MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The only master's degree program of its kind in the greater Washington, DC, area, the MA in Chinese language and culture offers students the opportunity to deepen intellectual and cultural understanding of China and to learn the Chinese language. The program prepares students for careers in fields such as academia, consulting, government, business, nonprofit, and education. Being in the heart of the nation's capital, the program provides students with the opportunity to interact with many leading organizations, business headquarters, consulting firms, and government and media agencies. A variety of extracurricular activities are available to enrich the student learning experience.

Program highlights include:

- 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 available in Washington, DC.
- Potential for building a professional network to enhance career opportunities.

Visit the program website (https://eall.columbian.gwu.edu/ma-chinese-language-culture/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions

Admission deadlines:	Fall - February 1: Priority consideration for admission and funding; April 1: Guaranteed review for admission and consideration for funding, if available. (Applications for admission will continue to be accepted after April 1, when space remains available in the program.)
	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.
Recommendations required:	One (1) academic letter of recommendation
Prerequisite requirements:	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.
Additional requirements:	A self-introduction written in Chinese, two paragraphs typed.
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.
International applicants only:	Please follow this link - https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants (https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/) - 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.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked

Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Program Requirements

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

Non-thesis option—33 credits, including up to 6 credits in Chinese language proficiency courses, at least 18 credits in courses in the field, and 3 to 9 credits in elective courses.

Thesis option—30 credits, including up to 6 credits in Chinese language proficiency courses, at least 18 credits in courses in the field, at least 3 credits in elective coursework, and 3 credits in CHIN 6999 Thesis Research.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Chinese language proficiency		
Students whose Chinese language skills are determined by examination to be below the advanced level must enroll in at least one, but no more than two, of the following 4000-level Chinese language courses for graduate credit. Graduate credit requires additional work, such as essays or projects.		
CHIN 4108	Readings in Modern Chinese II	
CHIN 4119W	Business Chinese	
CHIN 4122W	Advanced Conversation and Composition II	
CHIN 4201	Special Topics in Advanced Chinese	
Students whose language skills are determined to be at the advanced level may enroll in a variety of 6000-level language and culture courses to further develop their language proficiency. Language and other courses must be approved by the program director and the advisor. A language proficiency waiver must be pre-approved		
Courses in the field		
At least 18 credits in courses selected from the following:		
CHIN 6109	Introduction to Classical Chinese I	
CHIN 6110	Introduction to Classical Chinese II [2]	
CHIN 6111	Chinese Literature in Translation	
CHIN 6112	Chinese Literature in Translation II	
CHIN 6115	Chinese Sociolinguistics	
CHIN 6123	Structure of Chinese	
CHIN 6125	History of the Chinese Language	
CHIN 6126	Chinese Phonology	
CHIN 6128	Chinese Semantics	
CHIN 6151	Developing Chinese Literacy	
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 6180	Twentieth-Century Chinese Literature II	
CHIN 6199	Graduate Seminar	
CHIN 6201	Second Language Acquisition of Mandarin Chinese	
CHIN 6210	Introduction to Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language	
CHIN 6301	Chinese–English Translation	
CHIN 6310	Practicum in Chinese Language Instruction	
Electives		
For the thesis option at least one, but no more than two elective courses (3 or 6 credits), and for the non-thesis option, at least one but no more than three elective courses (3 to 9 credits), selected 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 |

Required for thesis option only

| CHIN 6999 | Thesis Research |

*Or an alternative pre-approved course.

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