

CHINESE STUDIES MINOR

School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (SLLC)

<http://sllc.umd.edu/chinese/>

Program Director: Minglang Zhou, Ph.D.

The 17-credit minor in Chinese Studies will provide students with Intermediate-Low-level Chinese linguistic competence and a solid understanding of linguistic and cultural diversity in China. Students adding this minor will need a strong background in Chinese at the level of CHIN 121 and 122, which are prerequisites for the required language sequence courses. This minor will be of particular relevance to students with a broad interest in learning the Chinese language, culture, and society. Students interested in taking this minor program should contact the Chinese Undergraduate Advisor in the Chinese Program.

To make an appointment to explore or declare a minor, go to: <http://arhu.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/minors/>.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Linguistic competence: Chinese Studies minors who complete two years of Chinese will be able to interact at the Novice-High/Intermediate-Low level of proficiency.
2. Linguistic diversity: Students will be able to describe linguistic and ethnic diversity in China and the Sinophone world, analyze the power structure in the relationship among languages in China, and reflect on the global impact of China's linguistic and ethnic diversity on Chinese American communities in the United State and beyond.
3. Cultural diversity: Students will be able to demonstrate familiarity with the rich ethnic/racial, religious, and cultural diversity in China and the Sinophone world through close and critical reading skills of Chinese literature and media, and to reflect on or interrogate relationships between life, societies, cultures, gender, identity, race/ethnicity, and/or language and fictional/cinematic representations.

REQUIREMENTS

Course	Title	Credits
Language Sequence Courses ¹		
CHIN206	(Intermediate Chinese I)	4
CHIN207	Intermediate Chinese II (Intermediate Chinese II)	4
Foundation Topics Courses ²		
CHIN307	Linguistic Landscape of China	3
CHIN315	Modern Chinese Literature in Translation	3
CHIN441	Traditional Chinese Fiction	3
Total Credits		17

¹ Students with the appropriate WLP level and the approval of the Chinese Undergraduate Advisor may substitute CHIN207 (4 credits) with one 3-credit upper-level CHIN course and 1 credit of CHIN386 (Experiential learning) or CHIN499 (Directed study in Chinese).

² Students may take other topic courses on China when these three foundation topic courses are not offered and approvals from the Chinese Undergraduate Advisor are obtained.

- Students must receive a "C-" or better in all courses used for the minor. Of the 17 credits, 9 must be 300 or 400-level courses.
- An overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor is required for graduation.

- No more than 6 of the 17 credits toward the minor may be taken at an institution other than UMCP.