CHINESE - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The undergraduate degree in Chinese emphasizes knowledge and awareness of:

- Chinese literary history, focusing on selected canonical or widely recognized works.
- The historical and cultural contexts in which particular works were written.
- Critical approaches to the study of Chinese language and civilization.
- The challenges, deficiencies and possible gains inherent in the process of translating from one language to another.

In addition, students completing the degree in Chinese are expected to acquire the ability and skills to:

- Read modern Chinese at a level at which critical literary analysis can be performed.
- Read classical Chinese, with the aid of appropriate reference works, at the level at which the text may begin to be appreciated for its literary value.
- Speak and comprehend Mandarin sufficient for all situations in daily life and for a basic level of academic conversation.
- Analyze and interpret literary texts in terms of style, structure, character, themes and use of allusion.
- Communicate such interpretations competently in standard written English.

With a Chinese major, students will have skills, information and concepts that are relevant to careers in virtually every area. Competency in a foreign language is a highly desirable skill in all fields. A knowledge of Chinese is particularly beneficial and useful in business, engineering, industry, commerce, the civil or foreign service, law, library science, natural and social sciences, the media, economics, public administration, journalism, government and teaching at all levels. In addition, China is an increasing source of a wide variety of excellent careers, as it is among the world’s largest economies (http://databank.worldbank.org/data/download/GDP.pdf) and trading partners with the U.S. and Colorado.

Students are encouraged to consider combining their Chinese language training with courses in these or other fields. Additional career opportunities can be found on the Career Services website (http://www.colorado.edu/career/).

Requirements

Students must complete the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences and the required courses listed below. CHIN 1010, CHIN 1020 and CHIN 2110 do not count toward the maximum of 45 credit hours in the major department.

The major program for the BA degree in Chinese requires successful completion of 30 credits, of which at least 18 credits must be at the upper-division level.

All required major courses must be passed with a C- or better and cannot be taken pass/fail. Students must have a grade point average of at least 2.000 in the major in order to graduate, and no more than 45 credits in CHIN courses may be applied to overall graduation requirements.

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The remaining 12 credit hours (at least 5 of which must be upper-division) may be chosen from the courses listed below; 3 of these credit hours may be satisfied by courses focusing wholly or substantially on China offered in other departments, subject to approval by the Chinese undergraduate faculty advisor.

- CHIN 1012: Introduction to Chinese Civilization
- CHIN 1051: Masterpieces of Chinese Literature in Translation
- CHIN 2441: Film and the Dynamics of Chinese Culture
- CHIN 3200: Adv Wrtg Topics on Chinese & Japanese Literature and Civilization
- CHIN 3311: The Dao and the World in Medieval China
- CHIN 3321: Political Thought in Ancient China
- CHIN 3331: Culture and Literature of Late Imperial China
- CHIN 3334: Chinese Narrative Tradition
- CHIN 3341: Literature and Popular Culture in Modern China
- CHIN 3342: Sinophone Literature in the Contemporary World
- CHIN 3351: Reality and Dream in Traditional Chinese Literature
- CHIN 3361: Women and the Supernatural in Chinese Literature
- CHIN 3371: Topics in Chinese Film (taught in English)
- CHIN 4110: Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese 1
- CHIN 4120: Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese 2
- CHIN 4220: Readings in Classical Chinese
- CHIN 4300: Open Topics: Readings in Chinese Literature
- CHIN 4750: Daoism
- CHIN 4900: Independent Study
- CHIN 4950: Honors Thesis

Total Credit Hours: 30

1 Transfer credit for these courses, whether from universities in this country or abroad, will be considered only in exceptional cases; normally, no credit toward the major will be given for these courses unless taken in residence.
Fulfills both a major elective requirement and a component of the Gen Ed Skills Requirement.

**Graduating in Four Years**
Consult the Four-Year Guarantee Requirements for information on eligibility. The concept of “adequate progress” as it is used here only refers to maintaining eligibility for the four-year guarantee; it is not a requirement for the major. To maintain adequate progress in Chinese, students should meet the following requirements:

- Declare the major by the first semester of sophomore year.
- Students wishing to major in Chinese and who have no prior knowledge of the language should begin the required major courses no later than the sophomore year.
- Students must consult with the department's undergraduate academic advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising/) to determine adequate progress toward completion of the major.

**Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study**
Through the required coursework for the major, students will fulfill all 12 credits of the Arts & Humanities area of the Gen Ed Distribution Requirement. Average 30 credits per year. Credits may vary due to 5 credit language courses. Expect to take 14-17 credits per term. Keep the first year schedule closer to 14. Not all courses will be taught in the semester listed below. Be flexible with course options and speak with your advisor for specific recommendations.

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**Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s Degree Program(s)**
The Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s (BAM) degree program options offer currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor’s and master’s degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor’s degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates (typically in their senior
Because some courses are allowed to double count for both the bachelor's and the master's degrees, students receive a master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master's degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a bachelor's–accelerated master's program enables students to continue working with their established faculty mentors.

**BA in Chinese, MA in Asian Languages and Civilizations**

The Bachelor's-Accelerated Master's (BAM) degree program in Chinese recognizes the need for master's-level training upon entering the job market in a variety of sectors that call for highly advanced proficiency in the Chinese language, knowledge of the culture of China and its literature and the skills acquired by BA and MA graduates in the humanities: research, analysis, interpretation, translation and communication. This degree offers a challenging and focused academic experience for exceptional students (particularly those who enter the university with significant preparation in Chinese studies from high school or with other backgrounds, or those who participate in study abroad opportunities at CU) who demonstrate the ability to express their ideas clearly, both orally and in written form, using standard English.

**Admissions Requirements**

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Current CU Boulder Undergraduate Student
- Completion of all MAPS deficiencies
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for all courses taken at CU Boulder
- Transfer students must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at CU Boulder

Students must submit the following materials by September 1 of their junior year (or, in exceptional circumstances, during the student's senior year) to the director of graduate studies in Chinese (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/advising/). Applications will be reviewed by the Chinese graduate faculty. Students interested in applying for this option must consult with the department's undergraduate academic advisor (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/undergraduate/advising/) early in their career at CU to establish their program of study.

- Intent application
- Statement of purpose
- Writing sample
- Three letters of recommendation (at least one from a full-time member of the Chinese faculty)

**Program Requirements**

Students are required to fulfill separately all requirements for the BA in Chinese and MA in Chinese, with the following exception that can satisfy requirements for both the BA and the MA:

- CHIN 4220 Readings in Classical Chinese (3 credits)
- CHIN 5010 Sinological Methods (3 credits)

Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor's degree, and apply to continue with the master's degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.

Additional information about the BAM requirements and curriculum (https://www.colorado.edu/alc/graduate/chinese/) can be found on the department website.