

COMMITTEE INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR, BA: CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The Committee Interdisciplinary Major with a focus in Chinese language and culture is a vital program with growing importance and value as China expands its role as a super power in world economics, manufacturing, technology, and politics.

Each year more and more students are joining the ranks of the 1.4 billion people who speak Mandarin, the official language of the People's Republic of China and of Taiwan.

Many students now can find Chinese instruction in their high schools. At UWM, students can continue their high school studies or begin from the first semester of Chinese language instruction. We offer eight semesters of Chinese language, and equally as important, we offer an array of classes on Chinese culture. Students can explore classes in Chinese art, Chinese film, the use of Chinese in business settings, Chinese and Asian history, and the politics and religions of the region.

While the study of any Asian language is challenging for native English speakers because of their vast differences from English, students often find it is less difficult than they lead themselves to believe. Successful students of Chinese will dedicate the necessary daily time to practice and repeat...and practice and repeat.

Students are encouraged to participate in UWM's well-established study abroad (<http://uwm.edu/cie/study-abroad>) program. Destinations are available in more than 70 sites around the world and vary in length from a few week immersion, to semester-long, to even a full year. Because of the complexities of planning a study abroad experience, students are encouraged to start planning early in sophomore year. Most students engage in study abroad during the second half of sophomore year or during their junior year.

Requirements Course of Study – Bachelor of Arts Degree

Complete 120 credits including 90 credits in the College of Letters & Science and with 36 of the 90 credits in L&S upper-level (numbered above 300) courses. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major. Students are also required to complete University-wide General Education Requirements and the specific L&S requirements listed below.

To complete a major, students must satisfy all the requirements of the major as stated in this catalog. Students who declare their majors within five years of entering the UW System as a degree candidate may satisfy the requirements outlined in any catalog issued since the time they entered. Credits used to satisfy the major also may be used to satisfy other degree requirements.

University General Education Requirements (GER)

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---------|
| Oral and Written Communication | | |
| <i>Part A</i> | | |
| ENGLISH 102 | College Writing and Research (or equivalent) | |
| <i>Part B</i> | | |
| Course designated as OWC-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement | | |
| Quantitative Literacy | | |
| <i>Part A</i> | | |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| MATH 103 | Contemporary Applications of Mathematics | |
| MATH 105 | Introduction to College Algebra | |
| MATH 108 | Algebraic Literacy II | |
| MATH 111 | Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹ | |
| or PHILOS 111 | Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning | |
| Or equivalent course | | |
| <i>Part B</i> | | |
| Course designated as QL-B; may be completed through a major-specific course requirement | | |
| Arts | | |
| Select 3 credits | | 3 |
| Humanities | | |
| Select 6 credits | | 6 |
| Social Sciences | | |
| Select 6 credits | | 6 |
| Natural Sciences | | |
| Select 6 credits (at least two courses including one lab) | | 6 |
| UWM Foreign Language Requirement | | |
| Complete Foreign Language Requirement through: | | |
| Two years (high school) of a single foreign language | | |
| Two semesters (college) of a single foreign language | | |
| Or equivalent | | |
| UWM Cultural Diversity Requirement | | |
| One course from the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences must also satisfy UWM's Cultural Diversity requirement | | |

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

College of Letters & Science Requirements

I. English Writing Requirement

Students must satisfy the English Writing Requirement by completing ENGLISH 102 with a grade of C or higher or by placing beyond ENGLISH 102 on the English Placement Test (EPT).

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part A. The College of Letters & Science does not have a specific requirement for a writing course beyond English 102, but students must complete the university-wide requirement for Oral and Written Communication Part B listed above.

II. Mathematics and Formal Reasoning

To satisfy the Mathematics and Formal Reasoning Requirement, students must satisfy the following two requirements:

1. Achieve a Math Placement score of at least 30 or earn at least 3 credits with a grade of C or higher in one of the following courses or an equivalent course:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---------------|---|---------|
| MATH 102 | Mathematical Literacy for College Students II | 3 |
| MATH 103 | Contemporary Applications of Mathematics | 3 |
| MATH 105 | Introduction to College Algebra | 3 |
| MATH 108 | Algebraic Literacy II | 3 |
| MATH 111 | Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning ¹ | 3 |
| or PHILOS 111 | Introduction to Logic - Critical Reasoning | |
| MATH 175 | Mathematical Explorations for Elementary Teachers I | 3 |

¹ Math 111 and Philosophy 111 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.

Note: This requirement is the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part A, listed above.

2. Complete one course (at least 3 credits) at the 200 level or above chosen from courses in Mathematics, PHILOS 211, or Letters and Science statistics courses:

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| Complete one of the following: | | |
| 3 or more credits in any 200-level or above Math course | | |
| AFRIC 220 | Introduction to Statistics in African and African Diaspora Studies | |
| ANTHRO 568 | Introduction to Anthropological Statistics | |
| ATM SCI 500 | Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences | |
| BIO SCI 465 | Biostatistics | |
| ECON 210 | Economic Statistics | |
| GEOG 247 | Quantitative Analysis in Geography | |
| HIST 595 | The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data | |
| MTHSTAT 215 | Elementary Statistical Analysis | |
| PHILOS 211 | Elementary Logic | |
| POL SCI 390 | Political Data Analysis | |
| POL SCI 392 | Survey Research | |
| PSYCH 210 | Psychological Statistics | |
| SOCIOL 261 | Introduction to Statistical Thinking in Sociology | |

Note: This requirement is NOT the same as the University General Education Requirement for Quantitative Literacy Part B. To complete the BA, students must take one of the L&S approved courses. The courses listed here will satisfy the QL-B requirement.

III. Foreign Language Requirement

Placement testing may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. Language courses (including American Sign Language) other than English taken in high school may be used to satisfy all or part of this requirement. One year of high school language equates to one semester of college work.

Completion of the L&S Language Requirement also satisfies the university-wide Foreign Language GER, but not vice versa.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|---------|
| Completed in one of the following ways: | | |
| Successful completion of the 4th semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) | | 0-18 |
| Successful completion of the 3rd semester of college work or equivalent in one language other than English (including American Sign Language) PLUS the 2nd semester of college work or equivalent in another language other than English (including American Sign Language) | | |

IV. International Requirement

See Approved Courses for the L&S International Requirement (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-international-requirement>) for course options.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|-------|---------|
| Completed in one of the following ways: | | |
| Complete 3 courses (min. 9 cr) in a single foreign language (not including literature-in-translation or American Sign Language) at the 3rd semester level and above | | 9 |
| Complete 3 non-language courses (min. 9 credits) with an international content chosen from at least 2 curricular areas. | | |
| Complete 9 credits in combination of the two options above. | | |

V. Breadth Requirement

Along with completing the University General Education Requirements of 3 credits in the Arts (A); 6 credits in the Humanities (HU), Social Sciences (SS), and Natural Sciences (NS/NS+); and a course with the Cultural Diversity (CD/+) designation, L&S students must complete the Breadth requirement.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|-------|---------|
| Arts | | |
| Select 3 credits | | 3 |
| Humanities | | |
| Complete 12 credits of L&S courses with Humanities Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single subject area. * | | 12 |
| Social Sciences | | |
| Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Social Science Breadth designation; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. * | | 12 |
| Natural Sciences | | |
| Complete 12 credits of L&S Courses with Natural Sciences Breadth designation, including at least one laboratory or field course; no more than 6 credits from a single curricular area. * | | 12 |
| Cultural Diversity | | |
| Complete 3 credits in a course with Cultural Diversity (CD) designation. ** | | 3 |

* Students should check their course selections carefully with the list of approved L&S Breadth Courses (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/breadth-requirement-course-list>). Students are advised to select at least 6 credits worth of courses in each of the Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Sciences areas that can satisfy both the campus-wide General Education Requirements and the L&S Breadth requirement.

** Students are advised to select a course that satisfies the Cultural Diversity requirement as well as a Humanities or Social Science breadth/GER requirement.

VI. The Major

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the major attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work. Individual departments or programs may require higher GPAs for graduation. Some departmental majors require courses from other departments. Contact your major department for information on whether those credits will count as part of the major GPA. The College requires that students must complete in residence at UWM at least 15 credits in upper-division (numbered 300 or above) courses in their major.

Research Requirement

Within their majors, students must complete a research experience approved by the L&S faculty. A list of courses satisfying the research requirement in each major can be found here (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/approved-courses-research-requirement>).

VII. The Minor

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA in all credits in the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Major Requirements

The Chinese Language and Culture program requires completion of 30 credits in approved Chinese and related courses. Students in the major must complete the fifth- through eighth-semester Chinese courses as the core of the program. In addition, culture-related courses that are taught using the target language are required. Students must complete 30 credits to graduate, at least 15 of them at the advanced level (300 and above) taken in residence at UWM. The major requires a minimum of 18 credits at the 300 level or above taught in Chinese. The College requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted at UWM. In addition, students must attain a 2.0 GPA on all major credits attempted, including any transfer work.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------------------------------|---|---------|
| Required ¹ | | |
| CHINESE 301 | Fifth Semester Chinese | 4 |
| CHINESE 302 | Sixth Semester Chinese | 4 |
| CHINESE 401 | Seventh Semester Chinese | 3 |
| CHINESE 402 | Eighth Semester Chinese | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | |
| CHINESE 320 | Contemporary Chinese Societies through Film | 3 |
| CHINESE 330 | Chinese Language and Culture | 3 |
| CHINESE 441 | Business Chinese | 3 |
| Capstone | | |

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| FLL 699 | Advanced Independent Study (satisfies the research requirement of the L&S degree) | 3 |
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| Electives | |
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| Select 10 credits | 10 |
| Total Credits | 30 |

¹ Students whose language skills allow them to begin their study of Chinese beyond the fifth semester course must discuss with the advisor appropriate substitute courses in order to complete the required 30 credits.

² The following is a partial list. Other variable content courses with appropriate subtitles may be approved on a semester-by-semester basis to count toward the major. See the list published in the Schedule of Classes under affiliated Film Studies courses, the Film Studies website, or the program advisor.

Electives

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------|--|---------|
| ARTHIST 382 | Chinese Art and Architecture | 3 |
| ARTHIST 480 | Chinese Painting | 3 |
| ARTHIST 481 | Topics in Chinese Art: | 1-3 |
| CHINESE 150 | Contemporary Chinese Society and Culture | 3 |
| CHINESE 160 | A Taste of China: Learning Chinese Culture and Society through Cuisine | 3 |
| CHINESE 200 | Chinese Calligraphy | 3 |
| CHINESE 320 | Contemporary Chinese Societies through Film (if not selected above) | 3 |
| CHINESE 330 | Chinese Language and Culture (if not selected above) | 3 |
| CHINESE 397 | Study Abroad: | 3 |
| CHINESE 441 | Business Chinese (if not selected above) | 3 |
| CHINESE 489 | Internship in Chinese, Upper Division | 3 |
| CHINESE 497 | Study Abroad: (highly encouraged) | 3 |
| CHINESE 699 | Advanced Independent Study | 1-3 |
| COMPLIT 192 | First-Year Seminar: (Secrets of Chinese Cinema) | 3 |
| COMPLIT 230 | Literature and Society: (Chinese Literature before the 20th Century) | 3 |
| COMPLIT 360 | Seminar in Literature and Cultural Experience: (Modern Chinese Literature) | 3 |
| COMPLIT 362 | Transnational Asian Cinemas: (New Chinese Cinema) | 3 |
| COMPLIT 363 | Chinese Literature in the Global Context: | 3 |
| ECON 193 | First-Year Seminar: (Growth and Development in China, Japan, and Korea) | 3 |
| ENGLISH 316 | World Cinema: (Hong Kong Cinema) or COMPLIT/FILMSTD World Cinema: 316 | 3 |
| HIST 175 | East Asian Civilization to 1600 | 3 |

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| HIST 269 | Asian Americans in Historical Perspective | 3 |
| HIST 376 | History of Ancient China, Earliest Times to 220 A.D. | 3 |
| HIST 377 | Modern China | 3 |
| HIST 378 | Revolution in China | 3 |
| PHILOS 204 | Introduction to Asian Religions | 3 |
| POL SCI 314 | Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy | 3 |

Letters & Science Advising

The College of Letters and Science provides general academic advising for all students with a major in the College, particularly as it relates to campus' general education requirements and the College's degree requirements. We also provide specialized advising for pre-professional students (pre-med, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, etc.) regardless if their major is in Letters and Science or not. Prospective students, including high school students and students seeking to transfer to a program in Letters and Science may also receive advising from our admissions counselors.

Upon admission, students are assigned an advisor in the College advising office. Academic advising is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by appointment. Appointments outside of these times may be available and phone appointments are available for online students. The advising office (<https://uwm.edu/letters-science/advising/contact-advising>) is located on the first floor of Holton Hall. Current students should call (414) 229-4654 to schedule an appointment or use the Student Success Collaborative website (<https://uwmilwaukee.campus.eab.com>) to make an appointment with your assigned advisor; online scheduling is only available if you already have a Letters & Science advisor assigned to you. Prospective students should call (414) 229-7711 or email let-sci@uwm.edu.

When students declare a major, they will receive an additional faculty advisor located within the major department who will assist with requirements for that major. Students should read the "Declaration of Major" information on the website of the major that they are interested in. In some cases, the student will need to choose a faculty advisor as part of the declaration process.

All students are cautioned to consult their Letters & Science academic advisor AND their major advisor prior to each registration period to ensure they understand all requirements. Do not rely on pre-printed sample plans, as they are intended to be samples only and may not be right for your particular situation.

Honors in the College of Letters and Science

Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors Degree and Honors Degree with Thesis

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. In schools and colleges in which fewer than 15% of the traditional students have a 3.500 GPA, all-university honors will be awarded to approximately the top 15% of graduating students. A criterion GPA (not lower than 3.200) for this 15% will be calculated based on statistics from the previous comparable semester. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.

Contact Information

Current Students contact Senior Lecturer Andrew Olson, asolson@uwm.edu

Prospective Students contact a Letters & Science Admissions Counselor at (414) 229-7711 or let-sci@uwm.edu

<http://uwm.edu/chinese/undergraduate/>