



CHINESE STUDIES

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Institute in South
Africa.



Chinese Studies Programmes

☯ Undergraduate Chinese Studies : A three-year major course

- ☐ Chinese Studies 1
- ☐ Chinese Studies 2
- ☐ Chinese Studies 3

☯ Understanding China : A semester course

☯ BA(Honours)in Chinese Studies : Upper intermediary Chinese

☯ MA in Chinese Studies: A two-year research programme

Undergraduate Chinese Studies

□ Chinese Studies 1

- Essential communicative skills in both spoken and written Chinese;**
- No prior knowledge is needed.**

□ Chinese Studies 2

- A step forward on the basis of Chinese Studies 1;**
- More training in listening, speaking, reading, writing.**

□ Chinese Studies 3

- An intensive focus on the Chinese language;**
- An introduction to Chinese history, literature and philosophy.**

Understanding China

Understanding China is a **non-major course** with no prerequisite requirements. It may be taken in the **second** or subsequent academic years (but not the first) .

This course explores the **key concepts, historical events and social processes** for understanding China in the 21st Century.



BA(Honours)in Chinese Studies

The Honours course consists of three core papers and two papers chosen from the electives covering **Classical Chinese, Business Chinese and Chinese Philosophy**, etc. or any approved Honours level paper from outside Chinese Studies.

CORE

Paper 1: Intermediate Written Chinese

Paper 2: Intermediate Spoken Chinese

Paper 3: Research essay



MA in Chinese Studies

The **First** Chinese Studies Master Programme in South Africa

A **Two-year** Research Programme

Candidates need to complete Honours degree in Chinese Studies (NQF Level 8 or Equivalent) and those from other disciplines may be admitted on the discretion of the Subject Head, taking into consideration the topic of the research.





Why Study Chinese?

China has remained Africa's largest trading partner for 14 consecutive years.



China-Africa

South Africa, Nigeria, Angola and Egypt have long remained as China's top four trading partners.

South Africa is China's **largest trading partner** and **largest source of imports** in Africa.

More opportunities during your studies and in your future career, especially in a context where Chinese is still a scarce skill.

China-Africa Economic and Trade Relationship Report 2024
Rapport sur les relations économiques et commerciales
sino-africaines 2024
商务部国际贸易合作研究院
Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic
Cooperation
https://www.caitec.org.cn/n5/sy_gzdt_xshd/json/6415.html



Opportunities

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Opportunity to participate in the annual China Study Tour (All the expenses in China will be sponsored by the CIRU).

2

Being eligible for a variety of Centre for Language Education and Cooperation and Chinese government scholarships for further studies in China.

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Opportunity to study at the CIRU'S Chinese partner Jinan University as an exchange student.

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Opportunity to participate in the annual Chinese Bridge Competition, allowing the winner to compete the finals in China





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- 5 Opportunity to prepare for and write the HSK (Chinese Proficiency Test). The CIRU is an accredited testing centre.
- 6 Opportunity to work for Chinese companies in South Africa or China, and South African companies with business contacts with China.
- 7 Opportunity to teach English or other languages in China and teach Chinese in South Africa.
- 8 Opportunity to go to Hangzhou Normal University for further study.



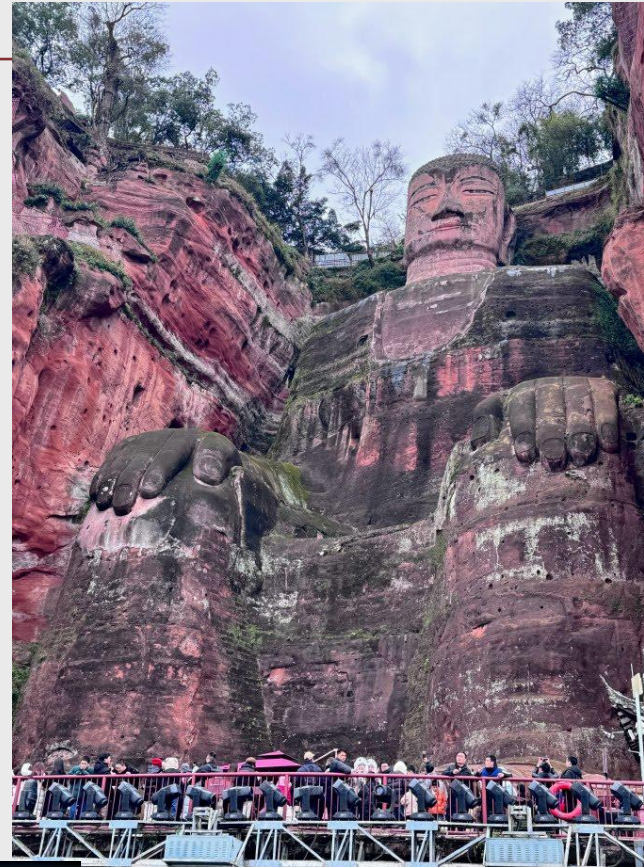
A Brief Look at Chinese

It is one of the most widely spoken languages.

It is a language of culture with phenomenal cooking, architecture, music and opera.

It goes well with other courses.

It allows you to explore and appreciate other cultures.



Lecturers



Prof. Liu Dexue
Head of Chinese Studies



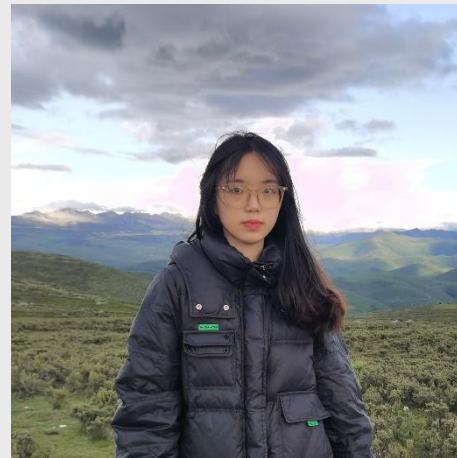
Prof Marius Vermaak



Mr. Chen Bowen
MA in Teaching Chinese to
Speakers of Other Languages



Ms. Yi Danni
MA in Teaching Chinese to
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Ms. Li Ling
MA in Teaching Chinese to
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Welcome to Learning Chinese!





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