Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Chinese Language minor is intended to provide students with a good working knowledge of the Chinese language, taught in a context that emphasizes the characteristics and diversity of Chinese culture and society. Students undertake three years of language study (or equivalent); education abroad can be included.

What is Chinese?

The Chinese program provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on acquiring expertise in an important modern language and its culture. Giving students a strong working knowledge of the Chinese language and understanding of Chinese culture, the program can help prepare students for work in contexts where the language and culture are pertinent, to live and work in Sinophone areas of the world as informed and capable individuals equipped with appropriate intercultural skills and awareness, or for graduate study in China-related fields. Graduates may work in government service, domestic and foreign offices, or international agencies. Many go on to teach English in China, or to do translation work. Employment may also be available with trade organizations, international banking houses, or U.S. companies abroad. Domestic and multinational companies are increasingly seeking employees with backgrounds in multicultural studies as a way of dealing with the global market.

You Might Like This Program If...

• You are interested in Chinese language, culture, history, or society.
• You want to live or work in a Sinophone country.
• You are aiming for a career involving travel to Sinophone countries and interaction with native speakers of Chinese.