

# C H I N E S E

## PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

### High School Preparation

**Recommended as part of or in addition to UC's "a-g" admission requirements:**

- A foreign language (Chinese if available),**
- English grammar and composition,**
- English literature,**
- European or Asian history (ancient or modern).**

### Transfer Preparation

**To make normal progress in the major, complete the following courses prior to transfer:**

- Elementary Mandarin Chinese,**
- Intermediate Mandarin Chinese (for the Mandarin concentration only)**

Please see the UCSB *General Catalog* ([www.catalog.ucsb.edu](http://www.catalog.ucsb.edu)) or your school counselor for more information on course preparation. California community college students should see [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).

Chinese is far removed from those mainstream subject areas we regularly encounter in our secondary educations. Yet it is obvious that China and Chinese have become a primary presence in the world and in the minds of globally educated persons who are operating in the 21st century. We study Chinese for a number of compelling reasons. These include:

**Securing a practical career background**—The study of Chinese, especially when supplemented with study in Beijing, Hong Kong, or Taipei through the university's Education Abroad Program, provides excellent preparation for careers in diplomacy, translating and interpreting, journalism, foreign correspondence, foreign service, and international business and trade. Clearly we are establishing closer relationships with the East Asian nations, especially with the People's Republic of China, which should lead to increased career opportunities. The small size of UCSB's Chinese classes provides students interested in teaching and research positions with the intensive learning environment and one-on-one faculty-to-student contact that helps them prepare for advanced work and graduate study in the field. Students interested in teaching at the high school (secondary) level may pursue the California teaching credential program offered through UCSB's Graduate School of Education.

**Enhancing the study of related disciplines**—Study of Chinese greatly enhances work in a number of disciplines such as anthropology, art history, history, linguistics, philosophy, religious studies, and political science. Chinese is easily integrated into interdisciplinary programs, such as UCSB's Asian Studies major which includes the study of both Chinese and Japanese. These programs offer well-rounded liberal arts educations that examine Asian societies through their languages and literatures, arts, philosophies, religions, and other cultural and historical expressions.

## The Major

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Chinese is offered by UCSB's Department of East Asian Languages and Cultural Studies. Students may concentrate in either Mandarin or Classical Chinese. Mandarin is the modern, standard national language. Classical Chinese is the dominant literary medium which prevailed until the 20th century. Both concentrations require completion of one year of Classical Chinese.

To prepare for the Chinese major, students must complete one year of Mandarin (two years are required for the Mandarin concentration). Students should complete this preparatory coursework in their freshman and sophomore years.

Examples of upper-division courses from which students may choose to complete their major include:

- Chinese Painting
- The Body Religious in Chinese Culture
- Imagism, Haiku, and Chinese Poetry
- Historic Lives

Students interested in a broader, interdisciplinary approach to the study of China may consider UCSB's Asian Studies major, offered by the Department of East Asian

Languages and Cultural Studies. The Asian Studies major offers a well-rounded liberal arts education that examines Asian societies through the study of not only their languages and literatures, but also their arts, philosophies, religions, and other cultural and historical expressions.

For more information on the Chinese major, please call or write to:

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