

CHINESE, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	All 51 credits must be completed in graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.5 GPA required.

Other Grade Requirements PhD candidates should maintain a 3.5 GPA in all coursework and may not have any more than two Incompletes on their record at any one time.

Assessments and Examinations All students must take a comprehensive written preliminary examination, covering fields defined in consultation with the co-advisors and other committee members.

A dissertation proposal must be presented to the members of the PhD committee and accepted within one semester of passing the preliminary examination.

Language Requirements Advanced proficiency in modern Chinese is required. Students must demonstrate reading proficiency in classical Chinese.

No additional research language proficiency is required other than competence in English and modern and classical Chinese.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

REQUIRED COURSES

Linguistics Pathway ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ASIAN 432	Introduction to Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 632	Studies in Chinese Linguistics	3
ASIAN 633	Chinese Applied Linguistics	3
ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese	3
or ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages	

Graduate level courses taken within the Department and approved by the advisor

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor. 12

ASIAN 631	History of the Chinese Language
ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I
ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II
ASIAN 699	Directed Study
ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature
ASIAN 775	Japanese Applied Linguistics
ASIAN 932	Seminar in Chinese Linguistics
ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature

Additional credits outside of Department

The following is a list of recommended courses. Other courses may be chosen in consultation with your advisor. 6

ENGL 415	Introduction to TESOL Methods
ENGL 420	Topics in English Language and Linguistics
ENGL 711	Research Methods in Applied Linguistics
FRENCH/ITALIAN 821	Issues in Methods of Teaching French and Italian
GERMAN 727	Topics in Applied Linguistics

LINGUIS 800 Research Methods and Materials

Electives

Students must complete 12 credits of China-related courses numbered 600 and above. 12

Breadth 9

Total Credits 51

Literature Pathway¹

Code	Title	Credits
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Required Courses

ASIAN 641	History of Chinese Literature I	3
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ASIAN 642	History of Chinese Literature II	3
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ASIAN 701	Proseminar in Chinese Literature	3
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Seminars

Students must complete 6 credits of seminars, including the following course:

ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature	3
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One more seminar course chosen in consultation with advisor.	3
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Chinese Studies Electives

Students must complete 6 credits of Chinese Studies electives. 6

Graduate level courses taken either within or outside of the Department and approved by the advisor

Students must complete at least 6 credits of graduate level courses within or outside of the Department and approved by advisor. 6

Teaching

Complete three credits from the following (teaching courses are required for TAs, but recommended for everyone) 3

ASIAN 700	Teaching Asian Languages
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ASIAN 712	Teaching of Chinese
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Course numbered 600 or above in Chinese Literature or Linguistics

Electives 12

Students must complete 12 credits of China-related courses numbered 600 and above. A recommended course includes:

ASIAN 951	Seminar in Chinese Literature (offered approximately every year and may be repeated)
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Breadth 9

Total Credits 51

Footnotes

¹ These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.