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1. UNIVERSITY VISION AND MISSION

Vision

- Xiamen University Malaysia aspires to become a university with a distinct global outlook, featuring first-class teaching and research, and embracing cultural diversity.

Mission

- To nurture young talents with dignity and wisdom, turning them into fine citizens of the region who will contribute to the prosperity of the people and social progress of Malaysia, China and Southeast Asia.

2. PROGRAMME AIMS

The Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies aims to prepare graduates who can communicate effectively in Chinese, have substantial understanding of Chinese history, philosophy, literature, and culture, are equipped with needed practical skills to excel in their professional fields, and have the ability to apply these skills and knowledge in future effort to promote understanding of Chinese culture and to strengthen friendship between China and Malaysia, and the rest of the world.

3. PROGRAMME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEO)

The PEOs are to produce graduates who are:

PEO1

Enable students to communicate in fluent Chinese

PEO2

Provide substantial knowledge of Chinese history, philosophy, language, and literature

PEO3

Train critical thinking, problem-solving and self-learning abilities

PEO4

Teach proper understanding of ethics and responsibility, positive attitudes toward learning, and suitable awareness of leadership and entrepreneurship

4. PROGRAMME LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

At the end of the programme, graduates will be able to:

PLO1	Knowledge and Understanding	Acquire substantial knowledge of Chinese history, philosophy, culture, and Chinese language and literature
PLO2	Cognitive Skills	Demonstrate intellectual independence in the application of knowledge within Chinese history, philosophy, culture, and Chinese language and literature by applying critical, analytical and evaluation skills in the field of humanities and social sciences
PLO3	Practical Skills	Demonstrate an appreciation of broader social and cultural issues at local or national, and regional level
PLO4	Interpersonal Skills	Master basic research methods in humanities and social sciences
PLO5	Communication Skills	Practice fluent Chinese both verbally and in writing
PLO6	Digital Skills	Use a broad range of information, media and technology applications, for examples: corpus, digitalized texts, and databases, to support study and/or work
PLO7	Numeracy Skills	Use and combine quantitative tools and methods, such as numerical and graphical or visual data for study and/or work
PLO8	Leadership, Autonomy and Responsibility	Construct ideas both in written or oral forms using appropriate and different forms of presentation, confidently, accurately and coherently in appropriate context in a well-structured manner to a diversity of audiences
PLO9	Personal Skills	Demonstrate positive attitudes toward self-learning and life-long learning
PLO10	Entrepreneurial Skills	Display awareness of leadership, management, and entrepreneurship
PLO11	Ethics and Professionalism	Build understanding of professional ethics and responsibilities

5. EXPECTED AREAS OF GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Editing, news reporting, Chinese teaching, academic research, government foreign affairs, playwriting, commercial writing, business blog writing, public relations, communications, etc.

6. CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

The minimum requirement for graduation will be **121** credits, with all the components meeting the minimum credit values specified in Table 1.

Table 1: Components of the Programme and its Value

	Course Classification	Credit Value	Percentage (%)
1	Compulsory courses/modules	12	9.9%
2	Core/Major(s)/Specialisation:		
	• Major Core	40	33.1%
	• Major Elective	39	32.2%
	• Projects/ Thesis/ Dissertation	6	5.0%
3	Optional/elective courses:		
	• General Elective	9	7.4%
	• Complementary Elective	9	7.4%
4	Minor courses (if applicable)		
5	Industrial training/Practicum	6	5.0%
6	Others (specify):		
	Total Credit Value	121	100.0%

Compulsory Courses

Compulsory Courses refer to *Mata Pelajaran Pengajian Umum (MPU)*, or General Studies, which is a compulsory component of undergraduate education in Malaysia as mandated by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), as shown in Table 2a below.

MPU aims to develop well-rounded graduates by complementing academic studies with broader knowledge, essential skills, ethical values, and social responsibility. Through courses that promote critical thinking, effective communication, integrity, and community engagement, MPU prepares students to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners in an increasingly interconnected world.

Table 2a: Components of the **Compulsory** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	International	Malaysian
U1 (3 courses @ 2 credits per course) Philosophy, Values & History Appreciation					
1	Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2	MPU1012	2	√	-
2	Integriti dan Antirasuah (Integrity and Anti-Corruption)	MPU1022	2	√	√
3	Aspirasi Negara Bangsa (Malaysian Nation-State Aspiration)	MPU1032	2	-	√
4	Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa	MPU1042	2	-	√
5	Citra Malaysia (Malaysian Citra)	MPU1052	2	√	-
U2 (1 course @ 2 credits) Soft Skills					
6	Bahasa Kebangsaan A	MPU2012	2	-	1. Fail Bahasa Melayu SPM OR 2. Scored below C/ without credit in Bahasa Melayu SPM
7	Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2022	2	√	1. Malaysian students with a credit in BM at SPM OR 2. Took and Passed Bahasa Kebangsaan A in diploma level MUST take Writing for Professional Purposes.
U3 (1 course @ 2 credits) Knowledge About Malaysia					
8	Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	2	√	√
U4 (1 course @ 2 credits) Practical Course (Community Service, Motivational, Co-curriculum)					
9	Community Service	MPU4012	2	√	√
Total Credit Value (Compulsory Courses)			12		

General Elective Courses

General Elective Courses refer to courses designed to give students options beyond their major-related courses in order to diversify their scope of knowledge.

Students in Arts field can choose courses they are interested in from Group II (Business), Group III (Science) and Group IV (Artificial Intelligence) as shown in Table 2b. Students in Chinese Studies shall achieve at least a total of 9 credits with each group meets the minimum requirement of 1 course.

Table 2b: Components of the **General Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value	Remarks
Group II (Business)				
	Group II comprises general elective courses in the field of Business such as <i>Introduction to Finance, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development, and Introduction to International Business.</i>	G02XX		Minimum 1 course
Group III (Science)				
	Group III comprises general elective courses in the field of Science such as <i>Environmental Problems and Environmental Awareness, A Brief History of Astronomy, and Introduction to Chinese Medicine.</i>	G03XX		Minimum 1 course
Group IV (Artificial Intelligence)				
	Group IV comprises general elective courses in the field of Artificial Intelligence , comprising:	G04XX		Minimum 1 course
	• Discipline-based (Compulsory)		3	
	• General (Optional)			
Total Credit Value (General Elective Courses)			9	

*Note: The courses listed are provided as examples for reference only. The actual general elective courses offered may vary each semester. Students should refer to the **General Elective Course Library** for the list of general elective courses available in a particular semester.*

Major Core Courses

Major Core Courses refer to courses designed to meet the core educational objectives; each major has its own features.

Table 2d: Components of the **Major Core** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Chinese Language	CHS1010	4
2	Introduction to Chinese History	CHS1020	4
3	Introduction to Literary Theory	CHS1040	4
4	History of Chinese Literature Part One: Pre-Qin to Tang and Wudai	CHS1060	4
5	History of Chinese Literature Part Two: Song to Qing Period	CHS1061	4
6	Introduction to Linguistics	CHS1070	4
7	Chinese Academic Writing	CHS1080	2
8	Introduction to Chinese Thought and Culture	CHS1090	4
9	Teaching in Chinese Language	CHS1011	2
10	Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature	CHS2020	4
11	Research Methods	CHS2050	2
12	Technology in Chinese Education	CHS2060	2
13	Thesis	CHS3090	6
Total Credit Value (Major Core Courses)			46

Table 2e: Components of the **Industrial Training** and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Industrial Training	CHS2090	6
Total Credit Value (Industrial Training)			6

Major Elective Courses

Major Elective Courses refer to courses designed to help students to identify their interested field or direction within the major, which enable them to be better prepared for their careers pathways.

For major elective courses, students are required to choose designated courses based on table below:

Table 2f: Components of the **Major Elective** Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Introduction to Sinology: Confucian Classics and Traditional Historiography	CHS1120	3
2	Selected Works of Chinese Classical Poetry	CHS1130	3
3	Shiji (Historical Records)	CHS1140	3
4	Literature of the Nobility during the Six Dynasties	CHS1150	3
5	Topics in Chinese Historical Biography	CHS1160	3
6	Digital Humanities Approaches to Classical Chinese Literature	CHS1170	3
7	Introduction to Chinese Culture	CHS1210	3
8	Prosperous Tang Dynasty: Politics and Society	CHS1220	3
9	Introduction to Chinese Philosophy	CHS1240	3
10	Introduction to Chinese Classical Philology	CHS1250	3
11	Advanced Chinese: Enriching Vocabulary, Phonetics and Grammar	CHS1310	3
12	Advanced Chinese: Upskilling Rhetoric, Reading and Writing	CHS1311	3
13	Introduction to Linguistic Typology	CHS1321	3
14	Chinese Grammar	CHS1330	3
15	Chinese Characters	CHS1340	3
16	Chinese Lexicology	CHS1350	3
17	Introduction to sociolinguistics	CHS1360	3
18	Introduction to Global Mandarin	CHS1380	3
19	Topics in Overseas Chinese	CHS1410	3
20	Selected Works of Chinese Classical Literature Part One	CHS2110	3
21	Selected Works of Chinese Classical Literature Part Two	CHS2111	3
22	Theory and Practice of Literary Criticism	CHS2120	3
23	Selected Poetry of Chinese Female Writers	CHS2150	3
24	Topics on Malaysian Chinese Literature	CHS2160	3
25	Selected Readings in Taiwan Novels	CHS2170	3
26	Introduction to Tang and Song Poetry	CHS2180	3
27	History of Ancient China Part One: From the Spring-Autumn to the Five Dynasties (770BC--960AD)	CHS2210	3
28	History of Ancient China Part Two: From Song to Qing (960AD - 1912)	CHS2211	3
29	Modern Chinese History (after 1912)	CHS2220	3

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
30	History of Chinese Thoughts	CHS2230	3
31	Chinese Dialectology	CHS2250	3
32	Classical Chinese	CHS2310	3
33	Chinese Phonetics	CHS2320	3
34	Chinese Rhetoric	CHS2330	3
35	Selected Topics on World Chinese Literature	CHS2410	3
36	Topics in Chinese Opera	CHS3110	3
37	Selected Readings in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature	CHS3140	3
38	Selected Readings of Modern Chinese Poetry	CHS3150	3
39	Topics in Hong Kong Fiction	CHS3160	3
40	History of Chinese Poetics	CHS3170	3
41	Lu Xun's Works and Era	CHS3180	3
42	Introduction to Early Modern Chinese Literature (1840-1919)	CHS3190	3
43	History of Sino-Foreign Cultural Exchanges	CHS3230	3
44	Classics in Chinese Philosophy	CHS3240	3
45	History of Chinese Political System	CHS3260	3
46	Chinese Urban History	CHS3270	3
47	Introduction to Applied Linguistics	CHS3320	3
48	Introduction to Shuowen Jiezi	CHS3340	3
49	Topics in Chinese Education in Malaysia	CHS3420	3
Total Credit Value (Major Elective Courses)			15

*Note: The courses listed are provided as examples for reference only. The actual major elective courses offered may vary each semester. Students should refer to the **Major Elective & Complementary Elective Course Library** for the list of major elective courses available in a particular semester.*

Complementary Elective Courses

Complementary Elective Courses refers to courses designed to supplement the major core and major elective components of the programme.

Students are required to complete three Complementary Elective courses, totalling 9 credits.

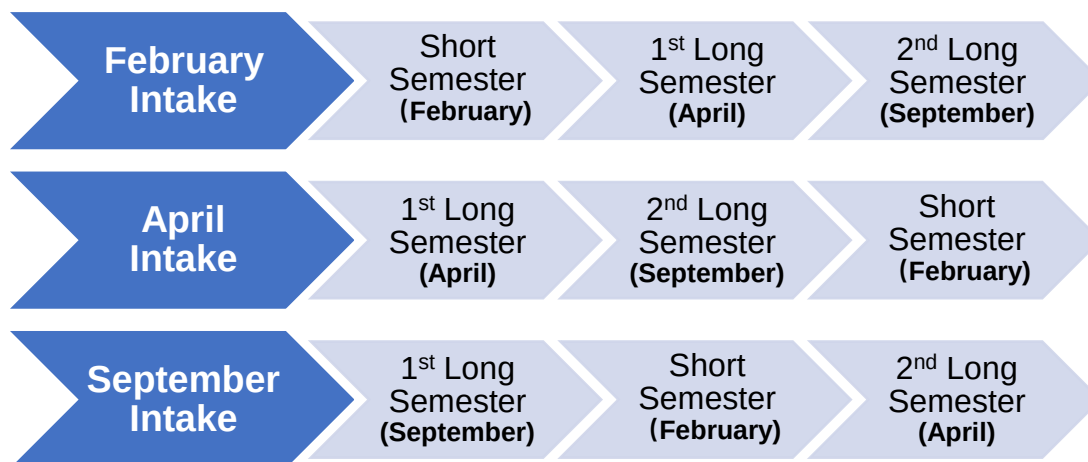
Table 2g: Components of the Complementary Elective Courses and its Value

No.	Name of Course	Course Code	Credit Value
1	Technology and Culture: Science Fiction, Video Games and Social Media	CHS1230	3
2	Korea Language and Culture	CHS1370	3
3	Classical Chinese Poetry Writing	CHS2190	3
4	Cross-Cultural Communication	CHS2260	3
5	Critical Thinking	CHS2280	3
6	Creative Thinking and Writing	CHS2281	3
7	Introduction to and Practice of Chinese-Malay Bidirectional Translation	CHS3310	3
8	International Relations of Southeast Asia since WWII	CHS3410	3
Total Credit Value (Major Core Courses)			9

*Note: The courses listed are provided as examples for reference only. The actual major elective courses offered may vary each semester. Students should refer to the **Major Elective & Complementary Elective Course Library** for the list of major elective courses available in a particular semester.*

7. LIST OF COURSES OFFERED FOR EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

There are three (3) semesters in each academic year: two (2) long semesters and one (1) short semester. The sequence of course registration varies according to the intake:



Students should be aware that the total number of credits shall not exceed **20** for long semester and **7** for a short semester.

It is important to note that the arrangement of courses for each academic year listed below is subject to change based on programme needs or institutional requirements.

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit
Year 1	1 st Long Semester	Chinese Language	CHS1010	Major Core	4
		Introduction to Chinese History	CHS1020	Major Core	4
		History of Chinese Literature Part One: Pre-Qin to Tang and Wudai	CHS1060	Major Core	4
		Chinese Academic Writing	CHS1080	Major Core	2
		Select from Table 2f	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Major Elective	6
		Total Credit Value			
	2 nd Long Semester	History of Chinese Literature Part Two: Song to Qing Period	CHS1061	Major Core	4
		Introduction to Linguistics	CHS1070	Major Core	4
		Introduction to Chinese Thought and Culture	CHS1090	Major Core	4
		Select from Table 2f	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Major Elective	6
		Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 2 / Aspirasi Negara Bangsa (Malaysian Nation-State Aspiration)	MPU1012/ MPU1032	Compulsory	2
		Total Credit Value			

Year	Semester	Course Name	Course Code	Classification	Credit	
Year 1	Short Semester	Integriti dan Antirasuah (Integrity and Anti-Corruption)	MPU1022	Compulsory	2	
		Falsafah dan Cabaran Semasa/ Citra Malaysia (Malaysian Citra)	MPU1042/ MPU1052	Compulsory	2	
		Select from Table 2g	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Complementary Elective	3	
		Total Credit Value			7	
Year 2	1 st Long Semester	Introduction to Literary Theory	CHS1040	Major Core	4	
		Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature	CHS2020	Major Core	4	
		Select from Table 2f	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Major Elective	12	
		Total Credit Value			20	
	2 nd Long Semester	Teaching in Chinese Language	CHS1011	Major Core	2	
		Research Methods	CHS2050	Major Core	2	
		Technology in Chinese Education	CHS2060	Major Core	2	
		Select from Table 2f	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Major Elective	9	
		Select from Table 2g	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Complementary Elective	3	
		Community Service	MPU4012	Compulsory	2	
		Total Credit Value			20	
	Short Semester	Bahasa Kebangsaan A/ Writing for Professional Purposes	MPU2012/ MPU2022	Compulsory	2	
		Artificial Intelligence and Malaysia's Digital Economy	MPU3012	Compulsory	2	
		General Elective Course (Group IV Discipline-based)	G04xx	General Elective	3	
		Total Credit Value			7	
	Year 3	1 st Long Semester	Thesis	CHS3090	Major Core	6
			Select from Table 2f	CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Major Elective	6
Select from Table 2g			CHS1xxx/ CHS2xxx/ CHS3xxx	Complementary Elective	3	
Total Credit Value			15			
2 nd Long Semester		Industrial Training	CHS2090	Industrial Training	6	
		Total Credit Value			6	
Short Semester		General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2	
		General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2	
		General Elective Course Select from Table 2b	Gxxxx	General Elective	2	
		Total Credit Value			6	
Grand Total					121	

8. PREREQUISITE COURSES

A prerequisite is a course that must be completed before taking a more advanced course.

Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisites
CHS1321	Introduction to Linguistic Typology	CHS1010 Chinese Language
CHS1330	Chinese Grammar	CHS1010 Chinese Language
CHS1350	Chinese Lexicology	CHS1010 Chinese Language
CHS2320	Chinese Phonetics	CHS1010 Chinese Language
CHS2120	Theory and Practice of Literary Criticism	CHS1040 Introduction to Literary Theory
CHS1310	Advanced Chinese: Enriching Vocabulary, Phonetics and Grammar	Students who have passed CHS1311 Advanced Chinese: Upskilling Rhetoric, Reading and Writing before are not allowed to take this course.
CHS1341	German Language and Culture Level 1	Students enrolling in this course must have no prior knowledge of the language.
CHS1370	Korean Language and Culture	Students enrolling in this course must have no prior knowledge of the language.
CHS3310	Introduction to and Practice of Chinese-Malay Bidirectional Translation	Specific language ability required: Malay and Chinese.
CHS3090	Thesis	Fulfill 40 credits of Major Core including Research Methods but excluding Industrial Training.
CHS2090	Industrial Training	• Obtained minimum CGPA of 2.00/4.00 • Obtained at least 65% of total credit hours

9. IMPORTANT NOTE

Threshold Requirement

A grade threshold refers to the minimum number of marks that a student needs to obtain in a particular component of the course.

Chinese Studies students must obtain a threshold mark of 40 in all assessment components, including the final examination, and an overall mark of 55 or above to pass a core / major / elective course.

Note: The above information is subject to change as new information becomes available in accordance with the guiding standards and requirements set by relevant authorities.

Additional Requirement

China students of September 2017 intake and onward need to complete their 4-year studies for the following programmes:

- Bachelor of Economics in Finance (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Accounting (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in International Business (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in E-commerce (Honours)
- Bachelor of Management in Hospitality Management (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Advertising (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Studies (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English Language and Literature
- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (Honours)