

# Asian Languages (Chinese), BA

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China is one of the world's oldest continuous civilizations and newest economic giants. When you study Chinese language and culture, you'll gain a competitive edge in the dynamic frontier of international business and relations, as well as the arts and sciences.

## Program description


The BA program in Asian languages with a concentration in Chinese emphasizes proficiency in reading, writing and speaking modern Mandarin, as well as in reading classical Chinese.

Students gain an in-depth understanding of the fundamentals of the rich Chinese cultural tradition centered on primary Chinese texts from the literary, intellectual and religious cultures of Chinese-speaking societies.

Students interested in learning Chinese are encouraged to inquire about the [Chinese Language Flagship Program](#). All students with higher levels of linguistic competency may enroll in targeted courses offered as part of the Chinese flagship track.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent degrees or a second baccalaureate in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

## Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[Global Management, MGM](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Admission requirements

### General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

## Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

## Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

## Global opportunities

### Global experience

[Studying abroad](#) is vital when learning the Chinese language. Immersing oneself in the second most spoken language in the world adds value to the degree, and having a thorough understanding of Chinese cultural elements prepares graduates to take off in an exciting, multicultural career with valuable skills employers seek, like heightened cultural competency, adaptability, critical thinking and communication skills.


## Career opportunities

Knowledge of multiple languages and intercultural competencies enhances any occupation and offers graduates many career opportunities. Language-intensive professions include:

- foreign correspondent
- foreign media professional
- foreign service officer
- international banking and finance professional
- language, literature or culture teacher
- law and immigration professional
- multilingual administrative professional
- translator or interpreter
- travel professional

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<a href="#">Community Health Worker</a> 🌟	14.1%	\$46,190
<a href="#">Cultural Studies Professor</a>	3.9%	\$80,910
<a href="#">Lawyer</a> 🌟	7.5%	\$135,740

<b><u>Political Analyst</u></b> 	6.6%	\$128,020
<b><u>Translator</u></b>	4.3%	\$53,640

\* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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## Contact information

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