



Specialisation

# Chinese Studies

CHINE1 | 60 Units of Credit

## Overview

Chinese is a fascinating modern language with a rich cultural heritage and an increasingly important medium in global business and communication. The major stream in Chinese Studies encompasses the study of Chinese language and communication as well as culture, society and civilisation, including Chinese literature, cinema, history, politics and philosophy. A background in Chinese Studies is useful in many areas of professional specialisation, from commerce and the business sector to tourism, the media, the public service sector and education.

There are two main components of Chinese Studies. The first is a focus on the acquisition of competence in the Chinese language. Acquiring language competence involves a wide range of knowledge and understanding of socio-cultural conventions as well as skills in self-expression, both oral and written, and skills in comprehending others' expression, both oral and written. The ability to read written texts is an important part of this process. The second component is the study of aspects of the cultures and societies associated with the Chinese language. We draw upon other disciplines in order to inform an understanding of Chinese culture. These disciplines include literary, cultural, film, translation, gender, and media studies as well as anthropological, linguistic, historical and sociological approaches.

This stream is available to students commencing at Introductory and Intermediate entry levels.

## Placement Information

The School of Humanities and Languages offers a flexible program for students with different interests and different Chinese language backgrounds. You can enter Chinese language courses at different levels, depending on your knowledge of Chinese characters. Within each year, you are allocated to different groups,

depending on your speaking ability.

If you have prior language knowledge you will need to take an online placement evaluation so that we can assess your skills and select an appropriate level of course for you. Information about the evaluation and additional course details can be found on the web at: [hal.arts.unsw.edu.au](http://hal.arts.unsw.edu.au)

You will not be permitted to enrol in language courses that are too easy for you in terms of Chinese character knowledge. If this occurs, you will be requested to change your enrolment.

If you are admitted in your first year of study to ARTS2450 or higher on the grounds of your ability and/or previous study, such courses will be counted as Level 1 courses in terms of your degree requirements.

**Faculty**

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

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**School**

School of Humanities and Languages

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**Study Level**

Undergraduate

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**Minimum Units of Credit**

60

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**Specialisation Type**

Major

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# Learning Outcomes

1. Exhibit initiative and self-direction

Professionals

Leaders

2. Use the Chinese language with a level of fluency and understanding equivalent to an independent user as articulated in the Common European Framework

Scholars

3. Justify a position in relation to foundational aspects of society, culture and/or the arts

Scholars

Global Citizens

Professionals

4. Recognise linguistic and cultural diversity in order to examine and comprehend one's own language and culture

Scholars

Global Citizens

5. Continuously acquire knowledge and skills and reflect on existing knowledge and skills for personal and career fulfilment

Scholars

Professionals

Leaders

6. Articulate a broad body of knowledge about foundational aspects of Chinese society, culture and/or the arts

Scholars

7. Undertake rigorous and engaged scholarly enquiry and analysis

Scholars

Professionals

8. Act ethically, respectfully and responsibly

Professionals

Scholars

Global Citizens

9. Explain the varied nature of the Sinophone world and its diverse cultural practices and identify political, social and/or artistic perspectives

Scholars

Global Citizens

10. Collaborate effectively with others

Professionals

Leaders

11. Demonstrate intercultural responsiveness

Global Citizens

12. Communicate and debate complex ideas in a range of different contexts using a variety of suitable media

Scholars

Professionals

Leaders

13. Critically and creatively employ disciplinary bodies of knowledge and appraise disciplinary perspectives in professional practice and/or scholarship

Professionals

Scholars

14. Engage proactively with complex problems in professional practice and/or scholarship

Professionals

Scholars

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## **Graduate Capabilities:**

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this [link](#).

## Available in Program(s)

Program(s) in which this major is available

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Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

### **3409 Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Campus: Kensington

Units of Credit: 144

Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Bachelor of Arts and Business - **BArts (Bus)**

### **3444 Arts and Business**

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Campus: Kensington

Units of Credit: 144

Typical Duration: 3 Years

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Bachelor of Commerce (Co-op) - **BCom(Co-op)**

### **3554 Commerce (Co-op)**

Faculty: UNSW Business School

Campus: Kensington

Units of Credit: 192

Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Commerce (International) - **BCom(International)**

### **3558 Commerce (International)**

Faculty: UNSW Business School

Campus: Kensington

Units of Credit: 192

Typical Duration: 4 Years

# Specialisation Structure

Students must complete 60 UOC.

## Introductory Language Core Courses

If you commence at Introductory Level you must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

One of the following:

[ARTS1450](#) | 6 UOC

[Introductory Chinese A for Non-Background Students](#)

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[ARTS1452](#) | 6 UOC

[Introductory Chinese for Background Speakers A](#)

One of the following:

[ARTS1451](#) | 6 UOC

[Introductory Chinese B for Non-Background Students](#)

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[ARTS1453](#) | 6 UOC

[Introductory Chinese for Background Speakers B](#)

## Intermediate Language Core Courses

You must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

One of the following:

[ARTS2450](#) | 6 UOC

[Intermediate Chinese for Non-Background Speakers A](#)

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[ARTS2461](#) | 6 UOC

[Intermediate Chinese for Background Speakers A](#)

One of the following:

[ARTS2451](#) | 6 UOC

[Intermediate Chinese for Non-Background Speakers B](#)

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[ARTS2462](#) | 6 UOC

## **Advanced Language Core Courses**

You must take 12 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS3450 | 6 UOC  
Advanced Chinese A

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ARTS3451 | 6 UOC  
Advanced Chinese B

## **Capstone Course**

You must take 6 UOC of the following courses.

ARTS3330 | 6 UOC  
Languages Capstone: Translation and Interpreting

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ARTS3458 | 6 UOC  
Chinese Capstone: Re-Visioning China and Chinese Studies

## **Chinese Contextual Studies Electives**

If you commence at Introductory Level you must take 18 UOC of the following electives.

If you commence at Intermediate Level you must take 12 UOC of the following electives. In addition you must also take 18 UOC from Chinese Contextual Studies Electives or Chinese Professional Studies electives.

ARTS2213 | 6 UOC  
Asian Popular Culture

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ARTS2453 | 6 UOC  
Chinese Cinema

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ARTS2455 | 6 UOC  
Gender in China

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ARTS2457 | 6 UOC

China Imagined and Perceived

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ARTS2458 | 6 UOC

Along the Silk Road: Conquerors, Traders and Explorers

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ARTS2463 | 6 UOC

Nationalism, Identity and Ethnicity in China

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ARTS2464 | 6 UOC

Chinese Ideas of Beauty and Erotica: Ancient to Modern

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ARTS3216 | 6 UOC

Chinese Media and Communication

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ARTS3217 | 6 UOC

History of Modern China: Contested Visions

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### **Chinese Professional Studies Electives**

If you commence at the Intermediate Level you can take up to a maximum of 18 UOC of the following electives or from Chinese Contextual Studies Electives.

ARTS2452 | 6 UOC

Chinese English Translation

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ARTS3452 | 6 UOC

Professional Chinese A

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ARTS3453 | 6 UOC

Professional Chinese B

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ARTS3454 | 6 UOC

Chinese English Interpreting

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ARTS3455 | 6 UOC

Contemporary Chinese Literature

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ARTS3456 | 6 UOC

Classical Chinese Literature

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ARTS3462 | 6 UOC

Artistic Representations of China and the Diaspora

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ARTS3463 | 6 UOC

City and Chinese Culture

### **Note - Commencing at either Introductory or Intermediate Chinese B**

If you commence the language studies sequence at Introductory Chinese B, you must go on to complete Advanced Chinese B. In order to have the required 60 UOC for the major you must complete a further 30 UOC including 24 UOC in contextual courses plus the capstone course.

If you commence the language studies sequence at Intermediate Chinese B, you must go on to complete Advanced Chinese B. In order to have the required 60 UOC for the major you must complete a further 42 UOC including at least 12 UOC in contextual courses plus the capstone course and the balance in contextual or professional studies courses.

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### **Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.

## **Additional Information**

### **Language Studies for Commencing Mid-Year Students**

If your language skills are assessed as Level A in Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced or Professional you cannot commence study until Term 1.

## **Pre-2019 Handbook Editions**

Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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