

GLOBAL CHINA STUDIES (BA)

CIP: 05.0123

Program Description

China is once again a major force in the world. Beyond the scope of conventional area studies, the innovative interdisciplinary major in Global China Studies allows students to cultivate up-to-date knowledge and critical skills about China. It aims at deepening their understanding of China's interactions with the wider world as well as comprehending the trends within China, at individual, societal, state, and global levels, and in the context of socio-economic, religious, cultural, and political transformations.

The Global China Studies major offers two options. Students may opt to take the track that requires an extensive study of China in a global setting through the completion of an interdisciplinary curriculum without the need for additional Chinese language courses. They could also choose the advanced track option, which trains students to acquire a higher level of Chinese proficiency in addition to developing focused research skills needed for postgraduate professional and academic pursuits. In either case, majors in Global China Studies will graduate with the capacity to become qualified practitioners and thinkers of a changing China in the world.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

Students pursuing the Global China Studies program must complete the Core Requirements listed below and one of the two major tracks. In addition, they must take additional credits to meet the minimum of 128 credits required for Graduation.

Regular Track

This track is for students interested in developing in-depth knowledge about China through the study of Chinese history, society, literature, arts, and politics in a global setting with an emphasis on innovative research methods. Students must take a wide range of courses on China and are encouraged to complete a minor of their choosing. This track is recommended for students who plan to seek employment in the private sector, research institutions, or admission into graduate school.

Advanced Track

This advanced track is for students interested in combining advanced training in the Chinese language with a deep knowledge of Chinese history, society, literature, arts, and politics in a global setting, as well as with an exploration of innovative research methodologies. It is recommended for students who plan to seek admission into graduate school, or employment in research institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations in China or elsewhere that focus on China-related issues.

Course	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
<i>Social and Cultural Foundations</i>		
CCSF-SHU 101L	Global Perspectives on Society	4
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on China (Two Courses)		
<i>Writing</i>		
WRIT-SHU 102	Writing as Inquiry	4
WRIT-SHU 201	Perspectives on the Humanities	4
<i>Language</i>		
Language Courses ¹		8-16
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Mathematics Course		4
<i>Algorithmic Thinking</i>		
Algorithmic Thinking Course		4
<i>Science</i>		
Experimental Discovery in the Natural World Course		4
Science, Technology and Society Course		4
Courses for the Global China Studies Major		
<i>Required Courses</i>		
GCHN-SHU 110	The Concept of China	4
GCHN-SHU 400	Global China Studies Senior Capstone Seminar I	4
GCHN-SHU 401	Global China Studies Senior Capstone Seminar II	4
<i>China and the World</i>		
Select two of the following (Students in the Advanced Track select one):		4-8
GCHN-SHU 164	The History of the Silk Road	
GCHN-SHU 165	China and the Islamic World, c.600AD-Present	
GCHN-SHU 234	Dunhuang and Its Global Connections	
GCHN-SHU 264	Chinese Migrant and Diasporic Networks	
HIST-SHU 250		
HIST-SHU 312		
SCA-SHU 9634		
SOCS-SHU 341	Cross-Straits Relations	
<i>Global China Studies Electives</i>		
Choose four courses from the lists (Students in the Advanced Track select three), with at least one course from each of the following three categories:		
Chinese History, Society, and Culture		
Chinese Media, Arts, and Literature		
The Politics, Economy, and Environment of China		
<i>Language Courses (Students in Advanced Track only)</i>		
Select two of the following:		
Non-Native Chinese Speakers		
Any two Chinese language courses on or beyond the level of Advanced I (e.g., Advanced I & II; or Advanced II & one post-advanced course; or two post-advanced courses)		0-8
Native Chinese Speakers		

Required to further develop their academic reading and writing skills as well as Classical Chinese reading abilities through two of the following classes:			
GCHN-SHU 283	Reading and Viewing Modern China	PHIL-SHU 110	Traditional Chinese Political and Legal Philosophy
GCHN-SHU 233	Foreign Societies in Classical Chinese Writing	SOCS-SHU 236	The Chinese Family
GCHN-SHU 255	Eat, Pray, Ponder: Chinese Intellectual Culture through the Ages	SOCS-SHU 254	Ethnographies of Change in China
GCHN-SHU 316	Chinese Art and Architecture in Cross-cultural Contexts	SOCS-SHU 265	Population and Society
Other courses with special requirements (ask GCS Area Leader)		Chinese Media, Arts, and Literature	
<i>Chinese for Advanced Undergraduate Research (Students in Advanced Track only)</i>		Courses in this category examine the artistic and literary productions by the Chinese in and outside China, as well as the trends in print, audio-visual, digital and social media.	
Electives		Code	Title
Other Elective Credits	44-48	ART-SHU 274	Chinese Woodblock Printmaking: A Socially Engaged Graphic Art Form
Total Credits	128	GCHN-SHU 111	Shanghai Stories
Global China Studies Electives		GCHN-SHU 112	China Stories: Traditions and Transformations
Chinese History, Society, and Culture		GCHN-SHU 126	The Media in China
Courses in this category focus on the examination of aspects and periods of Chinese history, social values and conditions, and cultural traditions and practices.		GCHN-SHU 156	History of Chinese Art
GCHN-SHU 101		GCHN-SHU 182	Crimes, Detectives, and Justice in Chinese Culture
GCHN-SHU 102		GCHN-SHU 185	China in Ten Soundtracks: The Sonic World of Modern Chinese Culture
GCHN-SHU 108		GCHN-SHU 205	Hong Kong Cinema
GCHN-SHU 128		GCHN-SHU 206	Woman in Modern China Through Literature and Media
GCHN-SHU 145		GCHN-SHU 207	20th-century Chinese Writers in Global Context
GCHN-SHU 165		GCHN-SHU 211	Chinese Architecture
GCHN-SHU 216		GCHN-SHU 220	History of Chinese Cinemas
GCHN-SHU 226		GCHN-SHU 225	Cultural Translations: China and the West
GCHN-SHU 247		GCHN-SHU 236	Immersive Narrative of Chinese Monuments
GCHN-SHU 248		GCHN-SHU 263	Voices from the Margin: Modern Chinese and Sinophone Writers
GCHN-SHU 255		HUMN-SHU 229	Masters of Asian Cinema
GCHN-SHU 267		INTM-SHU 266	Digital Heritage
GCHN-SHU 277		INTM-SHU 268	Acoustic Ethnography of the Yangtze Delta
GCHN-SHU 283		INTM-SHU 308	Advanced Lab: Mixed Reality and Cultural Heritage
GCHN-SHU 318		JOUR-SHU 203	Journalism and Society in China
The Politics, Economy, and Environment of China		Code	Title
Courses in this category examine the contemporary political, economic, legal, and environmental theories, policies, and practices in the People's Republic of China.		BPEP-SHU 9042	The Political Economy of East Asia
GCHN-SHU 123		BUSF-SHU 188	Chinese Business and Finance -- A Bilingual Introduction
GCHN-SHU 133		BUSF-SHU 288	Doing Business with China
GCHN-SHU 243		CHIN-SHU 429	Chinese Business and Finance -- A Bilingual Introduction
GCHN-SHU 246		ECON-SHU 238	History of Modern Economic Growth: Exploring China From a Comparative Perspective
GCHN-SHU 250		GCHN-SHU 123	Contemporary Chinese Political Thought
GCHN-SHU 133		GCHN-SHU 133	Visualizing Global China
GCHN-SHU 243		GCHN-SHU 243	China and the Environment
GCHN-SHU 246		GCHN-SHU 246	Youth and Consumer Culture in China
GCHN-SHU 250		GCHN-SHU 250	Geographies of China

GCHN-SHU 265	Women in China: From May 4th to Me Too & Beyond	4	General Elective	4
PHIL-SHU 255	Habermas and Chinese Modernity	4	Credits	16
SOCS-SHU 133	Urbanization in China	4	Total Credits	128
SOCS-SHU 160	Introduction to International Politics	4		
SOCS-SHU 275	US-China Relations	4		
SOCS-SHU 370	China's Foreign Policy	4		

Sample Plan of Study

Regular Track

Course	Title	Credits	Credits	16
1st Semester/Term				
CCSF-SHU 101L	Global Perspectives on Society	4		
Core Class		4		
Core Class		4		
Chinese or EAP		4		
	Credits	16		
2nd Semester/Term				
WRIT-SHU 102	Writing as Inquiry	4		
GCHN-SHU 110	The Concept of China	4		
Core Class		4		
Chinese or EAP		4		
	Credits	16		
3rd Semester/Term				
WRIT-SHU 201	Perspectives on the Humanities	4		
China and the World Course		4		
Advanced Chinese Course		4		
Core Course or General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
4th Semester/Term				
Global China Studies Elective				
Advanced Chinese Course 2				
Core Class		4		
Core Course or General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
5th Semester/Term				
Global China Studies Elective				
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
6th Semester/Term				
Global China Studies Elective				
Chinese for Advanced Undergraduate Research		4		
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
7th Semester/Term				
GCHN-SHU 400	Global China Studies Senior Capstone Seminar I	4		
Core Class		4		
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
8th Semester/Term				
GCHN-SHU 401	Global China Studies Senior Capstone Seminar II	4		
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
General Elective		4		
	Credits	16		
	Total Credits	128		

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Identify individual, cultural, social, economic, and political forces that shape our world, in both historical and contemporary perspective,

with a demonstrated appreciation of China and its relation to the region and the world.

2. Develop multidisciplinary expertise about the ways in which global trends affect China's evolution and how in turn the process of China's internal change has been (re)shaping the global community.
3. Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in using Chinese sources/ data for research.
4. Develop the skills to conduct substantive research in and about China independently, through an understanding on how to access relevant materials, engage in data collection (both of the quantitative and qualitative kind) and analyze them with the same degree of rigor expected in core the disciplines of the humanities and Global China Studies.
5. Interpret data by employing qualitative and quantitative methods or critically analyze sources of information to understand a wide range of social phenomena.

Policies

- Students who did not attend a Chinese-medium high school fulfill the Core language requirement by demonstrating proficiency of the Chinese language through the Intermediate level. Chinese speakers who did not attend an English-medium high school fulfill the Core language requirement through completion of EAP-SHU 100 English for Academic Purposes I and EAP-SHU 101 English for Academic Purposes II. Additional information can be found on the NYU Shanghai Core Curriculum page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/shanghai/core-curriculum/#text>).
- Study Abroad: Students enrolled in this track may study abroad for a maximum of two semesters.

Prerequisite Courses for Declaring a Major

Final grade of C/ current semester midterm grade of B or higher in any required Global China Studies course.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

NYU Shanghai Policies

Additional academic policies can be found on the NYU Shanghai Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/shanghai/academic-policies/>).