

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences - Foreign Languages, BA  
Concentration in Chinese**

Catalog Year: 2019 - 2020		Grades		
Mason Core Requirements (34-40 credits)	Course Information	Credits	Earned	Needed
Written Communication:	ENGH 101 (100)	3		
Oral Communication:		3		
Quantitative Reasoning		3		
Information Technology		3		
Arts		3		
Global Understanding		3		
Literature	May be satisfied by Major Requirement	0-3		
Natural Science Overview		3		
Natural Science with Lab		4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences		3		
Western Civilization/World History		3		
Written Communication:	ENGH 302	3		
Synthesis/Capstone	May be satisfied by CHIN 318, 355, or 475	0-3		
<b>College Level Requirements for the BA Degree</b>				
<b>Philosophy or Religious Studies</b>		3		
(PHIL 323, 324, 327, 393, 460 cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. PHIL 253 and RELI 235 cannot be used to fulfill both the PHIL/RELI requirement and the Mason Core literature requirement)				
<b>Additional Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b>		3		
(The two courses used to fulfill the combined college and university requirements must be from different disciplines. This requirement may be fulfilled by completing any course in ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GOVT, HIST (except 100 or 125), LING, PSYC, or SOCI & these courses in GGS: 101, 103, 110, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 315, 316, 320, 325, 330, 357, 380)				
<b>Foreign Language</b>		0-12		
(Intermediate level in a single language by completing a course in a foreign language numbered 202 (or higher); or achieving a satisfactory score on an approved proficiency test; or by completing the following ASL three course sequence EDSE 115, 116, and EDSE 219; or students who are already proficient in a second language may be eligible for a waiver of this requirement)				
<b>Non-Western Culture</b>	May be satisfied by Major Requirement	0-3		
(Approved courses for this requirement may be found under Degree Requirements for the major listed within the University Catalog. The course used for this requirement may not simultaneously fulfill Mason Core Global Understanding)				
<b>Major Requirements (30 credits)</b>				
<b>Minimum overall GPA of 2.0 with no grades of C- or D applied to the major</b>				
<b>Major Core Courses:</b> Eight courses from: CHIN 300, 301, 305, 318, 355, 365, 475, 480, 481, 485		Credits	Earned	Needed
Major Core Course #1:		3		
Major Core Course #2:		3		
Major Core Course #3:		3		
Major Core Course #4:		3		
Major Core Course #5:		3		
Major Core Course #6:		3		
Major Core Course #7:		3		
Major Core Course #8:		3		
<b>Elective Courses:</b> Two courses chosen from: CHIN 310, 311, 320, 325, 328, 470, 490, and approved relevant courses in ANTH, ARTH, GOVT, HIST, PHIL, RELI, or SOCI				
Major Elective Course #1:		3		
Major Elective Course #2:		3		
<b>Degree Notes</b>				
No more than two courses (six credits) conducted in English may be used to fulfill requirements for the concentration in Chinese. Any remaining credits may be completed with elective courses to bring the degree total to 120 with 45 of these credits at the 300/400 level.				



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Sample 4-Year Graduation Plan  
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Year One – Semester One	16 credits
ENGH 101 (100) or COMM 101	3
MATH 106	3
Global Understanding	3
Language course concentration* CHIN 110, Elementary Chinese	6
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Year One – Semester Two	16 credits
ENGH 101 (100) or COMM 101	3
HIST 100 or 125	3
Natural Science with a lab	4
CHIN 201, Intermediate Chinese I	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3

Year Two – Semester One	15 credits
Natural Science without a lab	3
Arts requirement	3
CHIN 325, Major Chinese Writers	3
CHIN 202, Intermediate Chinese II	3
Social/Behavioral Science	3

Year Two – Semester Two	15 credits
CHIN 300, Reading Skills Development	3
CHIN 310, Survey of Chinese Literature	3
Elective or minor course	3
HIST 390	3
Philosophy or Religious Studies course	3

Year Three – Semester One	15 credits
CHIN 301, Advanced Grammar & Syntax	3
CHIN 318, Intro to Classical Chinese	3
ENGH 302	3
Electives	6

Year Three – Semester Two	15 credits
CHIN 305, Chinese for the Business World	3
CHIN 355, Readings in Chinese Poetry & Poetics	3
CHIN 300-level coursework	3
Electives or minor coursework	6

Year Four – Semester One	15 credits
CHIN 475, Chinese Popular Culture	3
CHIN 480, Fourth-Year Chinese I	3
Upper-level elective	3
Minor coursework	6

Year Four – Semester Two	15 credits
CHIN 481, Fourth-Year Chinese II	3
CHIN 365, Readings in Chinese Fiction after Mao	3
FRLN 385, Multilingualism, Identity, & Power	3
Upper-level electives or minor coursework	6

This 4 –year plan is an EXAMPLE for Chinese majors. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor at least once per semester. Students are also encouraged to keep in mind the following:

- You need a C or better in each course in order for it to count for your major;
- You need 120 credits for your B.A. degree, with 45 upper-division credits and **30 required credits** for your Chinese concentration;
- Students in *Foreign Languages* are encouraged to minor in a complementary subject during their time at GMU;
- While study abroad is not required, it is highly recommended.