Master of Art in Chinese

LITERATURE
- CHIN 600 Red Chamber Dream
- CHIN 601 The Poetic Tradition
- CHIN 602 The Narrative Tradition
- CHIN 611 The Revolutionary Tradition
- CHIN 612 Negotiating Chineseness
- CHIN 802 The Narrative Tradition
- CHIN 820 The Road to Modernity
- CHIN 821 Modern Chinese Literature
- CHIN 822 Classical Chinese Literature

LINGUISTICS
- CHIN 826 Semantics and Morphology
- CHIN 827 Language Change & Dialect Variation

LANGUAGE TEACHING
- CHIN 824 Testing and Assessment
- CHIN 825 Teaching Chinese as a Second Language
- CHIN 837 Materials Development
- MLL 750 Curriculum and Instruction (1)
- MLL 751 Curriculum and Instruction (2)
- MLL 803 Technology in Language Education
- MLL 808 Second Language Acquisition

TRANSLATION & INTERPRETATION
- CHIN 881 Translation
- CHIN 882 Consecutive & Simultaneous Interpretation
- CHIN 883 Advanced Translation & Interpretation

MEDIA STUDIES
- CHIN 410 Chinese Media Literacy
- CHIN 411 Media Chinese

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
- MLL 701 Academic Writing and Research Methodology
Master of Art in Chinese at San Francisco State University

How to Apply

Qualifications (1): Bachelor's Degree and Academic Training
A prerequisite for admission to the Masters Program in Chinese is a Bachelor's Degree in Chinese or a related subject, with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (which is equivalent to a "B" average in letter grade terms). Applicants are expected to demonstrate advanced level skills in the following areas:

- Advanced proficiency in spoken Mandarin and standard written Chinese;
- Familiarity with major literary/cultural figures and texts;
- Training in the fundamentals of linguistic analysis;
- Basic reading proficiency in classical Chinese.

In exceptional circumstances, applicants who are lacking in one or more of these areas may be admitted conditionally after developing, through consultation with advisers, a program of studies to establish equivalency. Courses prescribed for equivalency may not be credited toward the M.A. degree.

Qualifications (2): English Language Proficiency
Applicants are not required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or other standardized academic proficiency tests. However applicants whose native language is not English, who did not complete their Bachelor's Degree at a college or university in an English-speaking country (English-speaking countries include the United States, Canada, Jamaica, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, and Belize), must demonstrate proficiency in English language by taking and passing a standardized English test recognized by San Francisco State University, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination. For a full list of recognized tests and passing scores, visit the Division of Graduate Studies' website (https://grad.sfsu.edu)

Application requirements are described at the Division of Graduate Studies website (grad.sfsu.edu). To complete the application, you will need to fill out an online admissions form. In addition, you will need to upload unofficial transcripts for all colleges and universities attended, provide immunization records, and upload statements of purpose (one in Chinese, one in English, around 1000 words in length). Letters of recommendation are needed from two qualified referees familiar with your academic and/or professional abilities. International students must also send in English language testing scores, proof of financial resources, and complete U.S. immigration forms.

The analytical Statements of Purpose in Chinese and English do not have to be identical translations of each other, but should cover similar content. The two essays will be used to gauge written proficiency in English and Chinese, and to evaluate writing skills and the capacity for organization and analysis. In the Statement of Purpose, we require you to explain the following:

- Why do you want to pursue graduate studies in Chinese?
- What kind of prior training and/or work experience do you have that qualifies you for the program? (See "Qualifications" section above for applicant requirements)
- Why did you choose the Chinese Program at San Francisco State University?
- What courses do you plan to take if admitted into San Francisco State, and why? What research do you plan to undertake?

How does masters level coursework figure in your long-term career planning?

In addition, let the Statement reflect your motivation, your background knowledge, and your level of linguistic sophistication. Statements must be in the form of a coherent essay divided into paragraphs arranged according to theme and topic. Treat the Statement of Purpose as an essay, not a question and answer form. Do not submit bullet point answers to the questions posed above.

The Chinese M.A. Program now operates on a rolling application schedule, meaning applications can be submitted all year round. But to make sure application materials are processed in time for the coming semester, apply by August 10 at the latest for Fall semester admission, and January 10 for Spring semester admission. Application deadlines, however, are subject to change on a yearly basis -- check the Division of Graduate Studies website for specifics. International students are encouraged to apply well before the closing date, as the issuance of U.S. visas at overseas consulates may be a time-consuming process.

Completion of Degree
The M.A. degree in Chinese requires completion of 10 courses, which include core courses in classical & modern literature, linguistics, language pedagogy, research methodology, and graduate and upper division electives. The degree typically takes 3 semesters to complete.

Career Outlook
Graduates of the Chinese M.A. Program go on to develop careers in language teaching, translation-interpretation, business, and media, or pursue doctoral study in such fields as literature, linguistics, and language acquisition.

Websites:
Chinese M.A. Program (information for applicants):
- https://mll.sfsu.edu/chinese-program-faqs
Division of Graduate Studies:
- https://grad.sfsu.edu/
CalState Apply Portal:
- https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/graduate