MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The Master of Arts degree in Chinese Language and Culture (CLC) offers students the opportunity to deepen intellectual and cultural understanding of China as well as to learn the Chinese language. It prepares students for careers in various fields such as academia, consulting, government, business, non-profit, or education. Being in the heart of the nation’s capital, our program allows students the opportunity to interact with many leading organizations, business headquarters, consulting firms, and government and media agencies based in D.C. Students can enrich their learning experiences with additional activities.

Here are the program highlights:
- The only MA program of its kind in the greater D.C. region
- Customized curriculum to suit personal interests and career goals
- Close mentorship from well-established scholars and award-winning teachers in the department
- Competitive teaching assistant or internship positions
- Numerous China-related events and lectures on and off campus
- Preparation for the pursuit of either a professional career or doctoral studies
- Access to the many resources of downtown Washington, D.C.
- Building a professional network to support career opportunities

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall – April 1 (February 1 for consideration for assistantships/fellowships)
- Spring – October 1

Standardized test scores:
- The GRE general is not required however if you feel as though submitting scores for the GRE will strengthen your application, you are welcome to submit them.
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Applicants to the M.A. who do not meet minimum English language requirements may be eligible for our full-time Applied English Language program.

Recommendation required:
One (1) academic letter of recommendation

Prerequisite:
All applicants must meet minimum Chinese proficiency (i.e. the intermediate high for speaking and reading based on the ACTFL rating scale).

Prior academic records:
Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided in addition to the originals.

Statement of purpose:
An essay of no more than 750 words, in which you state your purpose in undertaking graduate study in your chosen field at GW in particular, including your academic objectives, research interests, and career plans.

International applicants only:
Please follow this link - https://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/international-student-application-requirements - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents, earlier deadlines for applicants requiring an I-20 or DS-2019 from GW, and English language requirements.

Writing Sample:
A writing sample (3-4 pages, double-spaced) on a topic in humanities (literature, language, linguistics, or other) is required. The sample does not need to pertain to China specifically.

Interview:
A phone or Skype interview may be given.

For more information on the admission process, please visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (http://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate/admissions/faqs/) page.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Graduate Admissions Office
REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs.

30 credits for the thesis option, 33 credits for the non-thesis option.

Program Requirements

Course ListCode Title Credits

Required

Language Proficiency

Students whose Chinese language skills are determined by examination to be below the advanced level must take CHIN 4108: Readings in Modern Chinese. Students whose skills are determined to be at the required level take an alternative 3-credit course, which must be pre-approved.

Major Field Courses

A minimum of 18 credits from the following:

CHIN 6109 Introduction to Classical Chinese
CHIN 6110 Introduction to Classical Chinese 2
CHIN 6111 Chinese Literature in Translation
CHIN 6112 Chinese Literature in Translation II
CHIN 6123 Structure of Chinese
CHIN 6125 History of the Chinese Language
CHIN 6126 Chinese Phonology
CHIN 6128 Chinese Semantics
CHIN 6163 Taiwanese Literature and Film
CHIN 6171 Poetry of the Tang and Song Periods I
CHIN 6172 Poetry of the Tang and Song Periods II
CHIN 6173 Traditional Chinese Theatre and Drama
CHIN 6179 Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature I
CHIN 6180 Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature II

CHIN 6199 Graduate Seminar
CHIN 6201 Chinese
CHIN 6210 Language
CHIN 6310 Practicum in Chinese Language Instruction

Electives

A minimum of 6 credits from the following:

CHIN 6550 Independent Study for Chinese Language and Culture (Thesis Option) *
CHIN 6841 Religion and Politics in China
CPED 6557 Second Language Acquisition
CPED 6627 Teaching Second Language Reading and Writing
EALL 6811 Confucian Literature in East Asia
EALL 6831 Introduction to Daoism
EALL 6832 Myth, Ritual, and Popular Religion in China
EALL 6881 Women, Gender, and Religion in China
HIST 6610 Readings Seminar: Late Imperial China (Thesis Option (3 credits)) *

Thesis option

For students pursuing the thesis option a total of 3 credits from the following:

CHIN 6999 Thesis Research

*Or an alternative pre-approved course.

**Students must submit a research proposal before enrolling in CHIN 6550.

Visit the program website for additional information.