CHINESE, BA

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Major: Chinese

Program Overview

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures offers courses of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Chinese, French, German, Japanese Studies, and Spanish. In addition, the department offers minors in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese Studies, Russian, and Spanish. All courses in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures are taught primarily in the target language, unless the course is cross-listed with the World Literature Program or other interdisciplinary programs.

Career opportunities for students majoring or minoring in these areas exist in college and university teaching, translation and interpretation, diplomatic and other government service, business, health care, international nonprofit agencies, and the arts. A minor in a modern language and literature can enhance a student’s major course of study in a variety of fields, including the natural sciences and engineering.

Majors in Chinese are expected to acquire the ability to understand, speak, read, and write in Chinese and to develop a broad foundation in the relevant literatures and cultures.

Placement Procedure

Students with prior experience in Chinese, however acquired (e.g., in high school, at another institution, or via study abroad), work with department faculty members to determine an appropriate level at which to start. In general, one year of high school language instruction is the equivalent to one university-level course. Students who have taken four years or more of one language in high school are generally eligible to take 300-level language courses at CWRU, but the department recommends starting with a course numbered under 320.

Undergraduate Policies

For undergraduate policies and procedures, please review the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Accelerated Master's Programs

Undergraduate students may participate in accelerated programs toward graduate or professional degrees. For more information and details of the policies and procedures related to accelerated studies, please visit the Office of Undergraduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

Program Requirements

Students seeking to complete this major and degree program must meet the general requirements for bachelor’s degrees and the general requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students completing this program as a secondary major while completing another undergraduate degree program do not need to satisfy the latter set of requirements.

The major in Chinese requires a minimum of 10 courses, equivalent to 30-35 credit hours.