

Interested in This Committee Interdisciplinary Major?

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Why Study Chinese?

China is the world's most dynamic economy, with 6-8% annual growth of GDP. China is one of the world's top destinations for Foreign Direct Investment and is the top trading partner of the United States. China's growing middle class, which will number close to 1 billion by 2030, will dictate the consumer trends of the future.

There are currently around 1.4 billion speakers of Mandarin, which is the official language of the People's Republic of China and of Taiwan.

Mandarin is also one of the six official languages of the United Nations and is spoken by many overseas Chinese people from all around the world. All in all, about one-fifth of the people in the world speak some form of Chinese as their native language.

China has over 5,000 years of history and a uniquely rich and colorful culture. Learning the language is an essential step towards understanding the culture of China.

Chinese is the most commonly spoken language in the world.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

The Chinese Program at UWM works with the School of Education, the Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, and the Center for International Education to provide necessary knowledge, language skills, and cultural understanding for students to succeed in teaching, business, translation, and interpretation.

World Languages Education Major

Students interested in teaching Chinese to school children should explore the World Languages Education major offered through UWM's School of Education.

Chinese Language & Culture Program

Students who are interested in a career outside of teaching the language should consider the Chinese Language and Culture major which is available as an option under the Committee Interdisciplinary Major (CIM) offered by the College of Letters & Science.

Students new to Chinese begin their study of language with Chinese 101. Students who have previously studied Chinese may begin at a more advanced level by taking a placement test. It is possible to receive up to 14 retroactive credits of Chinese if, after placing in a higher-level course, you pass with a grade of B or better. In addition, students are required to take culture-related courses that are taught using the target language.

The Chinese Language and Culture program requires completion of 30 credits, with at least 15 advanced credits (numbered 300 or above) taken in residence at UWM. Of the 30 credits, 18 must be courses conducted in Chinese language.

Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth semester Chinese are required as the core language courses in the program as is a capstone course (FLL 699).

Students must also choose one of the following three credit courses:

Course #	Course Title
Chinese 320	Contemporary Chinese Societies through Film
Chinese 441	Business Chinese

The remaining required credits are chosen from these electives (courses are 3 credits unless otherwise noted):

Course #	Course Title
ArtHist 105	Asian Art and Architecture
ArtHist 386	Art, Ritual, and Ethnicity of China
ArtHist 481	Topics in Chinese Art, 1-3 credits
Chinese 150	Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture
Chinese 160	A Taste of China: Learning Chinese Culture and Society through Cuisine
Chinese 200	Chinese Calligraphy
Chinese 343	Chinese Martial Arts Fiction
Chinese 397	Study Abroad
Chinese 487	Internship in Chinese, 1-3 credits
Chinese 497	Study Abroad
Chinese 699	Independent Reading, 1-3 credits
CompLit/FilmStu/ English 316	World Cinema: "New Chinese Cinema"
Econ 193	First Year Seminar: "Growth and Development in China, Japan, and Korea"
English 316	World Cinema: "Hong Kong Cinema"
Hist 176	East Asian Civilization to 1600
Hist 269	Asian Americans in Historical Perspective
Hist 370	Topics in the History of Religious Thought: Tibetan Buddhism
Hist 376	History of Ancient China: Earliest Times to 220 A.D.
Hist 377	Modern China
Hist 378	Revolution in China
Philos 204	Introduction to Asian Religions
Pol Sci 314	Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy
WGS 500	Advanced Social Science Seminar in Women's and Gender Studies: Gender in Global Asia

Chinese Minor

A minor in Chinese consists of 19 credits. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in language courses including third- through sixth-semester Chinese. Students who test beyond third-semester Chinese as a starting point may discuss the availability of retroactive credits with their advisor. Those students would then take additional elective credits to complete the minor.

Students need to complete 9 upper-level credits in the Chinese subject area and 9 upper-level credits in residence at UWM.

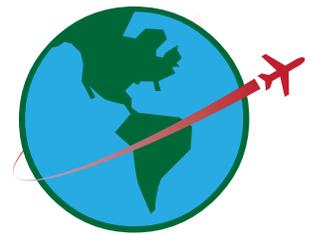
Scholarships and Awards

There are a number of generous scholarship opportunities available to students of Chinese language at UWM. Each year, multiple students receive either the Huayu Enrichment Award from the R.O.C. Ministry of Education or the Sino-American Scholarship from the P.R.C. Ministry of Education. In addition, UWM's Center for International Education has provided funding for academic year and intensive summer language study programs through the Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Undergraduates.

Annually, the best student in the highest level of Chinese is nominated for the WAFLT Excellence in Foreign Language Study Award.

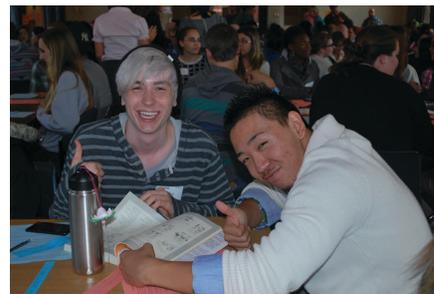
Study Abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad. The Center for International Education helps prepare students to undertake academic year and summer programs at UWM's numerous affiliated institutions across Mainland China and Taiwan. Up to 12 credits will be accepted from study abroad programs for the Chinese program.



Student Resources

Chinese Table brings together groups of students to practice informal conversation in Chinese and discuss various topics related to Chinese society and Culture.



Chinese Club is a student organization open to anyone interested in Chinese language and culture. The Club hosts a number of cultural and social activities throughout the year.

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This sample four-year plan shows just one possible pathway to earning a degree with this submajor in four years. This plan **does not** replace the advice of your advisor, and students are cautioned to meet regularly with their advisor to create a personalized plan that matches their particular circumstances. This plan also follows the degree requirements for students who began their college education in Fall of 2013 or later. If you started college prior to Fall of 2013, your degree requirements may be different.

Degree Requirements (brief summary):

1. English Proficiency and UWM Oral and Written Communication (OWC) GER - English 102 (fulfills Part A) and one OWC-Part B course.
2. Math Proficiency, UWM Quantitative Literacy (QL) GER, and Formal Reasoning – two courses can satisfy all three requirements. Some courses have prerequisites, however, so a student may end up taking more than two total classes depending on his/her placement test scores. Students will usually take Math 103, 105, or 108 AND three credits in either a 200-level or above math course, Philosophy 211, or an approved Letters & Science statistics course.
3. Foreign Language – 4 semesters of a single Foreign Language (or 3 semesters of one language and 2 semesters of another language) (May be satisfied through 4 years of a single Foreign Language in high school.)
4. L&S Humanities – 12 credits
5. L&S Social Sciences – 12 credits
6. L&S Natural Science – 12 credits including one laboratory
7. L&S International – 9 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with Humanities and/or Social Science courses
8. UWM Arts GER – 3 credits
9. UWM Cultural Diversity GER – 3 credits usually accomplished in conjunction with a Humanities or Social Science course
10. 120 credits including 90 credits in L&S and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses
11. Complete the Chinese major requirements:
 - 30 credits with at least 15 at the 300-level or above completed at UWM
 - All of Chinese 301, 302, 401, 402
 - One of Chinese 320, 330, or 441
 - FLL 699
 - 12 credits electives chosen from an approved list

Sample Four Year Plan:

There are hundreds of courses that satisfy various requirements and courses can count towards more than one requirement. For example, Chinese 320 counts towards the submajor and towards the international requirement. (This sample assumes no high school Foreign Language was taken and that the student placed into college-level math and English.)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	English 101	English 102 (OWC-A)
	Math 103 or 105	L&S Humanities
	Chinese 101	Chinese 102
	L&S Humanities	QL-B course
Year 2	L&S Social Science/Cultural Diversity	Formal Reasoning
	Chinese 201	Chinese 202
	OWC-B course	L&S Social Science
	L&S Natural Science	L&S Natural Science
	Arts GER	Elective
Year 3	L&S Humanities	L&S Humanities
	L&S Natural Science with lab	Chinese elective
	Chinese 301	Chinese 302
	Chinese 320 or 330 or 441	L&S upper-level
	Chinese elective	L&S Social Science
Year 4	Chinese 401	Chinese 402
	Upper-level Chinese elective	Upper-level Chinese elective
	L&S upper-level	FLL 699
	L&S upper-level	L&S upper-level
	L&S Social Science	L&S Natural Science