

# Bachelor of Arts

## Major: Chinese Studies

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### Introduction

Sheridan's Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Studies) program provides a three-year undergraduate program for students interested in learning Mandarin Chinese and exploring China's rich historical and contemporary culture.

An arts degree equips students with a wide range of transferable skills, including creative thinking, critical thinking, and communication. These skills are highly desirable in a variety of employment contexts. The most prominent industry sectors seeking BA graduates include state and federal governments, non-government organisations (NGOs), education, media and communications, and arts and culture organisations.

The Chinese Studies Major program will suit students who are preparing for employment in East and Southeast Asia, for teaching Mandarin Chinese in primary or secondary school, or to serve as a pathway towards postgraduate study in Chinese studies. Career opportunities include translator, interpreter, trade consultant, development worker or teacher.

### Course Outline

A minimum of 24 units must be taken to complete the Sheridan Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Studies). Each unit is worth 3 credit points, with a total of 72 credit points to complete the degree.

All BA students study eight (8) Common Core units, comprising of two (2) BA core units, three (3) core research-oriented units and three (3) common core Christian studies units.

The BA (Chinese Studies) Major comprises ten (10) units: six (6) core Mandarin Chinese language units and four (4) elective units specific to the Chinese Studies discipline.

Students can select general electives from a wide range of other academic disciplines to complete the required 24 units to meet the graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree.

### Chinese Studies Core (choose 6 units)

- CN101 Beginner Chinese 1 (for students who have not taken ATAR Chinese)
- CN102 Beginner Chinese 2 (for students who have not taken ATAR Chinese)
- CN201 Intermediate Chinese 1
- CN202 Intermediate Chinese 2
- CN301 Advanced Chinese 1
- CN302 Advanced Chinese 2
- CN311 Advanced Chinese 3 (for students who have taken ATAR Chinese)
- CN312 Advanced Chinese 4 (for students who have taken ATAR Chinese)

### Chinese Studies Electives (choose 4 units)

- CN330 Advanced Chinese: Teaching and Pedagogy
- CN332 Advanced Chinese: Translation
- LT233 Lu Xun and Modern Chinese Literature of the May 4th Era
- LT331 A Hundred Schools of Thought: The "Golden Age" of Chinese Philosophy

### Common BA Core (2 units)

- HU140 Creative Thinking
- HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics

### Common Research Core (3 units)

- RS191 Academic and Professional Communication Skills
- RS292 Research Methods
- RS394 Research Project

### Common Christian Core (3 units)

- CS100 Introduction to Christianity
- CS200 Survey of the Bible
- CS300 Christianity as a Worldview

### General Electives (choose 6 units)

- Units from any discipline where appropriate prerequisites have been met. The faculty recommend that students consider selecting additional electives from the Chinese Studies list. Students may also choose to undertake a second Major in the Bachelor of Arts comprising eight (8) units of study from a specific discipline area, e.g. History or Creative Writing.

The BA (Chinese Studies) is accredited by TEQSA at Level 7 of the Australian Qualifications Framework.

## Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for the Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Studies) award, students must pass ten (10) Chinese Studies units, eight (8) Common Core units, and six (6) general elective units.

## Expected Learning Outcomes

A Bachelor Degree qualifies individuals who apply a broad and coherent body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional work and as a pathway for further learning.

Upon completing the Bachelor of Arts, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate your understanding of a broad and coherent body of knowledge, with an emphasis on the underlying principles and concepts of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences.
- Exercise your cognitive skills successfully to critically analyse, synthesise and consolidate information, concepts and theories from multi-disciplinary perspectives.
- Critically evaluate the scholarship and professional practice of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences in the light of contemporary research, of workplace practice, and of perspectives grounded in Christian scholarship.
- Communicate your understanding of current knowledge and professional practice of one or more disciplines to others through structured assignments and presentations in a variety of learning contexts.
- Demonstrate your intellectual independence through creative intellectual contributions to the study and/or practice of one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences.
- Apply research-based knowledge, skills and concepts from one or more disciplines within the humanities and social sciences to analyse problems and propose creative solutions across a diverse range scenarios.
- Demonstrate your capacity to seek knowledge and truth with persistence, independence, rigour, and integrity.
- Evaluate the relevance of Christian faith and practice to the pursuit of knowledge in the humanities and social sciences.

- Model self-discipline, servant leadership and respect for the dignity of individuals and groups in various settings.

Each unit you take in the Bachelor of Arts program will contribute towards the fulfilment of these broader learning outcomes.

## Academic Calendar

The Bachelor of Arts is a 3-year program. Units are delivered in two 15-week semesters. Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching, two non-teaching study weeks, and an examination week.

## Course Workload

The Bachelor of Arts may be completed in three years if taken full time, or longer if taken part-time. Students are regarded as taking an annual full-time workload when they are enrolled in a minimum of twenty four (24) or more credit points across two semesters in a given year. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than twenty four (24) credit points per year.

A standard Bachelor of Arts unit represents 168 hours of study over a semester, including class contact hours and private study. The 168 hours typically consist of lectures, tutorials and seminars for 36 hours (3 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks) and private study for 132 hours (9 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks plus 12 hours per week over 2 non-teaching weeks). Language units generally require double the number of class hours, but a reduced expectation for private study.

## Mode of Study and Assessment

The Bachelor of Arts is delivered face-to-face through lectures, tutorials and seminars, and supported by Sheridan's online Learning Management System, Canvas. Sheridan does not offer an external study option for remote students.

Assessments typically consist of a combination of formative and summative assessments, including online forum discussions, essays, literature reviews, interactive case studies, writing projects, practical assessments, tests, written reports, presentations and/or examinations.

## Entry Points

Students may enter the Bachelor of Arts at the beginning of any semester in a given academic calendar year.

In the sample timetables below, the student has

completed the minimum requirements for the Chinese Studies major, with the Chinese Studies units underlined.

Full-time students who begin their studies in Semester 1 could complete their course according to the following schedule:

**Sample BA (Chinese Studies) Program (Semester 1 Entry)**

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	<u>CN101 Beginner Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> HU140 Creative Thinking (3cp) RS191 Academic and Professional Communication (3cp) General Elective 1 (3cp)	<u>CN102 Beginner Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp) <u>Chinese Studies Elective 1 (3cp)</u> General Elective 2 (3cp)
2	<u>CN201 Intermediate Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 2 (3cp)</u> CS200 Survey of the Bible (3cp) General Elective 3 (3cp)	<u>CN202 Intermediate Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics (3cp) RS292 Research Methods (3cp) General Elective 4 (3cp)
3	<u>CN301 Advanced Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 3 (3cp)</u> CS300 Christianity as a Worldview (3cp) General Elective 5 (3cp)	<u>CN302 Advanced Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> RS394 Research Project (3cp) <u>Chinese Studies Elective 4 (3cp)</u> General Elective 6 (3cp)

Full-time students who begin their studies in Semester 2 could complete their course according to the following schedule:

**Sample BA (Chinese Studies) Program (Semester 2 Entry)**

YEAR	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
1	-	<u>CN101 Beginner Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> RS191 Academic and Professional Communication (3cp) CS100 Introduction to Christianity (3cp) General Elective 1 (3cp)
2	<u>CN102 Beginner Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 1 (3cp)</u> HU140 Creative Thinking (3cp) General Elective 2 (3cp)	<u>CN201 Intermediate Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 2 (3cp)</u> RS292 Research Methods (3cp) General Elective 3 (3cp)
3	<u>CN202 Intermediate Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 3 (3cp)</u> CS200 Survey of the Bible (3cp) General Elective 4 (3cp)	<u>CN301 Advanced Chinese 1 (3cp)</u> HU250 Critical Thinking and Ethics (3cp) RS394 Research Project (3cp) General Elective 5 (3cp)
4	<u>CN302 Advanced Chinese 2 (3cp)</u> <u>Chinese Studies Elective 4 (3cp)</u> CS300 Christianity as a Worldview (3cp) General Elective 6 (3cp)	-

## Rules of Progression

Students intending to graduate with a Chinese Studies major must take a minimum of two 100-level Chinese Studies units, four 200-level Chinese Studies units, and four 300-level Chinese Studies units.

The following units in the Bachelor of Arts (Chinese Studies) have specific prerequisites as listed below, which must be successfully completed before a student can enrol in the unit:

Unit	Prerequisites
CN102 Beginner Chinese 2	CN101
CN201 Intermediate Chinese 1	CN102
CN202 Intermediate Chinese 2	CN201
CN301 Advanced Chinese 1	CN202
CN302 Advanced Chinese 2	CN301
CN311 Advanced Chinese 3	CN302
CN312 Advanced Chinese 4	CN311
CN330 Advanced Chinese: Teaching and Pedagogy	CN202
CN332 Advanced Chinese-English Translation	CN202
LT233 Lu Xun and Modern Chinese Literature in the May 4th Era	One 100-level unit in either literature or Chinese language
LT331 A Hundred Schools of Thought: The "Golden Age" of Chinese Philosophy	One 100-level unit in either history, literature or Chinese language
RS292 Research Methods	RS191
RS394 Research Project	RS292
CS200 Survey of the Bible	CS100
CS300 Christianity as a Worldview	CS200

Students need to confirm prerequisite requirements for general elective units through the student portal or by contacting the Registrar.

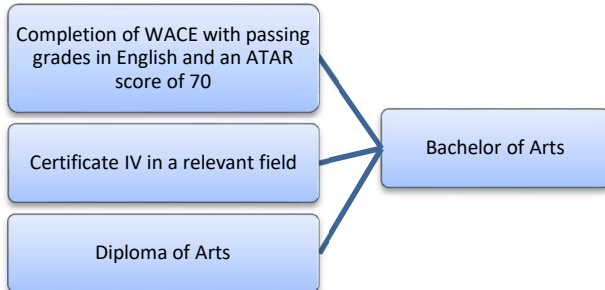
## Admission Requirements

### Domestic Students

- A minimum ATAR score or its equivalent as determined by the Academic Council (the score is currently set at 70), and
- Completion of WACE or equivalent with scaled marks of at least 50 in ATAR English or ATAR Literature, or
- Completion of relevant VET Certificate IV.

- All applicants also need to complete a successful interview.

### Domestic admission pathways into BA



### International Students

- Successful completion of an assessable qualification from Australia or comparable qualification from selected countries, or
- High school completion and IELTS 6.0 overall with no band lower than 6.0 OR equivalent.
- All applicants also need to complete a successful interview.

For decisions of equivalence, or alternative admissions arrangements for students over the age of 19, please contact the Registrar.

### Early Exit Points

Students may exit the Bachelor of Arts program after one year with a **Diploma of Arts**, provided certain credit requirements are met. Contact the Registrar for details.

### Tuition

Sheridan is a not-for-profit higher education provider. Student tuition is set at the lowest possible level to reduce financial barriers to higher education.

Domestic students will pay \$825 per unit, for a total cost of \$19,800 for the Bachelor of Arts.

International students will pay \$1,600 per unit, for a total cost of \$38,400 for the Bachelor of Arts.

There are no additional expenses for textbooks and field trips. These items are fully covered by the tuition fees outlined above.

### Scholarship Placements

Graduates and current staff of Baptist schools in Western Australia are invited to register for a selected number of scholarship placements offered each year. Scholarship placement students will only be required to meet the expenses of textbooks and field trips.

### Location

Teaching takes place at the Perth CBD campus (Suite 18, 7 Aberdeen St Perth).

### Further Information

If you would like to know more about the course or about Sheridan, please visit [sheridan.edu.au](http://sheridan.edu.au) or email the Registrar at [enquiries@sheridan.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@sheridan.edu.au).

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