

CHINESE MINOR

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Chinese, a member of the Sino-Tibetan family of languages, is the most widely spoken language and the language with the longest continuous written history in the world. Modern standard Chinese (Putonghua/Guoyu) is a standardized form of spoken Chinese, based on the Beijing dialect of Mandarin Chinese. One of only six official languages of the United Nations, Chinese is spoken not only in China, Taiwan, and Singapore, but also throughout Southeast Asia, North America, Europe, and elsewhere in the Chinese diaspora. Chinese is also one of the languages considered critical to U.S. national security, according to the State Department. A minor in Chinese offers students the opportunity to combine language skills with their major, building interlinguistic and intercultural competencies for graduate study or jobs in public policy, health, science, technology, business, journalism, law, and education.

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/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Chinese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Japanese Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-japanese-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – Korean Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-korean-concentration/>)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A. – South Asian Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-south-asian-studies-concentration/>)

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/>)
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- 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/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (<http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/>)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

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

The undergraduate minor in Chinese consists of five courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
At least three courses must be language courses beyond CHIN 203, 9-10 chosen from among the following:		
CHIN 204	Intermediate Chinese II	
CHIN 212	Intermediate Written Chinese	
CHIN 305	Advanced Chinese I	
CHIN 306	Advanced Chinese II	
CHIN 313	Advanced Written Chinese	
CHIN 407	Readings in Modern Chinese I	
CHIN 408	Readings in Modern Chinese II	
CHIN 441	Chinese-English Translation and Interpreting	
CHIN 443	Business Communication in Chinese	
CHIN 445	Chinese Tea Culture and Its Changing Landscape	
CHIN 490	Topics in Chinese Literature and Language	
CHIN 510	Introduction to Classical Chinese	
CHIN 521	Chinese History in Chinese	
CHIN 525	Ancient Philosophers and Their Modern Reincarnation	
CHIN 590	Advanced Topics in Chinese Literature and Language	
CHIN 624	Chinese Internet Literature	

CHIN 631	Writing Chinese (in) America: Advanced Studies of a Foreign Literature from United States Homeland	
The other two courses may be chosen from the list above or from among the following:		6
ASIA 52	First-Year Seminar: Food in Chinese Culture ¹	
ASIA 55	First-Year Seminar: Kung-Fu: The Concept of Heroism in Chinese Culture ¹	
ASIA/WGST 56	First-Year Seminar: Writing Women in Modern China ^{1,H}	
ASIA 65	First-Year Seminar: Philosophy on Bamboo: Rethinking Early Chinese Thought ¹	
CHIN 150	Introduction to Chinese Civilization	
CHIN 242	Chinese Qin Music	
CHIN 244	Introduction to Modern Chinese Culture through Cinema	
CHIN 252	Introduction to Chinese Culture through Narrative	
CHIN 253	Chinese Language and Society	
CHIN 255	Bandit or Hero: Outlawry in Chinese Literature and Films	
CHIN 346	History as Fiction or Fiction as History? Early Chinese History in Film and Literature	
CHIN 356	Chinese Environmental Literature	
CHIN 361	Chinese Traditional Theater	
CHIN 367	Illustration and the Animation of Text	
ASIA 453	Global Shangri-La: Tibet in the Modern World	
CHIN 463	Narrative Ethics in Modern China	
CHIN 464	The City in Modern Chinese Literature and Film	
CHIN 545	Chinese Science Fiction	
CHIN 551	Chinese Poetry in Translation	
CHIN 552	Chinese Prose in Translation	
CHIN 562	Contemporary Chinese Urban Culture and Arts	
Total Hours		15-16

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

¹ No more than one first-year seminar may be counted toward the minor.

Approved language courses taken in UNC–Chapel Hill-sponsored study abroad programs may count in the minor. However, study abroad courses may not substitute for culture courses, which must be taken in the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See the program page here (<http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-chinese-concentration/>) for Special Opportunities.