Chinese Studies Major (GIS)

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About

The Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) provides students with a tripartite of skills, knowledge, and values that foster critical thinking, problem solving, and preparation for responsible global citizenship. Students gain an understanding of global studies, acquiring the know-how in global and digital literacy, cultural diversity and intercultural competences, interdisciplinary research, and a passion for social justice, nurtured in experiential learning.

Program: Global Interdisciplinary Studies
Type: Bachelor of Arts

PRIMARY MAJOR (122 credits)

Required Major Courses (38 credits)

The Chinese language is spoken by over one billion people, making it the most spoken language in one country in the world, while it continues to gain global ascendancy and influence. Chinese Studies offers students extensive instruction in Chinese language coupled with interdisciplinary studies that position the language and culture of China within subject areas with global significance. Students will study Chinese to advanced levels, including taking courses on translation, with a capstone thesis partially written in Chinese. Sitting for external proficiency exams provides language certification, and a required Study Abroad experience provides experiential learning that re-enforces cultural literacy.

Course	Title	Credits
GIS 2000	Intro to Global Interd Studies	3
GIS 5011	GIS Select	3
GIS 5000	Special Topics	1
GIS 6500	Capstone I: Research	3
GIS 6600	Capstone 2:Thesis	3
	Intermediate Chinese Courses	10
	Advanced Chinese Courses	12
	Asian Studies Course with Attribute	3

Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement (Proficiency)	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

Free Elective Requirement (40 credits)

Students with a Chinese Studies primary major have forty (40) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 38 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 40 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Chinese Studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

Category Descriptions

Intermediate Chinese Courses

Credits: 10

Course	Title	Credits
CHI 1121	Intermediate Chinese I	5
CHI 1122	Intermediate Chinese II	5

Advanced Chinese Courses

Credits: 12

Course	Title	Credits
CHI 1131	Advanced Chinese I	3
CHI 1132	Advanced Chinese II	3
CHI 1133	Advanced Chinese III	3
CHI 1134	Advanced Chinese IV	3
CHI 1137	Advanced Chinese V	3
CHI 1138	Advanced Chinese VI	3

Asian Studies Course with Attribute

Credits: 3

One Asian Studies elective with ASN attribute worth at least 3 credits.

Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)

Credits: 3

Students must take one course in either Mathematics or Statistics. Any course offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics fulfills the Core Curriculum requirement. Certain courses offered by other departments (e.g., Computer Science and Philosophy) also fulfill the requirement. These courses are designated by the Mathematics A & S Core attribute.

Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.