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1. What is Chinese Studies?

Chinese Studies provides a study of China's rich civilization, its remarkable economic rise and political transformation, and its complex relationship to other parts of Asia, as well as to the west. Students will attain a solid foundation for further academic, professional, and/or personal exploration of this fascinating culture, its history, and its present.

2. Why study Chinese at Dalhousie?

Spoken by over a billion people, Mandarin Chinese is used widely in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia, as well as in many overseas communities globally. It is one of the five official languages of the United Nations. We offer in-program scholarships and help arrange local HSK (Chinese Language Proficiency) testing, as well as language and culture exchange programs. We host with the student society many extracurricular activities including academic lectures and speech competitions, taiji and calligraphy demonstrations, choir and conversation clubs, movie nights and dumpling parties.

3. What courses are offered?

A Minor in Chinese Studies is an excellent interdisciplinary complement to a course of study in any other degree programs. In addition to three levels of Mandarin Chinese language classes, we offer a variety of courses in culture, literature, cinema, religion, economics, history, and political thought. Students can take such classes as Asian Cinemas, The Economic Rise of China and India, East Meets West in Popular Culture, and Asia and the West: Centuries of Dialogue.

4. What kind of jobs do people with a degree in Chinese Studies have?

Knowledge of Asian-related subjects and proficiency in the Chinese language have distinguished and enabled our graduates to go on to a wide range of careers such as **arts, journalism, and education; politics and law; international business and trade; foreign services and public relations; and linguistics and translation.**

5. Where to start?

Register for our introductory Mandarin Chinese language classes and CHIN2050/SOSA2051 Chinese Culture.

Have a question? Contact our Undergraduate Advisor Dr. Shao-Pin Luo at sluo@dal.ca. To learn more, check out dal.ca/chinesestudies.