



# Chinese

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College of Arts and Humanities

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## Key Features of a Chinese Major

- Gain fluency in a “critical language,” one in high demand by government, businesses, and cultural institutions
- Study abroad to immerse yourself in the language and culture of the world’s fastest-growing economy and most populous nation

## Career Options and Salaries with a Chinese Major

Knowledge of a foreign language is a valuable and marketable skill. The Chinese major provides the training and cultural background needed for entering East Asia-related careers in fields such as higher education, the arts, business, government, international relations, agriculture, or the media. Knowledge of a “critical language” like Chinese is in demand within a variety of employment situations. Many people with foreign language skills work as interpreters and translators. Others work as “language specialists” in various capacities for the Federal Government. Teaching is also a popular option for students majoring in Chinese especially as the demand for Chinese language skills rises.

The median salary for interpreters and translators as of May 2015 was \$ 44,190 per year. Those classified as “language specialists” for the Federal Government earned an average of \$79,865 annually.

Teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median salary of \$ 54,550, \$55,860, \$57,200 in 2015, respectively.

*Career and salary information taken from Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2015  
ed. <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>*

Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the University Career Center & The President’s Promise: [http://www.careers.umd.edu/CareerLinks/Majorguides\\_arhu/Languages2.pdf](http://www.careers.umd.edu/CareerLinks/Majorguides_arhu/Languages2.pdf)

## Advising

For further information about the Chinese major, you should be sure to look over the department website (<http://slc.umd.edu/chinese/undergraduate>) to learn about the major and its requirements. You should also read the Major Declaration form and, if you already have some knowledge of Chinese, read about the schedule of placement exams.

If you would then like to speak with an advisor, you may easily do so:

- Guling Hu, Undergraduate Advisor
- 4223 Jimenez Hall; (301) 405-0411; [ghu@umd.edu](mailto:ghu@umd.edu)
- E-mail for appointment.

## Declaring a Chinese Major

*Chinese is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*

When you declare your major in Chinese, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) which houses the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (of which Chinese is a part). There are two levels in your process of declaring and later advising: the department (Chinese) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your GEN ED or CORE requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

To declare a major in Chinese:

- 1) You should contact Guling Hu, Undergraduate Advisor for the Department of Chinese. (See “Advising” for her contact information.) They will assist you in completing an academic plan.
- 2) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Test](#) (FLPT must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students’ majors will not be changed until they have an FLPT score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
- 3) You will then submit a “College of Arts & Humanities Change of Major Form.” This is presented to the ARHU Office of Student Affairs, along with your 4-Year Plan, in 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall (301-405-2088). You will either meet with an advisor then or make an appointment for a later meeting. **Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four-Year Plan worksheet.**
- 4) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

Be sure to call the Arts and Humanities Office of Student Affairs at 301-405-2088 at least one day in advance in order to schedule an appointment. The Office of Student Affairs is located in 1102 Francis Scott Key Hall. Their hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## Four-Year Plan (GenEd)

To see the 4-Year Plan: <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/sites/default/files/arhu/undergraduate/pdf/4YP-CHIN-GENED.pdf>

### B.A. in Chinese

First Year:

ENGL 101 (AW) 3	Natural Sciences NS 4
History/Social Sciences HS 3	Analytic Reasoning AR 3
CHIN 101 6	CHIN 102 3
ARHU 158 1	CHIN 103 3
Math (MA) 3-4	Humanities HU 3
16 credits	16-17 credits

Second Year:

Humanities HU 3	Oral Communication OC 3
Elective 1xx-4xx 3	Scholarship in Practice SP #1 3
Elective 1xx-4xx 3	CHIN 207 3
CHIN 201 3	CHIN 203 3
CHIN 202 3	CHIN 204 or 205 3
15 credits	15-16 credits

Third Year:

Natural Science Lab NL 3	History/Social Science HS 3
Elective 1xx-4xx 3	Scholarship in Practice SP #2 3
Elective 3xx-4xx 3	Elective 3xx-4xx 3
CHIN 301 or 305 3	CHIN 302 or 306 3
HIST 480 or 482 or 485 3	CHIN 3xx-4xx 3
15 credits	15 credits

Fourth Year:

Elective 3xx-4xx 3	Elective 3xx-4xx 3
Elective 3xx-4xx 3	Elective 3xx-4xx 3
CHIN Linguistics 3xx-4xx 3	Elective 3xx-4xx 3
CHIN Elective 3xx-4xx 3	CHIN Language 3xx-4xx 3
Professional Writing PW 3	CHIN Elective 3xx-4xx 3
15 credits	15 credits

Total credits for degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx level.

**Total = 122 credits**

## Four-Year Plan (CORE)

To see the 4-Year Plan: <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/sites/default/files/arhu/undergraduate/pdf/AP-CHIN-CORE.pdf>

### B.A. in Chinese

#### First Year:

ENGL 101	3
HA, HI	3
CHIN 101	6
UNIV 100 or 101	1
Elective 1xx-4xx	3
16 credits	

Lab Science (LL,PL)	4
HIST 284 or 285 (SH)	3
CHIN 102	3
CHIN 103	3
Math	3-4
16-17 credits	

#### Second Year:

Non-Lab Science (LS, PS, MS)	3
HL, HA	3
SB	3
CHIN 201	3
CHIN 202	3
15 credits	

Non-Lab Science LS, PS	3-4
HL, HA, or Diversity	3
SB or Diversity	3
CHIN 203	3
CHIN 204 (HO) or 205	3
15-16 credits	

#### Third Year:

Advanced Studies	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3
CHIN 301 or 305	3
HIST 480 or 482 or 485	3
15 credits	

Advanced Studies	3
Professional Writing	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
CHIN 302 or 306	3
CHIN 3xx-4xx	3
15 credits	

#### Fourth Year:

Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3
CHIN Linguistics 3xx-4xx	3
CHIN Elective 3xx-4xx	3
CHIN 3xx-4xx (pending PCC approval)	3
15 credits	

Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3
CHIN Language	3
CHIN Elective 3xx-4xx	3
15 credits	

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## Q & A

***I've heard about a Certificate in East Asian Studies. What is it and how is it different from a regular Chinese major?***

The Undergraduate Certificate in East Asian Studies is designed to expand your knowledge of that region. Through 24 credits of coursework you will learn about the “cultures, histories and contemporary concerns of the peoples of China, Japan, and Korea.” Such knowledge is prized by many employers and graduate schools. Upon successful completion of the curriculum you will receive a notation on your transcript.

For more information contact the Coordinator of the Undergraduate Certificate Program Dr. Michele Mason. You can contact Dr. Mason at [mmmason@umd.edu](mailto:mmmason@umd.edu) (email) or (301) 405-0681 (phone).

***Is there a Chinese minor?***

Yes, you can declare a minor in Chinese Language which requires 15 credit hours of course work. For the Chinese Language minor you must take 12 credits of language courses at the 200-level or higher plus one linguistics-oriented course. For more information regarding these minors, please see the Chinese Program Advisor (see “Advising” above).

***Is it possible to get credit by taking a placement exam?***

The Chinese Department does not offer credit by exam.

***I've had some classes in Chinese, but my skills are a little rusty. How do I know what class to start with?***

You can take a placement exam to determine which class best suits your abilities. The test takes about 90 minutes. Individualized testing is not available – you should find a way to attend one of the scheduled exams (see <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/undergraduate/flpt> for more information about the placement test). For more information on the Chinese language exam please contact the Chinese Program Advisor.