China Studies (CNS)

Minor in China Studies
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The China Studies program enables students majoring in other fields to pursue China-related courses relevant to their own interests, while developing knowledge and skills that will advance their educational and career goals. Drawing on the perspectives of complementary disciplines, the program offers an 18-credit minor in China Studies that covers both contemporary and historical issues. Students may also earn academic credit through study abroad opportunities.

Although proficiency in Chinese language is not required for the minor, language study is strongly encouraged and elective requirements for the minor may be completed through advanced language training. Mandarin Chinese is offered at all levels of instruction, with specialized tracks for “heritage-language” learners and “foreign-language” learners.

Students with a minor in China Studies are encouraged to concentrate in one of three thematic tracks: language and thought; literature and culture; history and society. Sample course sequences for suggested tracks are available from the program director. Specific distribution of elective credits is planned in consultation with the director.

Courses in Chinese Language (CHI)
See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.
CHI 111, 112 Elementary Chinese I, II
CHI 210 Elementary Chinese for Chinese Speakers
CHI 211, 212 Intermediate Chinese I, II
CHI 311-J Readings in Journalistic Chinese
CHI 312-J Readings in Classical Chinese
CHI 321-J Chinese Poetry and Short Stories
CHI 322-J Chinese Lyric Prose and Plays
CHI 487 Independent Research

Courses in China Studies (AAS)
See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.
AAS 102-B Eastern Religions
AAS 211-F Asian and Asian American Studies Topics in the Social Sciences
AAS 212-G Asian and Asian American Studies Topics in the Humanities
AAS 219-J Introduction to Chinese History and Civilization
AAS 220-J China: Language and Culture
AAS 221 China: Science & Civilization
AAS 240-J Confucianism & Taoism
AAS 250-K Languages and Cultures of Asian American
AAS 256-J Hinduism
AAS 260-J Buddhism
AAS 280-J Islam
AAS 318-J Arts of China
AAS 339-J Contemporary China: History, Politics, and Diplomacy (Post 1947)
AAS 340-J Topics in Asian History
AAS 341-J 20th Century China
AAS 345-J Women and Gender in Chinese History
AAS 350 Structure of Mandarin Chinese
AAS 352-H Environmental Hist. of China
AAS 370-J Intercultural Communication
AAS 371-J Ancient China: Neolithic Formations to Imperial Unification
AAS 372 Family, Marriage, and Kinship in China
AAS 373-J Ethnicity & Nation in China
AAS 391-G Humanities Topics in Asian and American Studies
AAS 392-F Social Science Topics in Asian and American Studies
AAS 404 Senior Seminar in China Studies
AAS 447 Directed Readings
AAS 488 Internship

For China Studies courses in departments other than AAS, consult the list of elective courses at the end of this entry.

Requirements for the Minor in China Studies (CNS)
At least 12 credits must be taken in courses numbered 300 or higher. No more than 3 credits may be taken under the Pass/No Credit option; all other courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or higher.

Completion of the minor requires 18 credits.

1. One of the following:
   AAS 220 China: Language and Culture
   AAS 221 China: Science & Civilization
   AAS/HIS 219 Introduction to Chinese History and Civilization

2. Elective courses:
   Twelve credits chosen from the list of elective courses below and/or from the list of courses in China Studies (AAS) and courses in Chinese Language (CHI) listed above. At least nine credits must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
3. Three credits from the following:
   AAS 487 Independent Research or
   three credits of AAS 404 Senior Seminar in China Studies.

Elective Courses
ARH 203 History of Asian Art
ARH 318 History of Chinese Painting
CLT 220 Topics in Chinese Literature
CLT 361 Literature and Society
   (when topic is appropriate)
HIS 431 Colloquium in Asian History
   (when topic is appropriate)
HIS 432 Colloquium in Asian History
   (when topic is appropriate)
HUM 201 Film and Television Studies:
   Genres (when topic is appropriate)
PHI 342 History of Chinese Philosophy
PHI 378 Philosophical Topics in Asian-American History
   (appropriate topic)
POL 413 Asian Security and Tech. Issues
RLS 390, 391 Special Topics
   (when topic is appropriate)
THR 313 Asian Theatre and Drama

Thematic Tracks
Students are recommended (but not required) to follow any one of the thematic tracks within China Studies as outlined below.

Language and Linguistics Track
   AAS 220 China: Language and Culture
   CHI 111, 112, 210, 211, 212, 311, 312, 321, 322
   AAS 250: Languages and Cultures of Asian Americans
   AAS 350: Structure of Mandarin Chinese
   AAS 370: Intercultural Communication

Culture and Civilization Track
   HIS 219: Intro Chinese History & Civilization
   (foundation course)
   AAS/RLS 256 Hinduism
   AAS/RLS 260 Buddhism
   AAS/RLS 280 Islam
   AAS/RLS 300 Intellectual History of East Asia
   AAS 318 Arts of China
   HIS 345 Women and Gender in Chinese History
   AAS 371 Ancient China
   AAS 372 Family Marriage and Kinship in China

Science and Contemporary China Track
   AAS 221 China: Science and Civilization
   (foundation course)
   AAS 339 Contemporary China: history politics and diplomacy (post 1949)
   HIS 341 20th Century China
   AAS 352 Environmental History of China
   AAS 379 Ethnicity and Ecology in China

Sample CNS Student Progress Profiles

Language and Linguistics Track
Year 1 Fall:
   AAS 220 China: Language and Culture
   CHI 111/210/211 or AAS 250 Language & Culture of Asian Americans
Year 1 Spring:
   AAS 370 Intercultural Communication
Year 2 Fall:
   CHI 311/321
   AAS 350 Structure of Mandarin Chinese
Year 2 Spring:
   AAS 404 China Studies Seminar

Culture and Civilization Track
Year 1 Fall:
   HIS 219 Intro Chinese History & Civilization
   AAS 300 Intellectual History of East Asia or AAS/RLS 256/260/280
Year 1 Spring:
   AAS 372 Family Marriage and Kinship in China
Year 2 Fall:
   AAS 318 Arts of China
   AAS 371 Ancient China
Year 2 Spring:
   AAS 404 China Studies Seminar

Science and Contemporary China Track
Year 1 Fall:
   AAS 379 Ethnicity and Ecology
   AAS 339 Contemporary China
Year 1 Spring:
   AAS 221 China: Science and Civilization
   HIS 341 20th Century China
Year 2 Spring: