Chinese Studies (BA)

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At all levels, students study language and gain awareness of diverse cultures through an approach that gives explicit attention to both content and skill-building. Students are offered a wide range of opportunities to study languages and cultures, to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of traditions, customs, and issues while building their proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing. Through studying the languages and worlds of others, our students gain a valuable international perspective that enhances their life personally and professionally in our multicultural society.

Chinese Studies promotes not just language proficiency but an understanding of the Chinese culture. Students who arrive at Carnegie Mellon with previous language study and/or who have high Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, or internal placement exam scores will be able to begin taking courses toward the major earlier in their undergraduate program. In all cases, progress toward the major will be accelerated by studying abroad, which is highly recommended. Outside the classroom, there are activities to promote language practice, which may include language tables, coffee hours, and through visits with native speakers.

This is a suggested schedule for the first 2 years for a Primary Major. It is also available as an Additional Major and a Minor. The remainder of the Major and General Education requirements can be completed in the junior and senior year.

1st semester
- Complete 2 courses:
  - 76-101: Interpretation & Argument
  - 79-104: Global Histories
  - 36-201 or 36-200, Statistics
  - Freshman Seminar
- 99-102 or 99-102, C@CM
- 82-131, Elementary Chinese I*
- xx-xxx, Elective***
- xx-xxx, Elective***

2nd semester
- Complete 2 courses:
  - 76-101: Interpretation & Argument
  - 79-104: Global Histories
  - 36-201 or 36-200, Statistics
  - Freshman Seminar
  - 82-132, Elementary Chinese II*
  - xx-xxx, Elective***
  - xx-xxx, Elective***

3rd semester
- 82-231, Intermediate Chinese I*
  - xx-xxx, Gen Ed***
  - xx-xxx, Gen Ed***
  - xx-xxx, Elective***
  - xx-xxx, Elective***

4th semester
- 82-232, Intermediate Chinese II**
  - xx-xxx, Gen Ed***
  - xx-xxx, Gen Ed***
  - xx-xxx, Elective***
  - xx-xxx, Elective***

*Exceptions from these courses can be granted based on Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or the Carnegie Mellon internal placement test results. Students who have a background in Chinese may be placed out of 82-131, 82-132, 82-231 or 82-232, and start from advanced level Chinese courses. [https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html](https://www.cmu.edu/dietrich/modlang/undergraduate/placement/index.html)

**Students who place out of 82-232 will take one more 9 unit course at the 300-level (82-335 or 82-337); 39 units will be required for this category. 82-235, Intensive Intermediate Chinese, may substitute for 82-232.

***Elective: Students can take a course that counts as a pre-requisite, general education, major/minor exploration, or a general elective.