



# Washington University in St. Louis

## ARTS & SCIENCES

### **Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures**

The Undergraduate Major or Minor

in

### **Chinese Language and Literature**

#### ***About the Chinese Program at Washington University:***

The Chinese program enables undergraduate majors to attain a high level of proficiency in Chinese in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, a solid foundation in cultural and literary knowledge about greater China, and the cultural skills needed to communicate effectively in a Chinese environment. In addition to the on-campus sequence of language courses, we encourage students to participate in summer, semester, or academic year programs in China (especially the Washington University program held in conjunction with the Duke University Study in China Program) and to enroll in courses within and beyond the Department to enhance their cultural knowledge. Students who graduate with a major in Chinese language and literature should expect to have achieved a high level of linguistic competency, a general knowledge of China's civilization historically and its cultures today, and a familiarity with the landmarks of Chinese literature.

#### ***The Major:***

Please keep in mind that because of the intensive study necessary to gain mastery of the language, this major will necessarily entail taking a greater number of units than will be formally applied to your major. Students wishing to major in Chinese must complete a certain number of prerequisite lower-level courses, a minimum of **27 units** of upper-level (300-level or above) courses, no more than **12 units** of which may be in languages. In additions, all majors -- with the exception of students who are writing an ANELL honors thesis or, students who are double majors and are taking a capstone course or writing a thesis -- are required to take the ANELL Senior Seminar 400 which is the ANELL capstone course,.

#### ***Lower-level courses:***

*Language:* Chinese 101 and Chinese 102 (First-level Chinese) or Chinese 106 and Chinese 107 (Beginning Chinese for Heritage Speakers); Chinese 211 and Chinese 212 (Second-level Chinese). Students with previous language training may test out of these courses by taking the placement exam or providing academic proof of previous coursework.

*Literature and Culture:* Chinese 227 *Chinese Civilization* (Another foundational course may be substituted, but only with the permission of the major advisor and the Section Head.)

### **Upper-level courses:**

*Language:* Majors must successfully complete the following:

- Chinese 427 and Chinese 428 (Fourth-level Chinese) or above
- A minimum of 3 units of Literary Chinese (Chinese 410 and/or Chinese 411).

Note: Students must earn a minimum of B- in language courses in order to proceed to the next level. Students who test out of first-year Chinese are eligible for three (3) units of back credit **only on condition** that they successfully complete at least one semester of second-year Chinese with a grade of B- or better. Students who test out of second-year Chinese language are eligible for six (6) units of back credit **only on condition** that they successfully complete at least one semester of third-year Chinese with a grade of B- or better. Students who test out of third-level Chinese or higher are not eligible for any back credit. Students for whom Chinese is a native language may not receive back credit for any language courses.

*Literature and Culture:* Majors must successfully complete the following:

- Chinese 341 *Literature of Early and Imperial China*
- Chinese 342 *Literature of Modern and Contemporary China*
- Two upper-level courses, at least one of which must be in Chinese literature.
- In addition, all majors--except those writing an ANELL honors thesis and double majors taking a capstone course or writing a thesis in the other major--are required to take the ANELL Senior Seminar (L81 400), which is the Departmental capstone course.

*Senior Honors:* Qualified majors (students who have maintained at 3.5 GPA through the sixth semester) are encouraged to apply for Senior Honors before the end of the junior year. Majors must register for Chinese 486 (3 units) in the fall semester and Chinese 487 (3 units) in the spring semester. Honors work will be supervised by a three-member departmental Honors committee, which plans with each student special language work as needed and an independent Honors research paper. Each student must also have a primary honor's advisor who is responsible, in consultation with the other members of the committee, for assigning the final grades for 486 and 487.

*Transfer Credit:* Normally no more than 6 units of credit earned at an institution other than Washington University may be applied to the major. However, students who participate in the Duke Study in China Program, which is run in conjunction with Washington University and Wesleyan University may apply a maximum of 15 units of study-abroad credit to fulfill the requirements for the major.

*Grade options:* The Pass/Fail grade option is **not** allowed for **any** major and minor courses.

### **The Minor:**

The minor in Chinese Language and Literature requires the completion of a minimum of **18** units, **9** units of which must be at the 300-level or above: of these 18 units, no more than 12

may be in language. Minimum requirements for the minor include two years of Chinese language and successful completion of the two-semester literature survey:

- Chinese 341 *Literature of Early and Imperial China*
- Chinese 342 *Literature of Modern and Contemporary China*

Please note that students must earn a minimum of B- in language courses in order to proceed to the next level. Students who place out of language courses because of previous language training, or because they are native speakers of the language, must complete 15 units of literature and culture courses as approved by their major advisor.

*Transfer Credit:* Normally no more than 3 units of credit earned at an institution other than Washington University may be applied to the minor. Students who participate in the Duke Study in China Program, which is run in conjunction with Washington University and Wesleyan University may apply a maximum of 9 units of study-abroad credit to fulfill the requirements for the minor.

*Double Majors:* Please note that no more than 6 units of the 27 units required for the major and 3 units of the required 18 units for the minor may be courses that are also used to satisfy the requirements of the other major.

**Questions? Contact the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures office at (314) 935-5156 or 935-5110 or stop by Busch Hall, room 121. You are also invited to visit our website at <http://artsci.wustl.edu/~anell>.**