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Application packet for becoming
A CAPS MAJOR

Included in this packet:

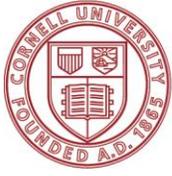
1. Request to become a CAPS major.
2. Worksheet for CAPS major requirements.
3. Honors Program information

Procedure:

1. Fill out the information in the packet.
2. Obtain a transcript from the University Registrar's office.
3. Arrange to see the CAPS Assistant Director, Haiyan Wang. Haiyan Wang's office is B7 McGraw Hall. She can be reached at 254-5336 or by email, hw365@cornell.edu.
4. After meeting with Haiyan Wang, return the following material to the Undergraduate Coordinator, B7 McGraw:
 1. The request to become a CAPS major.
 2. The worksheet for the CAPS major requirements.
(I will make a copy of the worksheet for you to keep.)
 3. A transcript.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please feel free to contact me.

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China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) offers a unique approach to the study of China's language, history, politics, economy, society and foreign relations by providing students with experience both on- and off-campus, including three years in Ithaca, one semester in Washington, D.C. , and one semester in Beijing, China.

Students interested in the CAPS major should speak to the program director as early as possible to arrange for a major advisor.

Students are required to take one of the introductory courses: CAPS 3403 or CAPS 3827. The intro course is normally completed during a student's first two years at Cornell, but a student may declare the CAPS major before taking either of these or any other CAPS courses. All CAPS courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. The other required courses are:

- All of the following seminars: CAPS 3000, and CAPS 4997 or CAPS 4998 (during fall of junior year at Cornell in Washington); CAPS 4001 and CAPS 4002 (during fall of senior year at Peking University); and CAPS 4030 (during spring of senior year in Ithaca).
- Two CAPS Elective courses.
- All of the following Chinese language courses: CHIN 1101-1102, 2201-2202, 3301-3302, and 4111-4112 or CHIN 1109-1110, 2109-2110, 3309-3310, and 4431-4432 for heritage learners and higher-level starters.
- Chinese language courses according to student ability offered in Washington, D.C. and Beijing (comparable to their equivalents offered in Ithaca): CHIN 3341 to CHIN 3301; CHIN 4441 and 4451 to CHIN 4411; and CHIN 4457 to CHIN 4427.

CAPS majors hold externships in diverse areas, including government, business, the media, and in other organizations during the semesters they study in Washington, D.C. and in Beijing, China. Majors are encouraged to coordinate the two experiences. For example, in successive years students might hold externships at the China desk of the Washington Post in Washington, DC, and at the China bureau of the Washington Post in Beijing, China.

Honors. To become a candidate for honors, a CAPS major must maintain an overall grade average of B+; A- in courses pertinent to the major; and have approval for a senior essay proposal from a CAPS faculty advisor. During the senior year, a CAPS honors student completes the research and writing of a senior essay by taking two tutorials, CAPS 4010 in Beijing and CAPS 4020 in Ithaca.



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CAPS Major Worksheet

Please return a copy of your completed worksheet to Dena Mehalakes in B7 McGraw Hall.

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

All majors are required the following to complete a major in CAPS

(For help filling out worksheet, please see the CAPS website at: <http://caps.cornell.edu/academics/CAPS-major-requirements.cfm>)

CAPS COURSES

One gateway course:

Please circle course taken:

CAPS 3403

CAPS 3827

Five Required Courses

Please list the semester taken or will take:

_____ CAPS 3000 _____ CAPS 4997 OR 4998 (CIW Semester)

_____ CAPS 4001 _____ CAPS 4002 (Beijing Semester)

_____ CAPS 4030

Two CAPS Elective Courses -Please list numbers of courses that you have or plan to take:

CHINESE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Please fill in Chinese Language courses you have taken:

Freshmen year _____ and _____ Sophomore year _____ and _____

Junior year _____ and _____ Senior year _____ and _____



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Request to Become an China & Asia-Pacific Studies Major

Please print or type the following information:

CUID #: _____

Name: _____ **Date:** _____
(Last, First M.I.)

E-mail Address: _____ @cornell.edu

School address: _____

Local Telephone #: _____

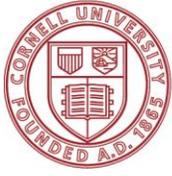
Home address: _____

Telephone #: _____

I am applying for: () Major
() Double Major Current major with: _____

Graduating Class of: _____
(Month) (Year)

OFFICE USE: Tentative Advisor: _____ pending consent of advisor.



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Honors in China & Asia-Pacific Studies

Qualifications and Requirements

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Candidates for honors must maintain an overall average of B+ (3.3) and an average of A- (3.7) in courses pertinent to the major. To be eligible for a degree with honors in China & Asia-Pacific Studies, a student must in the senior year write an honors essay and take an oral examination in the declared area of research. Students must make their own arrangements for a thesis advisor. Students should select an advisor from the China & Asia-Pacific Studies Program faculty before the end of their junior year and discuss with that person plans for a project. After securing a thesis advisor, the student must submit an Honors Application which includes a description of the proposed honors thesis, and the endorsement from their thesis advisor stating that he/she will supervise the student's honors thesis. Once the application has been approved, the honors student, in consultation with their thesis advisor, must find a reader among the CAPS faculty by the end of the 3rd week of classes in the spring semester of their senior year.

To research and write their thesis, senior honors candidates, in most cases, enroll in CAPS 4010 in the fall of their senior year (while at Peking University) and continue in 4020 in the spring.

Theses (three copies) are due in the China & Asia-Pacific Studies Office by the 13th week of classes in the spring semester. The deadline will be announced. Theses may not exceed 60 pages of text.

After submitting the thesis to the department, students need to arrange an oral exam date with their supervisor and a one other reader (selected by the student in consultation with the thesis advisor) from the China & Asia-Pacific Studies Program faculty. That exam should take place sometime in the last week of the spring term or during study period. The level of honors awarded to the honors thesis student will be determined by the CAPS Director on the basis of the evaluation by the student's Honors Thesis Advisor and reader and the student's grade record in the major. Students are awarded one of the four designations: (1) no honors, (2) honors (cum laude), (3) high honors (magna cum laude), and (4) highest honors (summa cum laude). For further information on CAPS Honors, please check the CAPS Honors page at <http://caps.cornell.edu/academics/honors.cfm>.