Duluth Campus

Chinese Area Studies B.A.

World Languages & Cultures

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 27 to 43
- This program requires summer terms.
- Study abroad or internship is required.
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

This program prepares students to thrive as globally aware and cross-culturally competent citizens through a critical understanding of Chinese cultures. Students develop functional Mandarin language communication skills. Topics studied pertain to Chinese literature, history, politics, and art. This major addresses the role of China within larger global contexts. A major in Chinese Area Studies prepares graduates to apply their language skills, cultural knowledge, and global awareness to a wide variety of career choices (government, international relations, foreign service, immigration services, tourism, and entrepreneurship).

Study abroad or internship (CHIN 3097) is required for this major.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Introductory Requirement (1 cr)

Transfer students with 24 or more credits and current UMD students who change colleges to CLA are exempt from this requirement.
New first-year students with 24 or more PSEO credits may request to be waived from this requirement.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1) A second field of study (either a minor or another major).
2) Study abroad or an internship (CHIN 3097) is required for this major.

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Required Language Core (0-16 cr)

Students with previous language study may be exempt from some core requirements and should consult the department about placement. Students who fulfill the study abroad requirement with CHIN 1399 will be exempt from CHIN 1202 by request.

CHIN 1101 - Beginning Chinese I: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
CHIN 1102 - Beginning Chinese II: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
CHIN 1201 - Intermediate Chinese I: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)
CHIN 1202 - Intermediate Chinese II: Mandarin Chinese [LE CAT3, LEIP CAT03, COMM & LAN] (4.0 cr)

Required Culture Core (4 cr)

CHIN 3042 - Aspects of Chinese Cultures: Interface between Traditions and Contemporary Values [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)

Required Study Abroad or Internship (3 cr)

CHIN 1399 is strongly recommended and is only offered periodically in the summer. Students participate in Mandarin courses from beginning level to advanced level depending on student proficiency; consists of 90 in-class hours. Students learn Chinese culture in formal academic settings as well as in on-site authentic historical and contemporary environments. Students may participate in other programs, as long as approved by a department advisor.

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- CHIN 1399 - Language and Culture in China - Study Abroad [GLOBAL PER] (6.0 cr)
- CHIN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- INTB 4201 - Chinese Business and Economy [GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)

Required Electives (16 cr)

Most CHIN 3xxx-4xxx courses apply here.

Take 16 or more credit(s) from the following:

- ANTH 3888 - Anthropology of Food [SUSTAIN] (3.0 cr)
- ANTH 4616 - Culture and Personality (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 1305 - History of World Art III [HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- CHIN 3097 - Internship (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- CHIN 3591 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- CHIN 4591 - Independent Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
- COMM 3535 - Intercultural Communication [LE CAT6, LEIP CAT06, CDIVERSITY] (4.0 cr)
- COMM 4210 - Theories of Intercultural Communication (3.0 cr)
- CUE 3001 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship I (3.0 cr)
- CUE 3002 - Foundations of Cultural Entrepreneurship II (3.0 cr)
- CUE 4002 - Managing Cultural Organizations (3.0 cr)
- ENGL 1582 - Introduction to World Literatures [LE CAT, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2405 - History of Chinese Culture (4.0 cr)
- HIST 2410 - Modern China, Japan, Koreas, Vietnam and East Asia (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3463 - History of Modern China (4.0 cr)
- HIST 3465 - Twentieth Century China Politics (4.0 cr)
- LING 1811 - Introduction to Linguistics [LE CAT2, LOGIC & QR] (3.0 cr)
- LING 2101 - Phonetics and Phonology [NAT SCI] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 1001 - Introduction to Philosophy [LE CAT7, HUMANITIES] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 1007 - Philosophy and World Religions [LE CAT7, LEIP CAT07, HUMANITIES, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 2011 - Philosophy of Language [LE CAT3, SOC SCI] (3.0 cr)
- PHIL 3421 - Eastern Philosophy (4.0 cr)
- POL 3518 - Transitional Politics of Asia (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing Requirement (3 cr)

Recommended: WRIT 3100 - Advanced Writing: Language and Literature
WRIT 31xx - Adv Writing (3 cr)

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