A minimum of 30 semester credits must be distributed in the following manner:

1. Four Chinese language courses above the 202 level to be selected with approval of an advisor. Examples of Chinese language courses that fulfill this requirement include CHIN 211, CHIN 301, CHIN 302, CHIN 336, CHIN 405, CHIN 406, CHIN 310, CHIN 410 (Business Chinese). Note: CHIN 180 does NOT fulfill this requirement.

2. Four Chinese literature/culture courses to be selected with approval of an advisor. Examples of Chinese literature/culture courses that fulfill this requirement include CHIN 100, CHIN 150, CHIN 200, CHIN 220, CHIN 250, CHIN 300, CHIN 303 (may be repeated with different topics), CHIN 309, CHIN 322, CHIN 360, CHIN 386, CHIN 410 (Advanced Topics). Note: CHIN 180 does NOT fulfill this requirement.

3. CHIN 428: Advanced Seminar in Chinese Language, Culture or Literature (This course will satisfy the concentration writing requirement and the concentration computing requirement).

4. One course relevant to China outside of the Department of Modern Languages and Literature to be selected with approval of an advisor.

Students who are interested in majoring in Chinese Language and Culture who already possess advanced fluency in Chinese language above the CHIN 410 level may replace the four Chinese language courses (#1 above) with two additional Chinese literature/culture courses (two semesters of Chinese TA-ship may count as one Chinese literature/culture course) and two courses relevant to China outside the Department.

All majors in Chinese are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a Chinese-speaking location after finishing CHIN 102 or CHIN 202.

Students will choose their major advisor from among the continuing Chinese Studies Program faculty when declaring their major in Chinese. The Chinese program actively supports faculty-mentored independent student research and strongly encourage majors to consider writing an honors thesis. Credits earned for completing an honors thesis are in addition to the required courses for the major. Students interested in completing an honors thesis should approach a potential advisor in the spring of their junior year.