MASTER OF ARTS IN CHINESE

Admission to the Program

A prerequisite for admission to the M.A. program is a B.A. in Chinese (or equivalent), with a Grade Point Average of at least 3.0. Applicants are thus expected to demonstrate advanced proficiency in spoken Mandarin Chinese and Standard Written Chinese, familiarity with major literary/cultural figures and texts, training in the fundamentals of linguistics, and a basic reading proficiency in classical/literary Chinese. San Francisco State University also requires that all students admitted to graduate standing demonstrate proficiency in written English. Applicants who are lacking in one or more of these areas may be admitted conditionally after developing, through consultation with advisors, a program of studies to establish equivalency. Courses prescribed for equivalency may not be credited toward the M.A. degree. In order to assess whether applicants meet acceptable standards and have fulfilled prerequisites, both the Division of Graduate Studies and the Chinese Program are involved in the application review process. Application materials required by the Division of Graduate Studies are described elsewhere in this Bulletin (for details, see Graduate Studies). In addition, the Chinese Program also requires the following supplementary documents:

1. a 500-word analytical statement of purpose in English;
2. a statement in Chinese covering the same or similar content; and
3. two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s academic and/or professional qualifications.

These supplementary materials should be sent directly to the Graduate Advisor of the Chinese Program (http://mll.sfsu.edu/chinese-program-faqs).

Chinese (M.A.) — Minimum 30 units

CHIN 821 Modern Chinese Literature  3
CHIN 822 Classical Chinese Literature  3
CHIN 824 Testing & Assessment in Teaching/Learning Chinese as a Second Language  3
or CHIN 825 Applied Linguistics and Teaching Chinese
or CHIN 837 Materials Development for Teaching Chinese

CHIN 826 Semantics and Morphology  3
or CHIN 827 Language Change and Dialectic Variation

Elective Courses (18 units)

• One exclusively graduate (not paired) elective course (3 units) in Chinese.
• One exclusively graduate (not paired) elective course (3 units) in Chinese, or paired upper division/graduate course in Chinese (students must enroll using the graduate course number)
• Three upper division/graduate electives (9 units) in Chinese or related subjects with approval of graduate advisor.
• Graduate course (3 units) in research or teaching methods on advisement.

and

CHIN 896EXM Master’s Comprehensive Written and Oral Examinations in two subfields