The programme offers an introduction to the fascinating and fast-changing dimensions of China today. It provides a broad grounding in Chinese society, economy, business, politics and culture. There is the flexibility to combine cultural and political studies with introductory or more advanced courses in Mandarin.

What will I get from this programme?

- The degree is interdisciplinary, drawing on the expertise of specialists in Chinese politics, economics, business, culture and history, as well as seminars, workshops and lectures delivered by the University’s Scottish Centre for China Research, which brings together scholars undertaking cutting edge research on China.
- You can spend eight weeks (May to July) in China, where you will have the opportunity to gain first hand experience of Chinese society and culture. A variety of scholarships are available to fund or part-fund short-term language study at a Chinese university or language institute.
- Glasgow boasts a number of China-focused organisations and events you can get involved with, including the Confucius Institute at the University of Glasgow, whose activities centre on the provision of Chinese language classes, promoting understanding of China and its culture, and providing training and other support for businesses and for schools.
- You are encouraged to learn Chinese language at the level appropriate to your ability. For those not taking credit-bearing language courses, a free place on one of the Confucius Institute’s existing classes is available.

Why Glasgow

Our teaching is research-led but student centred, which means you can expect small class sizes, the chance to develop and defend arguments in a rigorous and analytical manner, and opportunities to engage in constructive debate.

You will be part of the School of Social & Political Sciences, a vibrant community of dynamic, innovative and diverse staff and students working across a broad range of social science disciplines.

Employability support

Our dedicated Social Sciences Employability Officer and Work-related Learning Co-ordinator can help you reflect on your learning, and develop the skills and attributes which will help you succeed in the job market. Support is provided through a number of programmes and activities including employability workshops, alumni talks, the Graduate Skills Programme and the Professional Skills Programme, as well as work-related learning activities such as collaborative dissertations, consultation projects, and practitioner talks (both staff and student led).

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Programme structure

You will take two core and four optional courses, and submit a dissertation.

Core courses

- Chinese politics and society
- Culture and tradition in modern China.

Optional courses may include:

- China and the West: Intellectuals and knowledge dynamics
- China’s century of conflict: 1839-1949
- China’s international politics
- Chinese internship or language study in China
- Chinese language level 1 or 2
- Environmental policies and problems in China
- Qualitative methods
- Quantitative data analysis
- Research design
- Social change in China.

Career prospects

This programme is ideal for anyone interested in pursuing a career involving China, whether in the business world, public services, the arts and media, or as preparation for PhD study. Our alumni have also gone on to successful careers as public affairs consultants, advertising and PR managers, as well as in secondary school education and the charity sector. The programme has helped graduates develop international perspective, critical thinking and writing skills, and also smoothed the path to living and working in East Asia.

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Entry requirements
2.1 Honours degree or non-UK equivalent in a relevant social science or humanities subject.

How to apply
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