

Chinese Studies

Minor

Note: The Asian Studies Major and all of the associated minors have been retired and folded into Global Studies. We are no longer accepting Chinese Studies declarations. Please visit the Global Studies website (<http://globalstudies.berkeley.edu>) or the Global Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/global-studies>) page on the Berkeley Academic Guide for more information.

The Group in Asian Studies offers a minor in Chinese Studies. This minor program gives students an introduction to the study of one region of Asia through social science and humanities courses. Students who wish to pursue a major program in Chinese Studies should refer to the major program in Asian Studies: China (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>), in this Guide.

Declaring the Minor

Students must see the undergraduate major adviser in 101 Stephens Hall. It is recommended that you do this either before or, at most, shortly after you decide to pursue a minor.

Other Majors and Minors Offered by the Group in Asian Studies

Asian Studies: Multi-Area (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-multi-area>) (Area 1), Includes all countries and regions of Asia, (Major only)

Asian Studies: China (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-china>) (Area 2) (Major only)

Asian Studies: Japan (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/asian-studies-japan>) (Area 3) (Major only)

Japanese Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/japanese-studies>) (Minor only)

Korean Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2019-20/undergraduate/degree-programs/korean-studies>) (Minor only)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.
2. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
3. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.

5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
8. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Upper Division

Select five upper division courses focusing on China:

50% or more of each course's content must deal with China, in order to fulfill the minor requirements.

Two language and literature courses (e.g., the Chinese 100 series) may count toward the five courses.

Two of the five courses can be taken abroad as long as course selection is done in consultation with the major adviser.

There are no language requirements for this minor.