Why UMD

The Chinese Area Studies minor prepares students to thrive as globally aware and cross-culturally competent citizens through a critical understanding of Chinese Language and culture.

Acquired Skills

Chinese Area Studies majors develop:

- Mandarin language communication skills
- Intercultural competence and a global perspective
- Analytical and critical thinking skills

Career Possibilities

Career possibilities include government, international relations, foreign service, immigration services, tourism, and entrepreneurship.

Scholarships

- Study Abroad Scholarships, $750
- WLC Scholarship to support study abroad in China: $1500
- CLA Scholarships to support tuition and expenses: $1500--$5000
- China Center Scholarships to support study abroad:
  - $1000
  - Chinese Government Scholarships for single semester or academic year of study in China: all expense except airfare.

Student Clubs

Chinese Language Learner's Club (CLLC) aims at increasing the Chinese language proficiency, cultural awareness and communications with the native speakers. Activities are organized every week each semester.

Requirements

Students with zero Chinese background are welcome as long as they are curious and tenacious.

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