CHINESE, M.A.

UW–Madison offers an M.A. and Ph.D. degree in Chinese, specializing either in linguistics or in literature and culture. The program provides broad foundations and focused training in these two specialties, assuring that our graduates are amply prepared to teach and conduct research.

The linguistics specialty excels in areas of historical linguistics, phonology, prosody, grammaticalization, interface study between syntax and phonology, dialectology, sociolinguistics, second language acquisition, pedagogy, and pragmatics.

The literature and culture specialty covers periods from the pre-Qin through the modern and contemporary, including study of fictional and historiographical narrative, poetry, drama, film, and new media.

The graduate program in Chinese is housed in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, along with the Japanese and the Asian Languages and Cultures Program. As such students will have opportunities to interact with all faculty, staff, and graduate students affiliated with the department to examine their area of specialty in broader regional and disciplinary contexts.

GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic degree programs and the Graduate School. Applicants must meet requirements of both the program(s) and the Graduate School. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (https://grad.wisc.edu/admissions).

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<td>GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)</td>
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<td>English Proficiency Test</td>
<td>Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<a href="https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency">https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency</a>).</td>
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<td>Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)</td>
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Prior to submitting application and materials, applicants should carefully review the information regarding the program of interest and the faculty's expertise (https://alc.wisc.edu/about/faculty) to determine the fit between their interest and the program. To this extent, prospective applicants may contact a specific faculty to discuss their research interest prior to submitting applications.

Applicants should also review the Graduate School's admission process (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/Asian-Languages-Cultures/chinese-ma/https://grad.wisc.edu/apply), Graduate School's minimum requirements (http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/requirements), and program requirements and information prior to submitting the online application and fee. The application fee cannot be waived or refunded.

DEADLINES

We accept applications for the fall term only.

In order to be considered for fellowships, project assistantships, and teaching assistantships (https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/costs), all application materials must be in by January 10.

If you do not need any funding support, you may submit applications by April 15.

APPLICATION PROCESS

New applicants to UW-Madison apply to programs through the Graduate School application process. Complete the online Graduate application (https://apply.grad.wisc.edu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f) and select the Asian Languages and Cultures (major code 596) or Chinese (major code 171) or Japanese (major code 583) program.

Students may apply either to the MA or PhD program.

If you are a currently enrolled UW-Madison graduate student and would like to add or change your current graduate program to Asian Languages and Cultures, Chinese, or Japanese, you do not need to fill out the online application. You will need to submit the following to the ALC Graduate Program Coordinator (1244 Van Hise):

- Grad School "Add/Change Program (https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/change-program)" form (click on link and look for form in the "Academic Forms" box)
- Letters of recommendation
- CV or Resume
- Statement of purpose

FUNDING

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and processes related to funding.
GRADUATE STUDENT COSTS

For tuition and living costs, please view the Cost of Attendance page (https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/). International applicants recommended for admission to the Graduate School are required to show sufficient funds to attend the University during the course of studies (tuition, food and housing, incidentals and health insurance) to be officially accepted by the Graduate School.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures offers financial assistance in the forms of fellowships, teaching assistantships (TAships), and project assistantships (PAships). Please make note of the deadline of January 10 for financial assistance consideration. All necessary materials including test scores must be submitted by the deadline.

If you are an international applicant and receive a fellowship, PAship or TAship, please make note that you will likely be required to show additional financial documentation to meet the minimum required for your official acceptance to the Graduate School.

FELLOWSHIPS

Most fellowships are handled through the department. However, some are available through sources outside of the department and have different application procedures. Some examples are as follows:

• Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships: FLAS fellowships are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the UW’s National Resource Centers to assist students in acquiring foreign language and either area or international studies competencies. FLAS awards are only available for specific languages (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.html), and are contingent on federal funding.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Applications by students in professional fields are encouraged. Preference will be given to applicants with a high level of academic ability and with previous language training.

Academic Year and Summer FLAS awards are two separate competitions requiring two separate and complete applications.

Complete details about FLAS at UW-Madison are available on the FLAS FAQs (https://flas.wisc.edu/FAQS.html) (your first stop) and the FLAS Languages & Coordinators (https://flas.wisc.edu/Languages.html) pages (should you have additional questions).

• Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF): This fellowship is awarded to highly qualified underrepresented students. To be considered for AOF funding, prospective students must be new to the Graduate School and be admissible to a graduate program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For further information: https://grad.wisc.edu/diversity/.

• Project Assistantships. Availability of PAship vary from one year to another, depending on the types of projects the departmental faculty are engaged in. PAs assist faculty members’ research projects and/or respond to some programmatic needs of the department and other campus units.

• Teaching Assistantships. Availability and types of TAship vary from one year to another, depending on the department’s curricular needs and the student enrollment. TAs will support a number of our language and culture courses, typically team-teaching with faculty members. If you are interested in being a teaching assistant in our language programs, you must submit the TA application and necessary materials (1-2 page written autobiography that refers to your prior teaching experience, letter of recommendation that speaks to your teaching experience, video recording of your teaching, if available) through the Graduate School application system by January 10.

• Other Forms of Financial Aid: Loans and some on-campus job openings are handled through the Student Financial Services Office (https://financialaid.wisc.edu/). Please contact them to obtain more information.

• Please also refer to the Graduate School’s Funding Information for New and Current Graduate Students (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) page for additional information.

• Students may also obtain information from the Grants Information Center (https://www.library.wisc.edu/memorial/collections/grants-information- (http://www.library.wisc.edu/memorial/collections/grants-information-) collection) in the Memorial Library, Room 262, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706. Phone 608-262-3242.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

• **Evening/Weekend**: These programs are offered in an evening and/or weekend format to accommodate working schedules. Enjoy the advantages of on-campus courses and personal connections, while keeping your day job. For more information about the meeting schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

• **Online**: These programs are offered primarily online. Many available online programs can be completed almost entirely online with all online programs offering at least 50 percent or more of the program work online. Some online programs have an on-campus component that is often designed to accommodate working schedules. Take advantage of the convenience of online learning while participating in a rich, interactive learning environment. For more information about the online nature of a specific program, contact the program.

• **Hybrid**: These programs have innovative curricula that combine on-campus and online formats. Most hybrid programs are completed on-campus with a partial or completely online semester. For more information about the hybrid schedule of a specific program, contact the program.

• **Accelerated**: These on-campus programs are offered in an accelerated format that allows you to complete your program in a condensed time-frame. Enjoy the
advantages of on-campus courses with minimal disruption to your career. For more information about the accelerated nature of a specific program, contact the program.

**CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>16 credits</td>
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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university’s Course Guide (<a href="https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/">https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/</a>).</td>
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<td>Overall Graduate GPA Requirement</td>
<td>3.00 GPA required.</td>
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<td>Other Grade Requirements</td>
<td>Students must earn a B or above in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student.</td>
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<td>Assessments and Examinations</td>
<td>A final written examination is required. Candidates are required to submit two substantial research papers written in seminars, or, with the consent of the major advisor, in a course at or above the 700 level.</td>
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<td>Language Requirements</td>
<td>Advanced proficiency in modern Chinese is required. Reading proficiency in Classical Chinese is required for all students.</td>
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**COURSES REQUIRED**

All students must take

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<td>ASIAN 641 &amp; a graduate-level course in Chinese Language</td>
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<td>2. Select a course in Chinese Language from:</td>
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<td>ASIAN 631</td>
<td>History of the Chinese Language</td>
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<td>ASIAN 641</td>
<td>History of Chinese Literature</td>
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<td>3. Proseminar</td>
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<td>ASIAN 701</td>
<td>Proseminar in Chinese Literature</td>
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<td>4. Complete a Seminar</td>
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<td>5. Six units of electives in Chinese language or literature (6-credits)</td>
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<td>6. Graduate level courses taken either within or outside of the Department and approved by the advisor (minimum 6-credits)</td>
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<td>7. Complete three credits from the following (teaching courses are required for TAs, but recommended for everyone)</td>
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<td>ASIAN 700</td>
<td>Teaching Asian Languages (Chinese-related topic only)</td>
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<td>ASIAN 712</td>
<td>Teaching of Chinese</td>
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**POLICIES**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures ([https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy](https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy)) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES**

**GRADUATE PROGRAM HANDBOOK**

The Graduate Program Handbook ([https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/chinese](https://alc.wisc.edu/graduate-programs/chinese)) is the repository for all of the program’s policies and requirements.

**PRIOR COURSEWORK**

**Graduate Work from Other Institutions**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison Undergraduate**

With program approval, no more than 7 credits of graduate coursework (as defined above) completed while a UW–Madison undergraduate may be counted to satisfy degree requirements. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**UW–Madison University Special**

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 9 credits of graduate coursework (as defined above) taken as a UW–Madison Special student. Coursework earned five or more years prior to admission to a Master’s degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**PRINCIPALS**

- If a student’s average falls below 3.0 in a given semester, the department will decide whether the student may continue on probation. A specific plan will be arranged with dates and deadlines in place in regard to removal of probationary status.

**ADVISOR / COMMITTEE**

Starting Fall 2018, all students are required to have two co-advisors, identified at the time of admissions. During the course of study, students meet regularly with their advisors to ensure satisfactory progress. Choice of co-advisors can be changed with consent of new advisors.

**CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED**

15 credits
TIME CONSTRAINTS

The maximum time for completing all M.A. requirements and passing the M.A. examination is three years.

Master’s degree students who are absent for five or more years will not be given credit for prior work.

OTHER

The program offers limited financial assistance in the form of fellowships and teaching assistantships to candidates who are highly qualified. Applicants should consult the program website for selection criteria and application materials for assistantships.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

Throughout the academic year professional development trainings, workshops, and graduate student-organized activities take place. The Director of Graduate Studies is eager to hear from students about what interests they have for such events.

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

The Graduate School Office of Professional Development (OPD) coordinates, develops, and promotes learning opportunities to foster the academic, professional, and life skills of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers and scholars.

Professional development topics include Individual Development Plans (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/idp), communication, mentoring, grant writing, dissertation writing, career exploration, job search strategies, and more. OPD collaborates with the Writing Center, Libraries, DoIT Software Training for Students, Delta, career centers, and others to provide a wealth of resources and events tailored to the needs of UW—Madison graduate students.

The office developed and maintains DiscoverPD (https://my.grad.wisc.edu/DiscoverPD), an innovative tool for UW-Madison graduate students to advance their academic and professional goals. DiscoverPD introduces nine areas (or “facets”) of professional development, includes a self-assessment, and provides a customized report of areas of strength and weakness. The report comes with recommendations to help graduate students strengthen their ability within each area.

More information on campus resources for student professional development is available at Graduate Student Professional Development (http://grad.wisc.edu/pd). Students may keep up-to-date by reading GradConnections (https://grad.wisc.edu/new-students), the weekly newsletter for graduate students, and bookmarking the Events Calendar (https://grad.wisc.edu/events) to keep tabs on upcoming workshops of interest.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate understanding of the primary field(s) of study in a historical, comparative, and global context.
2. Demonstrate understanding of the major theories, research methods, and approaches to inquiry in one of the following areas of study.
3. Demonstrate ability to integrate theories into practice.
4. Demonstrate ability to articulate and communicate knowledge in specialized field(s).
5. Recognize and apply principles of ethical and professional conduct.

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Anatoly Detwyler, Assistant Professor
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Joe Dennis, Associate Professor of History
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Wei Dong, Professor in School of Human Ecology
Website: https://sohe.wisc.edu/staff/wei-dong
Area: Asian design and design visualization

Florence C. Hsia, Professor of History of Science
Website: https://history.wisc.edu/people/hsia-florence-c
Area: Early modern science; cross-cultural scientific exchange; science and religion; science and print culture; archives and data practices

Judd Kinzley, Associate Professor of History
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Area: Modern China and Xinjiang; environmental history, borderlands; material-centered history; political economy
Weijia Li, Assistant Professor in German, Nordic, and Slavic
Website: https://elpa.education.wisc.edu/elpa/people/faculty-and-staff-directory/weijia-li
Area: German-Chinese cultural exchange in the 20th c.

Yafei Li, Professor of Language Sciences
Website: https://langsci.wisc.edu/people/facstaff/li
Area: Syntax and morphology of Chinese

Yuhang Li, Assistant Professor of Art History
Website: https://arthistory.wisc.edu/people/faculty/li
Area: Chinese art, gender, and material practices in late imperial china; Buddhism and art; textile and costume history; Qing court art

Viren Murthy, Associate Professor of History
Website: https://history.wisc.edu/people/murthy-viren/
Area: East Asian intellectual history; Marxism; Buddhism

Zhongdang Pan, Professor of Communication Science
Website: https://commarts.wisc.edu/people/zhongdangpan
Area: Media and social changes in the PRC; comparative journalism in PRC, Taiwan, and HK; civic values in Chinese cities

Dianna Xu, East Asian Studies Librarian
Website: https://www.library.wisc.edu/subjects/east-asia/

Yongming Zhou, Professor of Anthropology
Website: https://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/staff/zhou-yongming/
Area: Cultural anthropologist of China and East Asia; development; media politics; environment; drugs; ethnicity and tourism; cyberspace