China Studies Learning Goals

China Studies concentrators focus on a curriculum that puts contemporary China in a regional and historical context and integrates comparative and theoretical perspectives with the judgment that experience and history provide. Students will develop an understanding of China that encompasses the broad range of dimensions shaping China’s political and economic development and its international interactions. Students will be proficient in spoken and written Chinese.

Learning Objectives:

1. Students will demonstrate a nuanced understanding of China’s political and economic system in contemporary and historical context;
2. Understand China in regional context and comparative perspective;
3. Grasp the range of issues influencing China’s domestic development and its interactions with other countries;
4. Develop a familiarity with major theoretical perspectives and conceptual frameworks applied to the analysis of China’s domestic and foreign policy;
5. Conduct informed analysis of changes in Chinese domestic and international policy and international policy toward China;
6. Apply knowledge acquired in the program to real world challenges in professional settings; and
7. Speak and write Mandarin Chinese at a level of professional proficiency.