Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Chinese Concentration

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The Department of Asian Studies offers five major concentrations, nine minors, and instruction in Asian and Middle Eastern languages. Students pursuing the B.A. degree in Asian Studies can complete the interdisciplinary major in Asian Studies, or concentrate in Arab Cultures, Chinese, Japanese, or South Asian Studies.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration)
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Minors

- Arabic Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor)
- Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor)
- Chinese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/modern-hebrew-minor)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor)
- Japanese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor)
- Korean Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor)
- Persian Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Asian studies program, students should be able to:

- Identify significant aspects of the target culture, history, and society in interpreting and analyzing literary and other texts and media
- Identify and analyze cultural and historical trends across regional and national boundaries within Asia and the Asian diaspora
- Actively use listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the target language for interpersonal communication and personal and academic enrichment within and beyond the university setting
- Demonstrate awareness of global citizenship and affirm cultural diversity through academic and experiential learning

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must

- attain a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
- take at least half of their major course requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 18 hours of C or better in the major core requirements (some majors require 21 hours).

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

The concentration in Chinese can be pursued along one of two tracks, depending on the student’s initial Chinese language placement. Both tracks require eight courses. Students whose initial language placement is above CHIN 305 or CHIN 313 should consult the department.

- Track A (p. 1) is for students who have completed CHIN 204
- Track B (p. 2) is for students who have completed CHIN 212

Track A

Core Requirements

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<td>CHIN 510</td>
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Culture Courses

CHIN 443 Business Communication in Chinese
CHIN 490 Topics in Chinese Literature and Language
CHIN 525 Ancient Philosophers and Their Modern Reincarnation
CHIN 532 Modernizing the Chinese Language
CHIN 590 Advanced Topics in Chinese Literature and Language
CHIN 631 Writing Chinese (in) America: Advanced Studies of a Foreign Literature from United States Homeland

Two culture courses (chosen from list below) 6

Additional Requirements

Chinese through level 4 4

Total Hours 28

The first three levels of Chinese (CHIN) can count toward the General Education Foundations requirement and have not been included as additional hours for the major.

Culture Courses

ASIA 52 First-Year Seminar: Food in Chinese Culture 3
ASIA 55 First-Year Seminar: Kung-Fu: The Concept of Heroism in Chinese Culture 3
ASIA 65 First-Year Seminar: Philosophy on Bamboo: Rethinking Early Chinese Thought 3
ASIA 453 Global Shangri-La: Tibet in the Modern World 3
ASIA 692H Senior Honors Thesis II 3
ASIA/WGST 56 First-Year Seminar: Writing Women in Modern China H 3
CHIN 150 Introduction to Chinese Civilization 3
CHIN 231 Chinese Literature in Translation through the Tang 3
CHIN 232 Chinese Literature in Translation since the Sung 3
CHIN 242 Chinese Qin Music 3
CHIN 244 Introduction to Modern Chinese Culture through Cinema 3
CHIN 252 Introduction to Chinese Culture through Narrative 3
CHIN 253 Chinese Language and Society 3
CHIN 255 Bandit or Hero: Outlawry in Chinese Literature and Films 3
CHIN 342 The Rise of China: A Global and Multidisciplinary Approach 3
CHIN 346 History as Fiction or Fiction as History? Early Chinese History in Film and Literature 3
CHIN 354 Chinese Culture through Calligraphy 3
CHIN 361 Chinese Traditional Theater 3
CHIN 367 Illustration and the Animation of Text 3
CHIN 463 Narrative Ethics in Modern China 3
CHIN 464 The City in Modern Chinese Literature and Film 3
CHIN 531 The Chinese Zither in Poetry and Painting 3
CHIN 551 Chinese Poetry in Translation 3
CHIN 552 Chinese Prose in Translation 3
CHIN 562 Contemporary Chinese Urban Culture and Arts 3
CHIN 563 Post-Mao Chinese Literature in Translation 3

H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Track B

Core Requirements

CHIN 510 Introduction to Classical Chinese 3 or CHIN 511 Literary Chinese 3
Five courses above CHIN 212, chosen from: 15
CHIN 313 Advanced Written Chinese
CHIN 414 Advanced Reading and Composition
CHIN 440 Advanced Chinese Grammar
CHIN 441 Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting
CHIN 443 Business Communication in Chinese
CHIN 490 Topics in Chinese Literature and Language
CHIN 525 Ancient Philosophers and Their Modern Reincarnation
CHIN 532 Modernizing the Chinese Language
CHIN 590 Advanced Topics in Chinese Literature and Language
CHIN 631 Writing Chinese (in) America: Advanced Studies of a Foreign Literature from United States Homeland

Two culture courses (chosen from list below) 6

Additional Requirements

CHIN 111 and CHIN 212 H 0

Total Hours 24

The first two courses on track B in Chinese (CHIN 111 and CHIN 212) can count toward the General Education Foundations requirement and have not been included as additional hours for the major.

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ASIA 52 First-Year Seminar: Food in Chinese Culture 3
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CHIN 346  History as Fiction or Fiction as History? Early Chinese History in Film and Literature  3
CHIN 354  Chinese Culture through Calligraphy  3
CHIN 356  Chinese Environmental Literature  3
CHIN 361  Chinese Traditional Theater  3
CHIN 367  Illustration and the Animation of Text  3
CHIN 463  Narrative Ethics in Modern China  3
CHIN 464  The City in Modern Chinese Literature and Film  3
CHIN 531  The Chinese Zither in Poetry and Painting  3
CHIN 551  Chinese Poetry in Translation  3
CHIN 552  Chinese Prose in Translation  3
CHIN 562  Contemporary Chinese Urban Culture and Arts  3
CHIN 563  Post-Mao Chinese Literature in Translation  3

H  Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Approved courses taken in UNC–Chapel Hill-sponsored study abroad programs may count in the concentration. No more than one first-year seminar or senior honors thesis course may be included among the two culture courses.

Students majoring in Chinese are also encouraged to take the following courses as electives or to fulfill some of the General Education requirements:

ANTH/ASIA 545  The Politics of Culture in East Asia  3
ANTH/ASIA 574  Chinese World Views  3
ANTH/ASIA 578  Chinese Diaspora in the Asia Pacific  3
ANTH/ASIA 682  Contemporary Chinese Society  3
ASIA/GEOG 265  Eastern Asia  3
ASIA/HIST 133  Introduction to Chinese History  3
ASIA/HIST 134  Modern East Asia  3
ASIA/HIST 282  China in the World  3
ASIA/RELI 183  Asian Religions  3
ASIA/RELI 284  The Buddhist Tradition: East Asia  3

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet core requirements for the concentration.

With the approval of the associate chair of Asian studies, a student may count a course in directed readings (ASIA 496 or CHIN 496) in the concentration in Chinese. To register for ASIA 496 or CHIN 496, a student must obtain the approval of the associate chair and the faculty member who will supervise the project.

Of the eight courses in the concentration in Chinese, at least six must be passed with a grade of C (not C-) or better. No course in the concentration may be declared Pass/Fail.

Special Opportunities in Asian Studies

Honors in Asian Studies

A candidate for honors in Asian studies will write a substantial paper under the guidance of a faculty member. While researching and writing the honors paper, the student will enroll in ASIA 691H and ASIA 692H. ASIA 692H may count as one of the interdisciplinary courses for the major; ASIA 691H will count for elective credit only. In the case of the concentrations in Arab cultures, Chinese, Japanese, and South Asian studies, ASIA 692H may count toward the major in the concentration.

A committee composed of at least two faculty members will examine the candidate. To be accepted as an honors candidate, a student must meet the University’s requirement of a minimum overall grade point average of 3.3, secure the consent of a faculty member in the Asian studies field to act as advisor for the project, and submit a proposal to the associate chair of Asian studies for approval.

Departmental Involvement

The department sponsors a variety of cultural events — lectures, film series, performances, and more — as well as social and informational events where students can get to know each other and faculty members in an informal setting. Faculty members in the department serve as advisors to some of the many Asia-related student organizations on campus, such as the Japan Club, Chinese Conversation Club, Hebrew Table, and more.

Languages across the Curriculum

The department participates in the Languages across the Curriculum (LAC) program, offering a one-credit-hour discussion section that is conducted in Arabic but associated with a variety of courses offered in English, both in Asian studies and in such other departments as history or religious studies. This LAC recitation section offers students the opportunity to use their Arabic language skills in a broader intellectual context.

Additional LAC offerings are being developed in Chinese and Hindi-Urdu.

Libraries

The University has rich collections of books and periodicals on Asia in the relevant Asian languages, as well as in English and other Western languages. Experts in the collection development department for Davis Library are available to help students locate the materials they need. The University also has an outstanding collection of Asian films and other audiovisual materials, housed in the Media Resource Center at House Library.

Speaker Series

The department sponsors an annual speaker series. These events include lectures by prominent artists, scholars, and writers and are often cosponsored by other units on campus.

Study Abroad

UNC–Chapel Hill sponsors several study programs (summer, semester, and yearlong) in China, Egypt, India, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Oman, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. Asian studies majors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to live and study in an Asian setting; UNC-approved study abroad programs also satisfy the experiential education requirement. For further information on these programs and other study abroad opportunities in Asia, contact the UNC Study Abroad Office.

Undergraduate Research

The department actively encourages undergraduate student research. Through classes, advising, and office hours, faculty members guide students toward defining areas of interest, conceptualizing research questions, identifying sources, and writing academic papers. Students may pursue research through independent studies, the senior honors thesis, and study abroad research opportunities such as the Burch...
Fellowship. Asian studies students have received a variety of competitive research support and travel awards, won regional contests for undergraduate papers, published papers in academic journals, and presented their work at such events as the Senior Colloquium in Asian Studies and the campuswide Annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research in the spring.