

# CHINESE, MINOR

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.

The Chinese minor is ideal for students looking to gain a competitive advantage in the job market by combining Chinese language skills with their primary major. Students in the Chinese minor take a series of intermediate level language courses and must complete at least one additional elective course.

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

The College of Letters and Science requires that students attain at least a 2.0 GPA on 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.

The minor in Chinese consists of 21 credits distributed as follows:

| Code                         | Title                                                              | Credits   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| CHINESE 201                  | Third Semester Chinese                                             | 5         |
| CHINESE 202                  | Fourth Semester Chinese                                            | 5         |
| CHINESE 301                  | Fifth Semester Chinese                                             | 4         |
| CHINESE 302                  | Sixth Semester Chinese                                             | 4         |
| Select one of the following: |                                                                    | 3         |
| CHINESE 320                  | Contemporary Chinese Societies through Film                        |           |
| CHINESE 330                  | Chinese Language and Culture                                       |           |
| CHINESE 343                  | Chinese Martial Arts Fiction                                       |           |
| CHINESE 353                  | Popular Culture, Entertainment, and China's Modernization (GER CP) |           |
| CHINESE 401                  | Seventh Semester Chinese                                           |           |
| CHINESE 402                  | Eighth Semester Chinese                                            |           |
| CHINESE 441                  | Business Chinese                                                   |           |
| CHINESE 497                  | Study Abroad:                                                      |           |
| CHINESE 699                  | Advanced Independent Study                                         |           |
| <b>Total Credits</b>         |                                                                    | <b>21</b> |

## Letters & Science Minor Advising

Advising for the minor takes place within the department by a faculty member or staff member. Follow the steps using the "Declare a Minor" button on the department's website which may include instructions on how to select a faculty advisor if there is more than one to choose from.

Students who already have an L&S college advisor because their degree plan is in L&S can discuss the minor with them as well since they will be familiar with any minor in L&S. Students who are working on a degree from a UWM college other than the College of Letters & Science will not need an L&S college advisor for just a minor and one will not be assigned. These students should work with the faculty or staff advisor they receive as part of the minor declaration process or contact the department directly for assistance.

Applicants who have not started classes at UWM yet who wish to declare a minor should wait until they are registered for their first UWM classes and then can declare the minor using the "Declare a Minor" button on the program's website. If you have questions about the minor before then, contact [let-sci@uwm.edu](mailto:let-sci@uwm.edu).