Asian Languages and Civilizations - Master of Arts (MA)

The MA program specialization in Chinese is designed to offer students maximum general exposure to the long sweep of Chinese literary and cultural history, as well as the opportunity to delve into the study of a particular period, field, topic or genre. With six professors covering literature and culture from early China through the medieval era to the early modern period and contemporary China, the program is truly comprehensive in scope. The program focuses especially on preparing students for PhD study and careers in sinology. Since 1991, more than seventy graduates (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/content/graduate-placement-phd-programs) of the Chinese MA program have gone on to doctoral study here or at other first-rank institutions in the U.S.

The MA program specialization in Japanese offers students the opportunity to engage in advanced-level study of Japanese literature and culture, with the aim of preparing students for doctoral study in Japanese literature as well as providing firm foundational knowledge for those seeking Japan-related professional careers. The program is composed of four professors with specializations in the literatures of classical, medieval, early modern, and modern Japan. In recent years graduates of the Japanese MA program have gone on to PhD programs in Japanese literature and Japanese studies at this and numerous other first-rank institutions in the U.S.

For more information, please visit the department website (https://www.colorado.edu/alc).

Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s Degree Program

Students may earn this degree as part of the Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s (BAM) degree program, which allows currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's and master's degree in a shorter period of time.

For more information, see the Accelerated Master's tab for the associated bachelor's degree(s):

- Chinese - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/asian-languages-civilizations/chinese-bachelor-arts-ba/#acceleratedmasterertext)
- Japanese - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/asian-languages-civilizations/japanese-bachelor-arts-ba/#acceleratedmasterertext)

Requirements

The MA in Asian languages and civilizations offers specializations in Chinese or Japanese.

All entering students in the Chinese program must take CHIN 5010 at the earliest opportunity. Students employed as teaching assistants also must take CHIN 5980 or JPNS 5980. Selection of courses beyond these is made in consultation with the director of graduate studies in Chinese or Japanese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising).

Prospective graduates will be required to present at least 30 hours of approved coursework or, in exceptional cases, 24 hours of coursework plus a thesis. The 24 hours must be completed at the 5000-level or above. Up to six credits from other departments may be completed at the 3000- or 4000-level at the discretion of the department.

Specific requirements for the MA specializations in Chinese and in Japanese, as well as a full list and description of graduate courses (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/courses) offered, are available on the department website.

Specialization in Chinese

Typical course sequence for this specialization consists of CHIN 5010, CHIN 5980 and one seminar in the first semester, followed by two seminars each over five subsequent semesters.

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Elective Courses

Choose 27 credits from the following. (Thesis plan students may choose 20 credits from the following.)

- CHIN 5030 Readings in Pre-Modern Chinese Literary Theory
- CHIN 5070 Graduate Academic Writing
- CHIN 5120 History of Chinese Literature through the Ninth Century
- CHIN 5130 History of Chinese Literature from the Tenth to the Nineteenth Century
- CHIN 5210 Ancient Prose
- CHIN 5220 Ancient Poetry
- CHIN 5230 History of Early Chinese Thought
- CHIN 5280 Topics in Ancient Literature
- CHIN 5410 Medieval Prose
- CHIN 5420 Medieval Poetry
- CHIN 5430 Medieval Thought and Religion
- CHIN 5480 Topics in Medieval Literature
- CHIN 5610 Early Modern Prose
- CHIN 5620 Early Modern Poetry
- CHIN 5630 Early Modern Fiction
- CHIN 5680 Topics in Early Modern Literature
- CHIN 5750 Daoism
- CHIN 5810 Modern Literature
- CHIN 5820 Contemporary Literature
- CHIN 5830 History of Chinese Film
- CHIN 5880 Topics in 20th Century Literature
- CHIN 5890 Topics in Chinese Film
- CHIN 5900 Independent Study
- CHIN 6900 Independent Study
- Other appropriate courses approved by faculty advisor

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Specialization in Japanese

Typical course sequence for this specialization consists of JPNS 5310, JPNS 5980 and one seminar in the first semester, followed by two seminars each over five subsequent semesters.

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Elective Courses

Choose 27 credits from the following. (Thesis plan students may choose 20 credits from the following.)

- JPNS 5010 Bibliography and Research Methods
- JPNS 5150 Japanese Literary Translation
- JPNS 5210 Classical Prose Literature
- JPNS 5220 Waka, Renga, and Haiku
- JPNS 5280 Topics in Classical Japanese Literature
- JPNS 5310 Advanced Classical Japanese 1
- JPNS 5320 Advanced Classical Japanese 2
- JPNS 5410 Medieval Prose Literature
- JPNS 5420 Japanese Buddhism and Literature
- JPNS 5480 Topics in Medieval Literature
- JPNS 5610 Japanese Dramatic Literature
- JPNS 5620 Early Modern Japanese Literature and Culture
- JPNS 5810 Modern Japanese Literature
- JPNS 5820 Contemporary Japanese Literature
- JPNS 5830 Readings in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Thought and Culture
- JPNS 5900 Independent Study
- JPNS 5920 Topics in Modern Literature and Culture
- JPNS 6900 Japanese Independent Study
- Other appropriate courses approved by faculty advisor

Thesis

Students pursuing Thesis Plan only

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Dual Degree Programs

Dual MA in Asian Languages and Civilizations and History or Religious Studies

The Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations participates in a dual master’s program with the Departments of History (http://www.colorado.edu/history/graduate-students/ma-programs/dual- ma-programs) and Religious Studies (http://www.colorado.edu/rlst/graduate/ma). Students admitted to the MA programs in these departments may apply to complete a second MA in one of the other programs. Such degrees serve the needs of students who seek a truly interdisciplinary experience among intellectually affiliated departments. Students interested in exploring this option should contact the director of graduate studies in Chinese or Japanese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising) for specific requirements.