The Chinese program offers students a range of courses and activities which impart an understanding of the culture and civilization of China. With the completion of three years of the language, students will be prepared to handle various types of colloquial Chinese. Most majors pursue advanced studies in Chinese linguistics or literature, while others combine an interest in China with a degree in business, education, engineering or journalism.

Visit our website (https://alc.wisc.edu/undergraduate-studies/undergraduate-studies-in-chinese/) for more information about the undergraduate studies in Chinese.

STUDY ABROAD IN CHINA

Students may receive residence credit for study abroad through a variety of different programs. Our faculty direct the summer UW Intensive Chinese Language (https://studyabroad.wisc.edu/program/?programId=154) program in Tianjin. Students on this intensive language program study Mandarin Chinese over the summer, earning up to a full year’s worth of language credits. Please contact International Academic Programs (https://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/) for details.

Students may also receive credit, or gain experience, through various internship opportunities abroad. Please contact International Internship Programs (http://internships.international.wisc.edu/) for details.

STARTING COURSEWORK TOWARD THE MAJOR

Students may declare the Chinese major at any time. Before declaring the major, students may begin coursework to explore the language and fields of interest. Those students who have studied Chinese prior to coming to UW–Madison will have to take a placement test (https://alc.wisc.edu/placement-tests/) to determine the best class to enroll in on campus.