Chinese Studies at the University of Sydney

The Department

We provide students at all language levels with a comprehensive training in the Chinese language and the opportunities that come with it.

We are more than a "language department". Our academics have expertise in a diverse range of areas, including Chinese linguistics, Chinese pedagogy, second language acquisition, media in Chinese society, social and political changes in China, multi-culturalism and multi-lingualism in China, minority education, East Asian thought and East Asian Buddhism.

Your studies with us might cover topics ranging from history, philosophy, linguistics, translation, literature to gender and film.

These help you gain a broad comprehension and insight into China that can help you attain career opportunities in areas of international relations, multinational corporations, media, tourism, NGOs and education.

You can also take advantage of the University's exchange agreements to study at some of the most prestigious universities in China.
Study with us

Get equipped with strong Chinese skills through our robust language units, and explore the history, culture, and thought of the Chinese-speaking world.

Language and culture studies

We offer a broad range of Chinese language units to suit students of different levels, including complete beginners to heritage speakers.

Our language units might include:
- Case Studies in Chinese Translation
- Chinese Translation and Interpreting
- Chinese for Specific Purposes
- Classical Chinese Fiction
- Classical Chinese Poetry
- Global Chinese Literatures
- Introduction to Chinese Literature
- Reading Chinese Philosophy
- Chinese Buddhist Texts
- The Chinese Language, Present and Past

You may also be able to take cultural units, such as:
- Understanding Contemporary China
- Gender and Women in Chinese Literature
- Religion and Martial Arts Fiction
- Communication and Social Change in China
- Understanding News About China
- Stories for a Modern China
- Chinese Drama and Theatre
- Multilingualism in the Sinosphere

For the complete list of units of study and more information, see Sydney Courses:
- sydney.edu.au/courses
Chinese Studies and your degree

Students of the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Advanced Studies, and other liberal studies or combined degrees can study our units as:

A major or minor
Complete 8 units (48 credit points) in Chinese Studies for a major, or 6 units (36 credit points) for a minor. There are different pathways for students of all levels including:
- Absolute beginners
- Intermediate ability
- Advanced ability
- Heritage speakers (with low literacy)

Electives
Language units can be taken as an elective from Handbook Table S. Please check your respective course resolutions to ensure specific units are eligible for combined degrees.

BA/BAS (Multilingual Translation)
Students who are studying two language majors can undertake the fourth-year multilingual translation coursework to gain professional skills in translation across three languages and high cross-cultural competency.

Dalyell Scholars program
Exclusive to students enrolled in the prestigious Dalyell Scholars stream of the BA/BAS degree, the Languages program will allow you to focus your studies on language acquisition and experiences.

Diploma of Language Studies
Study a language alongside any recognised degree. An accelerated mode is available for completion of study within 15 months.

Prizes and scholarships
We award students for outstanding performance across all learning and year levels with financial prizes.
- Winston G. Lewis Prize
- Li Zuoji Prize
- The TM Hsiao Scholarship
- Asian Students’ Council’s 1963 Festival of Asia Prize
- The Raymond Hsu Scholarship
- The Chinese Studies Travelling Bursary

For more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/arts/chinese/scholarships
Study abroad

Embark on a valuable life-changing experience in China. Exercise and improve your Chinese language skills and understand cultural intricacies and societal nuances at first hand.

Exchange program

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In-country study

We have partnered with two of China’s most prestigious universities, Fudan University in Shanghai and Peking University in Beijing, to deliver a Chinese In-Country Study program for undergraduate students.

This program allows you to earn credit points and is offered in intensive winter and summer sessions between semesters.

Partner institutions

- Tsinghua University, Beijing
- Peking University, Beijing
- Shandong University, Jinan
- Nanjing University
- Fudan University, Shanghai
- National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan

For the full list of partners and more information, visit:
- sydney.edu.au/study/study-abroad-and-student-exchange.html
I began studying Mandarin in the Beginner stream. The teaching staff was very helpful and cared a lot about student progress. I also benefitted from the experience and enthusiasm of the academic staff who supervised my Honours thesis on the early history of Christianity in Tang Dynasty China. I also went on short-term exchange to Peking University, which helped my learning enormously and was a great experience. Chinese culture has made an enormous contribution to world history and plays a significant part in contemporary Australian society, and the Department is distinctly well-resourced in offering Classical Chinese subjects. Studying the language in its modern and literary forms provides the first steps to deeper engagement with this segment of our society and a wealth of history, philosophy and culture for the student eager to learn.

Tobias Jackson
Bachelor of Arts (Languages), now the Dalyell Languages program
The TM Hsiao Scholarship
Winston G. Prize in Chinese History
Sample pathways

The tables below are indicative. They show possible pathways for a major and fourth year advanced studies in Chinese Studies. They do not represent the overall degree structure and the units are examples that may change. Please see the current handbook when planning your degree pathway.

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Year Four

Advanced Coursework

Take two 4000 Level Chinese Studies project units (12 credit points in total) and two Advanced Coursework units (12 credit points in total). The remaining 24 credit points could be taken from your second major or electives.

Honours

Take 48 credit points of Chinese Studies Honours units. Note that if you intend to do a Bachelor of Advanced Studies Honours, you must complete two majors during your first three years, so plan your degree carefully.
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