CHINESE, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

The Major Program

The department offers a core language program in Chinese, and courses in literature and culture. The core language program has two tracks: one for students who have no Chinese-language background whatsoever and one for students with prior background.

The Program

Practical language skills are taught using contemporary methods and materials, so that upon entering the upper division a student will have attained substantial fluency in the spoken language (listening and speaking) and the written language (reading and writing). Upper division courses balance the need to further develop language skills with the need to understand and appreciate the richness and diversity of Chinese culture. All students are encouraged to combine their study of language and literature with courses in related fields, and to study abroad through the Global Learning Hub (https://globallearning.ucdavis.edu/) or through internships in China or Taiwan.

Career Opportunities

UC Davis graduates have learned that a major in Chinese is a meaningful, earned distinction that facilitates entrance to graduate programs and professional schools. In addition, job opportunities abound in virtually all career paths, especially for graduates who have completed study abroad.

Honors Program

To be eligible to receive high or highest honors in the Chinese major, students must complete a senior thesis project. A student interested in pursuing a senior thesis project must enroll in CHN 194H and complete a scholarly paper or similar research project under the direction of a senate faculty member. The thesis project will have a minimum duration of two quarters and carry a minimum of 6 units of credit. Up to 4 CHN 194H units earned can be counted toward the major requirements. To qualify to undertake the senior thesis project, a student must have completed at least 135 units with a minimum GPA of 3.500 in courses counted toward the major. Interested students should consult with faculty in their field of interest by the quarter before they hope to commence work on the project (in most cases this will be the Spring Quarter of their junior year). Students who complete the senior thesis project and have an overall GPA of 3.500 or higher may be recommended by the faculty for honors, high honors, or highest honors at graduation.

Education Abroad Program

The university maintains study abroad programs in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. They offer excellent opportunities for students to polish their language skills and experience Asian cultures firsthand. Students are encouraged to participate. Appropriate courses taken abroad can be applied toward the major or the minor. For details, see the department’s undergraduate advisor or the Global Learning Hub (https://globallearning.ucdavis.edu/).

Related Courses


Prerequisite Credit

No student may repeat a course if that course is a prerequisite for a course that has already been completed with a grade of C– or better.

Placement

Chinese CHN 001 is intended for beginning students with no prior knowledge of the Chinese language. Students who do have some knowledge but wish to improve their skills should meet with an advisor to discuss appropriate placement. Students must follow departmental guidelines for placement in all language courses and instructor approval is required for enrollment.

Backtracking

Satisfactory completion of a language course is evidence that a student’s language skills are beyond the level of those expected in its prerequisite courses. Accordingly, students who have completed a language course cannot go back and take its prerequisites. If the prerequisite courses are required for the major, students may substitute other courses. Students who are not sure how this requirement applies to them should speak to the undergraduate advisor.

Waived Language Courses

Students with exceptional language ability may waive required language courses. If lower division courses have been waived, students will not have to take courses in their place. If upper division courses have been waived, students can use other appropriate courses to earn the units they need to complete the major. Consult the undergraduate advisor regarding the selection of appropriate courses.

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Recommended, but not required:

- CHN 009: Introduction to Chinese Language & Culture
- CHN 010: Modern Chinese Literature (in English)
- CHN 011: Great Books of China (in English)
- CHN/JPN 050: Introduction to the Literature of China & Japan
- COM 014: Introduction to Poetry
- JPN 010: Masterworks of Japanese Literature (in English)
LIN 001  Introduction to Linguistics
or LIN 001Y  Introduction to Linguistics
HIS 009A  History of East Asian Civilization

Preparatory Subject Matter Subtotal  0-30

Depth Subject Matter
Grading. Students may take up to two and no more than two (regular, letter-graded) courses for the major on a P/NP basis. Courses which are only offered on a P/NP basis do not count toward these limits.

Required Courses

CHN 106  Chinese Poetry (in English)  4
CHN 107  Traditional Chinese Fiction (in English)  4
CHN 114  Introduction to Classical Chinese  4
CHN 160  The Chinese Language  4
Choose one:  4

CHN 101  Chinese Film
CHN 103  Modern Chinese Drama
CHN 104  Modern Chinese Fiction (in English)
CHN 109G  Topics in Chinese Literature: The Literature of 20th-Century Taiwan (in English)

Choose CHN 111A, or CHN 111, CHN 112, & CHN 113:  12

CHN 111A  Intensive Third-Year Chinese
or CHN 111  Modern Chinese: Reading & Discussion
& CHN 112  and Modern Chinese: Reading & Discussion
& CHN 113  and Modern Chinese: Reading & Discussion

Note: With prior approval of the undergraduate advisor, students already proficient in Chinese at any third-year level must take other upper division CHN courses to replace language course(s).

Choose two; at least 8 units:  8

CHN 100A/ RST 175A  Daoist Traditions
CHN 100B  Confucian Traditions
CHN 101  Chinese Film
CHN 103  Modern Chinese Drama
CHN 104  Modern Chinese Fiction (in English)
CHN 105  Western Influences on 20th-Century Chinese Literature (in English)
CHN/JPN 108  Poetry of China & Japan (in English)
CHN 109A  Topics in Chinese Literature: Crime & Punishment
CHN 109C  Topics in Chinese Literature: Women Writers (in English)
CHN 109D  Topics in Chinese Literature: The Knight-Errant (in English)
CHN 109E  Topics in Chinese Literature: The City in Fiction (in English)
CHN 109G  Topics in Chinese Literature: The Literature of 20th-Century Taiwan (in English)
CHN 109H  Topics in Chinese Literature: Popular Literature (in English)
CHN 109I  Topics in Chinese Literature: Scholar & The Courtesan (in English)
CHN 110  Great Writers of China: Texts & Context (in English)
CHN 115  Introduction to Classical Chinese II

CHN 116  Introduction to Classical Chinese III
CHN 120  Advanced Chinese (Can be repeated when content differs.)
CHN 130  Readings in Traditional Chinese Fiction (Can be repeated when content differs.)
CHN 131  Readings in Traditional Chinese Poetry
CHN 132  Readings in Modern Chinese Poetry
CHN 133  Readings in Modern Chinese Prose & Drama (Can be repeated when content differs.)

CHN 134  Chinese Film in Chinese Language
CHN 140  Readings in Classical Chinese (Can be repeated when content differs.)

CHN 150  Fifth-Year Chinese: Selected Topics in Chinese Language, Literature, & Culture (Can be repeated when content differs.)

Up to four (4) units from:

CHN 194H  Senior Thesis Honors Project
CHN 198  Directed Group Study
& CHN 199  and Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates
or CHN 199  Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates

OR
From outside the department.

Recommended substitutions from outside the department:

JPN-Any upper division Japaneses course (https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/courses-subject-code/jpn/) 3

AHI 163A  Early Chinese Art
AHI 163B  Chinese Painting
ANT 148A  Culture & Political Economy in Contemporary China
COM 112  Japanese Cinema
ECN 171  Economy of East Asia
HIS 191A  Classical China
HIS 191B  High Imperial China
HIS 191C  Late Imperial China
HIS 191D  19th-Century China: The Empire Confronts the West
HIS 191E  The Chinese Revolution
HIS 191F  History of the People's Republic of China
HIS 191G  Special Topics in Chinese History to 1800
HIS 191H  Special Topics in Chinese History after 1800
HIS 191J  Sex & Society in Modern Chinese History
POL 148A  Government & Politics of East Asia: China
POL 148B  Government & Politics in East Asia: Japan
RST 170  (Discontinued)
RST 172  Ch'an (Zen) Buddhism
SOC 188  Markets, Culture & Inequality in China

OR
Other advanced literature and culture courses selected in consultation with the undergraduate advisor.

Depth Subject Matter Subtotal  40

Total Units  40-70
1 CHN 111A content is equivalent to CHN 111, CHN 112, CHN 113.

2 CHN 111-CHN 112-CHN 113

3 Excluding JPN 192, JPN 194H, JPN 197T, JPN 198, JPN 199.