

Department of Chinese Language & Literature

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What is the Chinese Language & Literature Program?

The Department of Chinese Language and Literature focuses on the study of the humanities which serve as the foundation of Eastern and Western cultures. This permits the study of humanism based on the principles of truth and freedom, and in a broader sense, the nurturing of future leaders of Korea as well as international culture. In pursuit of these aims, the college encourages the development of a new spirit of learning through revisiting the old, the creative ability to adapt learned truths to a changing world, and the formation of new cultural paradigms to integrate the best of Eastern and Western cultures, all with the purpose of leading Korea forward into the new millennium.

Chinese Language & Literature at Kyung Hee

The Department of Chinese Language & Literature was first established as a division in the college of Humanities in 1960 in Seoul. The program of Chinese Language and Literature offers courses in the languages, culture, literature, and linguistics of China. Courses taught in Korean introduce students from many disciplines to the culture, philosophy, linguistics, and literature of China. Courses in Chinese enable students to progress from an elementary working knowledge of either language to oral and written fluency. Students learn practical spoken Chinese from visiting Chinese professors and apply this knowledge later in their academic careers to the study of literature and linguistics. Students who major in Chinese Language and Literature must complete 45 credit hours in Chinese. Students are encouraged to consult their advisors in arranging their programs. Language study is a field undergoing major changes and improvements. The department is consistently seeking to respond to these changes by updating its instructional program.

Degree Requirements

To receive the Bachelor of Arts in Chinese, a student must:

- complete a minimum of 130 credit units
- satisfy the general requirements of the School for professional degrees
- complete 9 units of essential general subjects of Kyung Hee University in the areas of foreign language (6 credits of Foreign Language 1, 2) and computer (3 credits)
 - ※ Only Foreign Language 1 can be exempted with the acquisition of a Certificate of Language Competency issued by publicly acknowledged institutions
 - ※ 3 credits for computer proficiency can be fulfilled by taking Language and Computer, a course offered by the Department of Korean as essential general subject of the College of Foreign Languages and Literature (This course can be exempted with acquisition of a certificate issued by publicly acknowledged computation institutions)
- complete 9 credits of the general studies of the College of Foreign Language and Literature (2 courses from the college basic courses and one from the courses of each country's history and culture)
- complete 45 credits of major courses for Chinese (12 credits of required major courses and 33 selected major courses)

Courses

Year 1

Elementary Conversation Chinese 1,2, Chinese 1,2, Chinese History and Culture, Understanding of Chinese Sentence

Year 2

Selected Readings of Old Chinese Text, Chinese Language and Society, Selected Readings in Scholarly Chinese Texts, Intermediate Conversation Chinese 1,2, Chinese History Talk, Chinese Grammar, Old Chinese Proverbs, Chinese Language and Society, China's Foreign Relations

Year 3

Understand Chinese Graphology, Current Topic in Chinese, Understanding of Modern Chinese Literature, Screen Chinese, Advanced Conversation Chinese 1,2, Chinese Composition, Business & Practical Chinese

Year 4

Seminar in Chinese Language, Practice of Chinese Interpretation, Applied Chinese Conversation 1,2, Readings of Advanced Chinese Classics, Practice of Chinese Translation, Chinese Economic Development

Careers and Graduate Destinations

Most graduates with a degree in Chinese and Chinese Literature are employed at companies, especially ones large in size, and are fully taking advantage of their major.

The prospects of better relations with the People's Republic of China will enable the graduates to have more job opportunities.

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