

CHINESE STUDIES MAJOR

Overview

Chinese studies is dedicated to the study of China both as a vital part of the world today and one of the longest continuing civilizations of human history. To study China is to be exposed to a world of difference evidenced in language, literature, art, philosophy, religion, and history, as well as social, political, and economic structures. In intellectual terms, these differences challenge students' assumptions about themselves and the world they are living in and fruitfully lead to greater self-awareness and appreciation of the richness of human traditions and conditions. In practical terms, China's unprecedented economic development and the critical role that it has come to play in the world today suggests the timely importance of Chinese studies.

The Chinese studies major has a dual focus on language and cultural studies. It provides students solid training in reading and speaking knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. An interdisciplinary major, it also introduces students to a broad range of Chinese cultural issues and critical phenomena through multiple disciplines. Students will take courses in both Chinese and English. Students will complete the major with not only a firm competence in Mandarin Chinese but also a deep familiarity of China's literary, philosophical, religious, political, and social traditions and their transformations in modernity. The major will help to prepare students to begin a professional career with a China component or start their graduate studies.

CIP Code

05.0123 - Chinese Studies.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.

Requirements

The major in Chinese studies requires 10 courses.

Coursework falls into two categories: (1) cultural study from offerings within the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and other departments at Fordham, as well as (2) Mandarin Chinese language study (courses with the subject code MAND).

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MAND 2500	Approaches to Literature	4
MLAL 3047	Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism: Chinese Thought and Literature	4
or MAND/ MLAL 3031	Chinese Cultural Concepts	
MLAL 4998	Chinese Studies Senior Research Paper ¹	4
Electives		
Choose seven electives from the below list.		Varies

¹ MLAL 4998 Chinese Studies Senior Research Paper is a supervised independent study (not a traditional course), culminating in an original

research paper, written in English, in an area of Chinese studies. All majors are required to write a thesis under the direction of an adviser.

Chinese Studies Electives

Courses in this group have the CNST attribute (courses with the subject code MAND are taught in Mandarin Chinese).

Course	Title	Credits
AAST 3929	History of Chinese in the Americas	3
ARHI 2211	The Arts and Visual Culture of China and Beyond	4
COLI 3006	Trauma Theory	4
HIST 1450	Understanding Historical Change: South Asian History	3
HIST 1550	Understanding Historical Change: Modern East Asia	3
HIST 3538	The Good Earth?	4
HIST 3915	Contemporary China	4
HIST 3919	Christianity in China	4
HIST 3922	East Asian Cities	4
HIST 3929	History of Chinese in the Americas	3
LING 2075	Politics of Language in China	4
MAND 1501	Intermediate Mandarin I	3
MAND 1502	Intermediate Mandarin II	3
MAND 2001	Mandarin Language and Literature	3
MAND 2500	Approaches to Literature	4
MAND 2601	Mandarin Conversation and Composition	4
MAND 3002	Topics in Chinese Culture	4
MAND 3015	Learning Mandarin Chinese Through Music and Songs	4
MAND 3020	Learn Chinese Through Film	4
MAND 3025	Reading Chinese Short Stories	4
MAND 3031	Chinese Cultural Concepts	4
MAND 3032	Chinese Political Thought	4
MAND 3035	Confucius and the Analects	4
MAND 3040	Topics in Mandarin Chinese Literature	4
MAND 3050	China in the Headlines: An Advanced Newspaper Reading Course in Mandarin Chinese	4
MAND 3055	China and Globalization	4
MAND 3060	Contemporary Chinese Politics	4
MLAL 3030	Masterpieces of Chinese Film: Theory and Texts	4
MLAL 3031	Chinese Cultural Concepts	4
MLAL 3043	Aesthetics and Politics: Modern Chinese Literature	4
MLAL 3046	Democracy and Democratization in China	4
MLAL 3047	Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism: Chinese Thought and Literature	4
MLAL 3048	Political Thought in Modern Asia	4
MLAL 3049	Modern Chinese Political Thought	4
MLAL 3075	Gender and China	4
MLAL 3110	Anti-Racist Pedagogy	4
PHIL 3756	Chinese Philosophy	4

PHIL 3759	Buddhist Philosophy	4
PHIL 3770	Daoist and Zen Philosophy	4
POSC 3631	China and Russia in Comparative Perspective	4
POSC 3632	China and U.S. in Global Era	4
POSC 3634	The Great Law of China	4
POSC 3636	China and the Global Economy	4
POSC 4022	Seminar: China in Global Affairs	4
THEO 3723	Tibetan Religion: Visionary Experience	3
THEO 3724	Classic Buddhist Texts	3
THEO 3733	Chinese Religions	3

Policies

Study Abroad

All majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad. A maximum of four courses taken abroad for one semester and a maximum of five courses taken abroad for one year may apply toward the major.

Students who opt to apply study abroad credits toward their major must have these courses approved by their faculty adviser prior to going abroad.

Double-Counting

Upon approval from their major advisers, students may double count two courses towards the major in Chinese studies and another major or minor.

AP/IB Credit

All courses counting towards the core language requirement and the major or the minor in a modern foreign language, literature and culture must be taken for credit and a letter grade. When AP or IB credits are awarded as equivalent to the 1502 level in a language, these credits will be applied toward the core language requirement and, as elective credits, toward graduation, but they will not be applied toward the major or the minor in that language.

Availability

The major in Chinese studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in Chinese studies only if they receive the approval of their advising dean and/or department, and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.