Chinese Studies

Interdisciplinary Minor

Faculty advisor
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Statement of philosophy
The interdisciplinary minor in Chinese Studies is focused on an understanding of the language, history, politics, economics, culture and religions of China, both in the past and present. The minor in Chinese Studies includes selected courses on the Central College campus in addition to appropriate coursework through an approved study abroad program in China. Chinese Studies assists students in preparation for various forms of engagement with China, including the fields of international business, government, cultural exchange, diplomacy, non-profit organizations, and other options of career building.

Study abroad opportunities
Students can choose to study in China on programs in Beijing (intensive Chinese language), Nanjing (language and culture), or Shanghai (accelerated Chinese; or business, language and culture).

Chinese Studies Minor Requirements (minimum 14 credits plus one semester of study abroad in China)

1. Complete the following courses:
   CHIN 121 Beginning Chinese I (4)
   CHIN 122 Beginning Chinese II (4)
   HIST 271 History of Modern China (3)

2. Complete one of the following elective courses:
   HIST 310 Studies in World History: Seminar on Modern China and Japan (3)
   HIST 310 Studies in World History: Qing China and Russia (3)
   REL 230 Asian Religions (3) or REL 330 Readings in Asian Religions (4)
   LAS 410 Buddhist Traditions of Tibet and the Himalayas (3)

   NOTE: Courses listed above are not offered regularly or are offered only once every two or three years. Students interested in the minor are encouraged to consult with the minor faculty advisor early on to plan their preparation for the minor and to discuss the course offerings schedule.

3. Complete at least three credits of Chinese language at the 200-level or above from an approved study abroad program in China.