



2026 - 2027 Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies

35 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First-Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

Courses

Prerequisites

Complete **ALL** of the following courses with grades of "C" or better (11 units total):

AAAS 100: Asian Eats (3)	
CHIN 201: Intermediate Chinese (4)	CHIN 102; or Consent of AAAS Advisor
CHIN 202: Intermediate Chinese (4)	CHIN 201; or Consent of AAAS Advisor

Complete **ALL** of the following courses with grades of "C" or better (9 units total):

CHIN 301: Advanced Chinese (3)	CHIN 202 or Equivalent
CHIN 380: Languages and Dialects in China (3)	CHIN 102 or Equivalent
AAAS 492: Senior Research Seminar (3)	Upper Division Standing in Asian American Studies, Asian Studies, Chinese Studies, Japanese; or Consent

Chinese Studies Upper Division Electives - Complete 12 UNITS from the following courses with grades of "C" or better (12 units total):

CHIN 302: Advanced Chinese (3)	CHIN 301 or Equivalent
CHIN 321: Chinese Calligraphy (3)	
CHIN 370: Chinese Literature in English Translation (3)	GE Foundations
CHIN 390: Topics in Chinese Cultural Studies (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 421: Current Affairs in China (3)	
CHIN 451: Chinese Culture and Tradition (3)	
CHIN 462: Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 481: Principles and Practice of Teaching Chinese (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 485: Masterpieces from China (3)	
CHIN 486: Chinese Martial Arts Literature in Translation (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 490: Selected Topics in Chinese Studies (3)	
CHIN 491: Chinese Contemporary Films (3)	Upper Division Standing
CHIN 499: Directed Studies in Chinese (1 - 3)	Consent of Instructor
HIST 382B: Modern China (3)	

Chinese Area Studies Elective Courses - Complete ONE of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (3 units total):

A/ST 306: Traditional Asia (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 307: Modern Asia (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 309: Asia and Globalization (3)	GE Foundations
A/ST 320: Asian Films: Culture and Identity (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
A/ST 336: Politics and Literature in Southeast Asia (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
AH 468: Early Chinese Art (3)	AH 111A/B/D or E; Art Major or AH Minors Only
AH 469: Later Chinese Art (3)	AH 111A/B/D or E; Art Major or AH Minors Only
ASAM/AFRS/AIS/CHLS 319: Racial and Ethnic Experience in the United States (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ASAM/CHLS 335: Asian and Latino Immigration Since World War II (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ASAM 340: Asian American Family (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
ASAM 345: Asian American Community Analysis (3)	

Courses	Prerequisites
HIST 382A: Imperial China (3)	
HIST 388: Contemporary China (3)	
HIST/WGSS 406: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Asia (3)	Upper Division Standing
HIST 412: Migration and Ethnicity in Modern China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
JAPN 350: Japanese Language, Culture, and Communication (3)	
JOUR 312: Global News Media (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
PHIL 306: Philosophies of China and Japan (3)	
POSC 362: Society and National Politics of China (3)	GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing
POSC 455: Comparative Revolutionary Change (3)	
POSC 485: International Political Economy (3)	
R/ST 341: Buddhism (3)	

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- See [online Catalog](#) for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**
- CHIN 101 and 102 are prerequisites to the major and may be satisfied by appropriate high school preparation or by examination.
- At least four upper division courses required for the major must be completed successfully at CSULB. Students are encouraged, however, to complete up to a year of their language study in approved programs of study abroad.

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