



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Faculty of Arts

Chinese Studies at Melbourne



Why Chinese Studies?

LEARN CHINESE AND GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Living in Australia, there are many reasons to study Chinese Studies. We not only have a large Chinese population whose history in this country extends back to the 1850s – we also have many links to China economically, culturally, socially and increasingly, politically. China today is undoubtedly a key global player with enormous influence.

You'll take a placement test to make sure you're in the right class for your level, whether you're a beginner or you speak Chinese at home. But you won't just be learning the Chinese language – you'll be focusing on contextual aspects such as Chinese history, culture and politics, and analysing some of the socio-cultural issues of present-day China. You can choose from subjects on great Chinese literary classics, cinema, translation, and analysing Chinese news media. There are even opportunities to undertake study overseas.

WHERE CAN A MAJOR IN CHINESE STUDIES TAKE YOU?

Your in-depth knowledge of Chinese culture and society and competency in the Chinese language can open up career prospects in a range of professions. In majoring in Chinese Studies, you'll also have developed the skills to work with people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, which is an asset in any field of employment. You might apply your skills in areas such as international trade, diplomacy, teaching, multinational business, translation, or communications.

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“I studied at Nanjing University in China for a semester, and I also did an internship at the Confucius Institute, where I got to experience a bilingual office environment. So many opportunities have opened up because of my continued learning of the Chinese language. Many people are willing to do business with China but not willing to dedicate themselves to the language. Language is crucial in creating strong bilateral connections.”

Bridie Allen