

CHINESE MAJOR

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The Chinese major (CHIN) provides the training and cultural background needed for entering East Asia-related careers in such fields as higher education, the arts, business, government, international relations, agriculture, or the media. Students may also consider a double major in Chinese and another discipline such as business, government and politics, economics, or journalism. Chinese students have the option of applying to live in St. Mary's Hall (Language House) and participating in a study abroad program.

Placement in Courses

For information about the World Language Placement, go to: <http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/world-language-placement/>.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Linguistically, students will reach Intermediate-High to Advanced-Low, as measured by ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) standards, in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Mandarin Chinese.
2. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the development of Modern Chinese in the 20th and 21st centuries.
3. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the historical relationship between Modern Standard Chinese and Chinese dialects.
4. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the characteristics of the Chinese writing system
5. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the relationship between Chinese and minority languages spoken in China.
6. Literarily and culturally, students will demonstrate critical and close reading skills of classical and modern Chinese literature.
7. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the inherent relationships between life, society, and fictional representation.
8. Students will demonstrate familiarity with representative works of contemporary Chinese literature and cinema.
9. Students will demonstrate a good understanding of the ability to see how art interacts with, and provides unique perspectives on politics, history, and society at large.

REQUIREMENTS

The Chinese major requires 39 credits: 18 of language and 18 of non-language electives, as described below.

Course	Title	Credits
College Requirements (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-humanities/#collegerequirementstext)		
Language Requirements		
Select 18 credits of Chinese Language at 2xx level or above: ¹		18
CHIN201 & CHIN202	Intermediate Spoken Chinese I and Intermediate Written Chinese I (must be taken and passed together)	
CHIN203 & CHIN204	Intermediate Spoken Chinese II and Intermediate Written Chinese II (must be taken together and passed together)	
CHIN301	Advanced Chinese I	

CHIN302	Advanced Chinese II
CHIN305	Life in China through TV Plays I
CHIN306	Life in China through TV Plays II
CHIN401	Readings in Modern Chinese I
CHIN402	Readings in Modern Chinese II
CHIN415	Readings in Current Newspapers and Periodicals

Literature

Select 3 credits of Chinese Literature electives at 3xx level or above:		3
CHIN313	Chinese Poetry and Prose in Translation	
CHIN315	Modern Chinese Literature in Translation	
CHIN388	Topics in Chinese Literature in Translation	
CHIN418	Special Topics in Contemporary Chinese Fiction and Film	
CHIN441	Traditional Chinese Fiction	
CHIN443		

Linguistics

CHIN307	Linguistic Landscape of China	3
Select 3 credits of Chinese Linguistics at 3xx level or above:		3
CHIN422		
CHIN428	Selected Topics in Chinese Linguistics	
EALL300	The Languages of East Asia	

History/Civilization

Select 6 credits of Chinese history/civilization offered by other departments. Courses accepted include, but are not limited to:		6
HIST284	East Asian Civilization I	
HIST285	East Asian Civilization II	
HIST481	A History of Modern China	

Electives

Select 6 credits of electives at 3xx level or above, subject to the advisor's approval ²		6
CHIN331	Chinese Calligraphy: Theory and Practice	
CHIN332	Chinese Culture through Traditional Chinese Arts	
CHIN369	Special Topics in Study Abroad III	
CHIN408	Selected Readings in Classical Chinese	
CHIN429	Selected Topics in Chinese Studies	

Total Credits **39**

¹ Students placing into the program at higher levels should reach at least the level of CHIN302 or CHIN306 but may substitute non-language courses on China-related subjects for some of these 18 credits. (The final decision on what substitute courses may be used for the major rests with the Chinese Program and Chinese Advisor.)

² In addition to all the specific courses listed under "Non-language Requirements" above, language courses and independent study may also be used toward this requirement.

"Special Topics" and "Colloquium" courses (those with variable numbers, ending in 8 or 9 and followed by a letter) may be acceptable depending on the actual title and content of the course at the time it is offered. The final determination is in the hands of the Chinese Program and the Chinese advisor.

Students must earn a grade of "C-" or higher in each course applied toward a major or minor in the School of Languages, Literatures, and

Cultures. Additionally, an overall GPA of 2.0 in a major or minor is required for graduation.

GRADUATION PLANS

Click here (<https://www.arhu.umd.edu/academics/advising/academic-plans/>) for roadmaps for graduation plans in the College of Arts and Humanities.

Additional information on developing a graduation plan can be found on the following pages:

- <http://4yearplans.umd.edu>
- the Student Academic Success-Degree Completion Policy (<https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/registration-academic-requirements-regulations/academic-advising/#success>) section of this catalog

OPPORTUNITIES

Study Abroad

For information on study abroad programs see the program advisor and/or the Education Abroad website <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/>.