Asian Languages/Civilizations (Chinese), MA

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Asian Languages and Civilizations (Chinese)

The Chinese graduate program in the School of International Letters and Cultures offers an MA degree with a focus in one of two areas: literature, linguistics, religion and culture; or pedagogy.

A focus on literature, linguistics, religion and culture prepares students for further academic training, for entrance to professional schools in such fields as law, business, journalism and translation, and for a general level of knowledge about the languages and cultures of China as an asset to a professional career.

The pedagogy focus is intended for students whose major interest is in teaching modern Chinese in K-16 environments.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis, or
30 credit hours including the required applied project course (CHI 593)

Required Core (3 credit hours)
CHI 501/JPN 501 Proseminar: East Asian Humanities (3)

Concentration (3 credit hours)
SLC 596 Second Language Methodologies (3)
Electives (15 credit hours)

Other Requirements (3 credit hours)
CHI 598 Topic: History of the Chinese Language (3)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
CHI 593 Applied Project (6) or
CHI 599 Thesis (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
The MA in Asian languages and civilizations has concentrations in Chinese and Japanese. Students in the Chinese concentration take CHI 501 as required core and students in the Japanese concentration take JPN 501 for core. The course is cross-listed.

Electives are selected in consultation with the program chairperson.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in Chinese or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. writing sample
5. resume
6. three letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The writing sample should represent the applicant's thinking and writing skills on a topic connected with Chinese culture.

Candidates for the master's degree should present the equivalent of an undergraduate major in Chinese upon entrance to the program. Those who lack this background but show strong potential and meet the Graduate College admission requirements, including those with regard to English proficiency, may be admitted to a graduate program on a provisional basis, pending removal of specified deficiencies. These deficiencies must be completed in addition to the regular plan of study for the master's degree.

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