



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Chinese

Students graduating with a B.A. in Chinese should be able to:

- Speak and comprehend colloquial Mandarin Chinese at a level that enables participation in discussions on everyday topics.
- Have acquired enough of a grasp of written Mandarin Chinese to begin reading texts intended for native readers—newspapers, fiction, academic prose, etc.—and to communicate in writing in basic everyday situations.
- Demonstrate broad knowledge of the major historical, cultural, political, and social aspects of Chinese society, as well as its interrelations within the broader East Asian context, and be able to engage in debates on these topics.
- Analyze and interpret creative and academic texts relating to Chinese and East Asian Studies more broadly in light of appropriate historical and cultural contexts.
- Write well-researched, cogent, persuasive essays on topics relating to China and East Asia more broadly.