

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

| Critical | Course Subject and Title | Credit Hours | Min. Grade ¹ | Major GPA ² | Code | Prerequisites | Notes |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Semester One (16-17 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| ! | ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW | | |
| | Carolina Core ARP Requirement | 3-4 | | | CC-ARP | | |
| | CHIN 121 Elementary Chinese Mandarin ³ | 4 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | PR/CC | | |
| Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| ! | ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW CC-INF | C or better in ENGL 101 | |
| | Carolina Core ARP Requirement | 3-4 | | | CC-ARP | | |
| | CHIN 122 Basic Proficiency in Mandarin Chinese ³ | 3 | | | CC-GFL | CHIN 121 | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | History ⁵ | 3 | | | CR | | |
| Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 221 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese (<i>offered fall only</i>) | 3 | C | | CR | | |
| | CHIN 240 Chinese Culture, Tradition, & Modern Society (<i>offered fall only</i>) | 3 | C | | CR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3-4 | | | CC | | |
| | Social Science | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | | | CR | | |
| Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 222 Intermediate Mandarin Chinese II (<i>offered spring only</i>) | 3 | C | | CR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course ⁶ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
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| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3-4 | | | CC | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | CC/PR | | |
| Semester Five (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 321 Adv. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I (<i>offered fall only</i>) | 3 | C | | MR | CHIN 222 | |
| | CHIN 335 Women in China or CHIN 341 Modern Chinese Literature or CHIN 355 Screening China | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course ⁶ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | CC/PR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | CC/PR | | |
| Semester Six (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 322 Adv. Intermediate Mandarin Chin. II (<i>offered spring only</i>) | 3 | C | | MR | CHIN 321 | |
| | CHIN 335 Women in China or CHIN 341 Modern Chinese Literature or CHIN 355 Screening China | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate or Minor Course ⁶ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | PR | | |
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| Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 421 Advanced Chinese I | 3 | C | | MR | CHIN 322 | |
| | Chinese Studies Program Elective ⁸ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | C (minor) | | PR | | |
| | Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | C (minor) | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | PR | | |
| Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | CHIN 422 Advanced Chinese II | 3 | C | | MR | CHIN 421 | |
| | Chinese Studies Program Elective ⁸ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁷ | 3 | | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁷ (<i>only if needed to meet hours to graduate</i>) | 3 | | | PR | | |

Graduation Requirements Summary

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Major Requirements Hours | College & Program Requirements Hours | Carolina Core Hours | Minimum Institutional GPA |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 120 | 24 | 54-66 | 32-44 | 2.000 |

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- The foreign language placement test will determine the level of Chinese at which the student begins. Students who test into a higher level of Chinese may begin at that level.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Chinese Studies Program Electives (6 credit hours)

| Choose from the following: | |
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| ARTH 345 – History of Asian Art (3) | POLI 443 – International Relations of East Asia & the Pacific (3) |
| CHIN 398 – Selected Topics (3) | POLI 448 – Politics & Government of China (3) |
| CHIN 399 – Independent Study (3) | RELG 220 – Introduction to Buddhism (3) |
| HIST 355 – Late Imperial China (3) | RELG 352 – Religions of East Asia (3) |
| HIST 356 – China Since 1949 (3) | |

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed in the student’s first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

| Codes: | |
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| CC Carolina Core | CC-INF Carolina Core – Information Literacy |
| CC-AIU Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding | CC-INT Carolina Core – Integrative Course |
| CC-ARP Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving | CC-SCI Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy |
| CC-CMS Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component | CC-VSR Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility |
| CC-CMW Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component | CR College Requirement |
| CC-GFL Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language | MR Major Requirement |
| CC-GHS Carolina Core – Historical Thinking | PR Program Requirement |
| CC-GSS Carolina Core – Social Sciences | |

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.