

Chinese Studies Minor Requirements

Required Units: 54-57

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 may be demonstrated through CMU internal placement test scores.

Curricular Requirements (54-57 units)

1. Foundational Courses in Chinese Studies (4 courses, 36-39 units)
 - a. 82-232 Intermediate Chinese II or 82-235 Fables, Legends and Stories from Ancient Chinese Civilization
 - b. 82-331 Reading into a New China I: Population, Youth, Marriage & Housing
 - c. 82-332 Reading into a New China II: Transportation, Education, Pop Culture & Health
 - d. 82-333 Introduction to Chinese Language & Culture (taught in English)

2. Electives (2 courses, 18 units)

In consultation with the advisor, choose two courses additional courses, at least one of which must be taught in Chinese at the 300-, 400- or 500-level. Students may choose one Chinese culture course taught in English. Students may substitute one relevant and related course from outside the program (i.e., another LCAL course) or from another department (e.g., History, CMIST, Philosophy, English).

Curricular clarifications:

- Students who place out of a lower-level Chinese course can take a higher-level course to substitute for it.
- Students may double count up to two courses taken for the Chinese Studies minor to fulfill the requirements of other majors, minors and programs. Double counting with General Education requirements is unlimited.
- Students may repeat certain courses (such as 82-333 and 82-440) when they are offered with different topics.
- Language courses at the 300-level may be completed out of sequence depending on schedule offerings. (e.g., students may take 82-332 before 82-331).

- Students with high proficiency (native or near-native proficiency in Chinese) who wish to pursue the Chinese Studies major will need to complete a customized 6-course plan in consultation with the minor advisors. In general, the courses taught in Chinese in this customized plan should be at the 300-, 400- or 500-level.
- Study abroad is highly recommended and can accelerate a student's progress through the minor program.