B Chinese Studies

The curriculum consists of three major areas: Chinese literature, Chinese history, and Chinese philosophy. It provides students with comprehensive training in both classical and modern Chinese Studies. Topics covered include Chinese religions and thoughts in ancient China, business management and dealings in Chinese context, classical and modern literature, film and cultural studies. Through these areas, the Department trains students to develop independent and critical thinking. Although Mandarin is the medium of instruction, some modules are taught in English. Graduates of the Department are always well sought after as they are effectively bilingual. Both the public and private sectors provide ample employment opportunities, especially in areas such as education, mass media, commerce, and the arts.

Entry Requirements

Students must obtain:

- At least a B4 for (a) Higher Chinese at GCE ‘O’ Level; OR
- At least a C grade for Chinese Language (H1CL) at GCE ‘A’ Level; OR
- At least a pass for Chinese Language and Literature (H2CLL) at GCE ‘A’ Level (Grades A-E); OR
- At least a pass for Chinese Language and Literature (H3CLL) at GCE ‘A’ Level (Grades A-E); OR
- A Diploma in Chinese Studies (for polytechnic students)

Equivalent qualifications may also be accepted, such as Chinese Language at Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) and Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), PRC National College Entrance Examination (高考) modules as their non-major or breadth electives.) etc. These requirements also apply to students who intend to read Chinese Studies.

Subject Requirements

Single Major [BA (Hons)]

To major in CH, students need to:

1. Pass CH1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 84 MCs of CH or CH-recognised modules which include the following:
   - CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
   - CH2141 General History of China
   - CH2161 Traditional Chinese Taxonomy of Learning
   - CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
   - CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
   - CH2162 Reading Classical Chinese Texts or CH2221 Modern Chinese Literature or CH2243 Chinese in Southeast Asia or CH2252 History of Chinese Philosophy
   - a minimum of 60 MCs of CH modules at level-3000 or higher, with
     - a minimum of 40 MCs at level-4000 or higher (see Note 1)
• a maximum of 8 MCs of CH modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

Note 1:
Students are allowed to read a maximum of 2 level-5000 modules, subject to department’s approval.

Note 2:
CH module codes with 3rd-digit ‘9’ are taught in English.
*Please refer to the department’s website for further details.

Note 3:
To declare an Honours track, students must have completed 110 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a CAP of 3.20 and above. Honours Thesis/Project (15 MCs) is optional. To qualify for the Honours Thesis/Project, students must be on the Honours Track with a minimum CAP of 3.50. In order to obtain Honours (Highest Distinction), students must achieve a CAP of 4.50 or higher and pass the Honours Thesis.

Note 4:
Students who do not attempt the Honours Thesis/Project will read level-4000 or level-5000 modules to fulfil the Honours Requirements.

Note 5:
Students may also read CH4660 Independent Studies (5 MCs). This module carries a prerequisite: completion of 100 MCs, including 44 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20. It precludes the Honours Thesis/Project.

Note 6:
All level-4000 modules carry a general prerequisite of having completed 80 MCs, including 28 MCs in the Major, with a minimum CAP of 3.20 OR being on the Honours track (some level-4000 modules may have different prerequisites).

Single Major (BA)

To major in CH, students need to:

1. Pass CH1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of CH or CH-recognised modules which include the following list:
   • CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
   • CH2141 General History of China
   • CH2161 Traditional Chinese Taxonomy of Learning
   • CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
   • CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
• CH2162 Reading Classical Chinese Texts or CH2221 Modern Chinese Literature or CH2243 Chinese in Southeast Asia or CH2252 History of Chinese Philosophy
• a minimum of 20 MCs of CH modules at level-3000 or higher (see Note 1)
• a maximum of 8 MCs of CH modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

**Note 1:**
Students are allowed to read level-4000 modules, subject to department’s approval.

**Note 2:**
CH module codes with 3rd-digit ‘9’ are taught in English.
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**Second Major**

To major in CH, students need to:

1. Pass CH1101E. This will be counted towards the Faculty Core or UE requirements.
2. Pass at least 44 MCs of CH or CH-recognised modules which include the following:
   • CH2121 History of Chinese Literature
   • CH2141 General History of China
   • CH2161 Traditional Chinese Taxonomy of Learning
   • CL2101 The Chinese Script: History and Issues
   • CL2104 Reading/Writing Chinese
   • CH2162 Reading Classical Chinese Texts or CH2221 Modern Chinese Literature or CH2243 Chinese in Southeast Asia or CH2252 History of Chinese Philosophy
   • a minimum of 20 MCs of CH modules at level-3000 or higher (see Note 1)
   • a maximum of 8 MCs of CH modules that are taught in English (see Note 2)

**Note 1:**
Students are allowed to read level-4000 modules, subject to department’s approval.

**Note 2:**
CH module codes with 3rd-digit ‘9’ are taught in English.
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**Minor**

Pass at least 24 MCs of CH or CH-recognised modules, which include the following:

1. At least one of the following modules:
2. CH1101E Retelling Chinese Stories: Change and Continuity
3. GEH1004 Chinese Heritage: History and Literature (in English)
4. A minimum of 8 MCs of CH modules at level-3000 or higher*

*Students are allowed to read level-4000 modules subject to departmental approval.
Note 1:
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor.

Minor in Chinese Translation

Pass at least 24 MCs of modules (of which, at least 16 MCs must be taken at NUS), which include the following list:

1. CL2280 Basic Translation
2. CL2281 Translation and Interpretation
3. A minimum of 4 MCs from Translation Electives basket
4. A minimum of 4 MCs from Non-CORE (Other Electives) basket

Note 1:
A maximum of 8 MCs from the minor can be used to satisfy the requirements of a major or another minor

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