



**The Paul H. Nitze
School of Advanced
International Studies**

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U N I V E R S I T Y

China Studies | M.A. Academic Requirements

CONCENTRATION

Students concentrating in China Studies must take at least 4 courses within this program.

ASIAN STUDIES

Students also must fulfill the general requirements for the field of Asian Studies, that is, an additional 2 Asian Studies courses, outside of China Studies.

Students in China Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in the [International Relations of Asia \(AsiaIR\)](#).

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

All candidates for the M.A. degree must complete a concentration in the field of International Economics by taking 4-6 economics courses at SAIS. Students can also pursue a [specialization](#) within International Economics by taking additional course work.

Students in China Studies also have the option of pursuing a specialization in [Emerging Markets](#).

CORE COURSES

All SAIS students must pass 2 core exams and/or courses. China Studies concentrators must pass Comparative National Systems as one of their core requirements prior to the start of their third semester. If the other core is not completed by the start of their final semester, the student must enroll in a core course.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

China Studies MA candidates must pass exams to demonstrate proficiency in Chinese. Non-native English speakers are required to pass an English placement exam upon entering SAIS. Nanjing Center students are exempt from taking the proficiency exam. Their Chinese language requirements will be considered completed.

CAPSTONE

China Studies concentrators must complete ONE of the following capstones:

1. China Studies Oral Exam. This exam tests the student's knowledge of China in relation to the student's overall coursework.
2. MA Oral Exam (to compete for honors if eligible)

A total of 16 courses are required for an MA degree.

[Asian Studies: China Degree Plan](#)

[Requirements for AY 09/10 class](#)