

CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE (HBA)

Department of Language Studies

The **Chinese Language and Culture minor** is designed specifically for advanced language learners who would like to improve their written and oral communication skills in both academic and professional settings, and also to advance their linguistic knowledge and cultural literacy from cross-cultural perspectives. The Minor will also provide students with synergistic academic skills and the ability to apply them in professional fields where Chinese language, cultural knowledge, and cross-cultural communication competency are required.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Minor Program ERMIN2021 Chinese (Arts)

Check out...

Curious about the knowledge and skills required in Chinese and English cultures for career planning? Take CHI310H5 to learn to compose well-structured job application materials using descriptive and persuasive writing and prepare for job interviews. Identify the differences in professionalism and business etiquette in the workplace in the two cultures and reflect on those differences.

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Foreign Language Intelligence Analyst; Political Aide; International Trade Officer; Travel Agent; Translator; Public Relations Specialist; Technical Writer; Language Instructor.

Workplaces: Government; cultural organizations; international agencies; travel agencies and tour companies; universities and colleges; non-profit organizations; private sector/large corporations.



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MINOR Program Plan

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using [My Program Plan](#). Update your plan yearly.



	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in CHI211H5 and CHI212H5.</p> <p>Maintain an average of 63% across both courses; and a minimum CGPA of 2.3.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.</p>	<p>Attain 1.0 credits from CHI308H5, CHI310H5, CHI311H5, CHI312H5, CHI313H5, or CHI314H5.</p> <p>Visit the Language Studies Academic Advisor for help with selecting appropriate courses.</p> <p>Attend the RGASC's PART to enhance your research skills and PELS program to enhance your English language skills.</p>	<p>Attain an additional 1.0 credits from CHI308H5, CHI310H5, CHI311H5, CHI312H5, CHI313H5, or CHI314H5.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. see the Office of the Registrar and the Language Studies Academic Advisor 	<p>Attain 1.0 credits from CHI408H5, CHI409H5, CHI410H5, CHI411H5, or HIS431H5.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the Experiential Education Fair.</p>	<p>Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the Work-Study program.</p> <p>Consider enrolling in CHI312 to explore how overseas Chinese writers approach and understand the dissemination of Chinese culture, as well as its interaction with other cultures.</p>	<p>Explore your interests.</p> <p>Get involved in language exchange opportunities, which will be recognized on your CCR.</p> <p>Assist in organizing Chinese cultural events hosted on campus.</p>	<p>Skills are transferrable to any job regardless of where you develop them.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining The Bamboo Life. Follow them on IG to be notified of relevant events @utm.thebamboolife.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Check out workshops and events hosted by the Department of Language Studies. Visit their News & Events page.</p>	<p>Join a professional association.</p> <p>Attend the International Conference on Second Language Pedagogies and the Canadian Teaching Chinese as a Second Language Conference (TCSL).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE'IN, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience through the IEC to strengthen and enhance your intercultural skill set, and learn about other cultures while sharing your own!</p>	<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p>Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE to support your transition out of the University!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.</p>	<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considering further education? Research application requirements and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p> <p>Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program.</p>

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

Skills developed in Chinese Language and Culture

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Technical: the ability to read and write critically in both academic and professional settings; an understanding of the interconnectedness of language, culture, and literature.

Communication: proficiency in reading, writing, and oral expression; comprehensive knowledge of Chinese grammar and vocabulary; translation ability; and the ability to present ideas clearly.

Interpersonal & leadership: interact with people from various backgrounds; demonstrate awareness of cultural diversity.

Analytical: analyze and interpret information; think critically; and reflect on the role of language identity in different cultures.

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)
- The Bamboo Life

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the **Student Groups & Societies Directory**

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **Indigenous Centre (IC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

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Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Looking to enhance your academic reading, writing skills, and critical thinking abilities? Upon completion of CHI211 & CHI212 (Chinese for Academic Purposes), you'll be equipped with the skills to master written communication, deliver compelling presentations using supporting media, and enhance your public speaking skills.

Our program seeks to offer students a comprehensive understanding of the Chinese language, culture, and literature, while also emphasizing intercultural perspectives within the Canadian context. Our courses not only broaden language knowledge but also equip students with valuable academic skills that can be applied in professional fields requiring Chinese language proficiency, cultural literacy, and competence in cross-cultural communication. Completing the CLC Minor will significantly enhance students' proficiency in Chinese language and cultural competence, which are highly desirable assets in any industry.

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