

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 four 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 eighty graduates (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/sites/default/files/attached-files/graduate_placement_in_phd_programs.pdf) 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/graduate/admissions/>).

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

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.

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.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
CHIN 5010	Sinological Methods	3
CHIN 5980	Practical Issues in Chinese Language Pedagogy (Only for TAs)	1
Elective Courses		20-27
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		
CHIN 5130	History of Chinese Literature from the Tenth to the Nineteenth Century	
CHIN 5210	Ancient Literature	
CHIN 5220		
CHIN 5230		
CHIN 5280	Topics in Ancient Culture	
CHIN 5410	Medieval Prose	
CHIN 5420		
CHIN 5430		
CHIN 5480	Topics in Medieval Literature	
CHIN 5610	Early Modern Prose	
CHIN 5620		
CHIN 5630	Early Modern Fiction	
CHIN 5680	Topics in Early Modern Culture	
CHIN 5750		
CHIN 5810	Modern Literature	
CHIN 5820	Contemporary Literature	
CHIN 5830	History of Chinese Film	
CHIN 5880	Topics in Modern and Contemporary Culture	
CHIN 5890	Topics in Chinese Film	
CHIN 5900	Independent Study	
CHIN 6900	Independent Study	
Other appropriate courses approved by faculty advisor		
Thesis		

Students pursuing Thesis Plan only		
CHIN 6950	Master's Thesis	6

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.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
JPNS 5310	Advanced Classical Japanese 1 (Only if there is no previous Classical Japanese training)	3
JPNS 5980	Practical Issues in Japanese Language Pedagogy (Only for TAs)	1
Elective Courses		20-27

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	
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		
JPNS 6950	Japanese Master's Thesis	6

Learning Outcomes

By the completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Read literary and historical texts in classical Chinese/classical Japanese.
- Demonstrate familiarity with core theoretical frameworks and research methodologies utilized within the discipline.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the canon of Chinese/Japanese literature.
- Demonstrate the ability to synthesize arguments through academic writing.

- Effectively communicate and present research to academic and public audiences in both written and oral form according to the scholarly conventions of our field.

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 (<https://www.colorado.edu/history/graduate-studies/dual-ma/>) and Religious Studies (<http://www.colorado.edu/rilst/graduate/dual-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 for specific requirements.