
Major Overview: China represents one-fifth of the world’s population and has the world’s oldest uninterrupted culture. A major unifying factor in this culture is the language, kept alive through one of the richest literary traditions of the world. Throughout much of its history, China was the most culturally, intellectually, economically, and technologically dominant civilization in Asia and the world. With the recent developments in China, the country is exerting an ever-broadening influence on the world community. The Chinese studies major not only allows one to have a better understanding of the Chinese culture, but also new perspectives on our own culture and enriched self-understanding.

The Chinese Studies major includes the following suggested courses from General Education:


Historical Perspectives: *EAS 201 - East Asia in the Cont. World.


Admission Criteria:

- 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- Declare your major through Banner: B.A. in Chinese Studies
- B.A. program requirement completed through language requirement of major
- Study Abroad for at least 6 credits is also required for major

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**Sample Freshman Schedule**

**Academic Year Course Options**

**Recommended**
- WRT 150—Strategies in Writing
- MTH 110—Algebra
- Chinese Language (placement may vary)
- General Ed Foundations requirements*

**Additional**
- PHI 210—Eastern Philosophy
- PLS 283—Chinese Politics & US-China Relations
- General Ed Cultures requirements*

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

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**Sample Transfer Student Schedule**

**Academic Year Course Options**

**Recommended**
- Chinese Language (placement may vary)
- General Ed Foundations and Cultures requirements *
- PHI 210—Eastern Philosophy
- PLS 283—Chinese Politics & US-China Relations
- CHI 321—Ancient Chinese Culture (offered fall semester only)
- CHI 322—Classical Chinese Culture (offered winter semester only)

**Additional**
- Chinese Studies Electives courses
- HST 333—Modern China (junior standing)

*May be fulfilled by major requirements

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Sample sequencing of Core requirements:  *CHI 321  ** CHI 302 (preq is CHI 301)

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*CHI 301  ** CHI 322

*offered only in fall semester
**offered only in winter semester

* Please note - The Chinese Studies Major REQUIRES students to study abroad to mainland China or Taiwan. Please consult your advisor to discuss when you might complete this requirement. Your first year as a transfer student may be the time for you to do so.

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor early in your career at GVSU. To schedule an appointment with a Brooks College advisor please call 616-331-8200.