



CHINESE STUDIES

**CHINESE OPENS DOORS.
STEP THROUGH.**



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CHINESE STUDIES

Chinese Studies is an interdisciplinary program that invites you to explore one of the world's most influential civilizations while engaging with one of today's most dynamic global societies. You will learn to understand China's cultural heritage, its remarkable economic rise, its political transformations, and its relationship with the wider world.

Through language learning and cultural study, you will gain tools that support academic success, professional growth, and meaningful global engagement.

WHY STUDY CHINESE (MANDARIN)

- It is spoken by **over 1.3 billion** people worldwide, making it the **most widely spoken first language** on the planet.
- It connects you with communities across Asia and around the globe.
- Chinese is **one of the five official languages** of the United Nations and a key language in diplomacy, global trade, science and culture.
- It opens the door to understanding a civilization with a **history of over 4,000 years** while engaging with one of today's most influential economies and cultures.
- Mandarin offers a **distinctive skill** that complements almost any field, from business and engineering to health, education, law and the arts.
- It **reshapes how you think** and communicate. It strengthens memory, problem-solving, and intercultural awareness.
- It prepares you to work, travel, or study in Chinese-speaking regions and to **navigate global challenges** with confidence and curiosity.

CHINESE STUDIES AT DALHOUSIE

Chinese Studies at Dalhousie goes beyond language classes. It is a vibrant academic and cultural community where learning happens in and out of the classroom.

- We offer **in-program scholarships** and help arrange local HSK (Chinese Language Proficiency) testing, an internationally recognized credential.
- Students can participate in **language and culture exchange programs** that connect them with Chinese-speaking peers and communities.
- We have a **vibrant student society** and Department initiatives.
- Our courses **link language learning** with culture, history, cinema, economies, religion, and political thought.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Choose the path that fits you:

- Minor in Chinese Studies
- Combine Chinese language and culture courses with any major

A Chinese Minor signals creativity, adaptability and global competence.

REAL WORLD IMPACT: GLOBAL SKILLS FOR TODAY'S WORLD

Chinese gives you a global edge in:

- Arts, journalism, and education
- Politics, international business
- International careers and cultural sectors
- Science, Engineering & Heritage
- Public relations
- Global communication
- Confidence in navigating diverse cultural contexts

YOU BELONG IN THIS PROGRAM IF...

- You're already taking Chinese electives
- You're interested in Asia through language, film, history, politics or culture
- You want a practical skill that enhances any degree
- You're passionate about culture, languages, travel or community engagement
- You're majoring in another field and want a global edge
- You want a meaningful learning experience
- You speak Chinese at home and want to leverage this skill academically
- You seek community, connection, and international opportunity

READY TO START? LET'S TALK.

We are happy to help you plan your path.

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ALL LEARNERS WELCOME!