two-year (junior-senior) plan for completing the major requirements. It is intended to show that this program can be completed in as few as two years, not that it must be. Students may

enter their major and begin major course requirements as early as the start of the sophomore year, and in some instances in the first year.

Students should consult their advisor when planning their program.

This plan is also an example of the suggested sequence of study for students who have had little or no prior exposure to the language. Such students would need to satisfy the prerequisites (elementary and intermediate language study) during their freshman and sophomore years.

