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Application packet for becoming
A CAPS MAJOR

Included in this packet:

1. Introduction to the CAPS major
2. Request to become a CAPS major
3. Worksheet for CAPS major requirements
4. Honors Program information
5. A photo, video, and audio Consent and Release form

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 Program Manager, Professor Xu Xin. His office is 105 Morrill Hall, and he can be reached at 255-4741 or by email at xx12@cornell.edu.
4. After meeting with Xu Xin, return the following material to the Undergraduate Coordinator, 105A Morrill Hall:
 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. Your transcript.
 4. The photo, video, and audio Consent and Release form

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

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The CAPS MAJOR: An Introduction

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 Beijing, China; and one (optional) semester in Washington, D.C.

Students interested in the CAPS major should speak to Professor Allen Carlson, the CAPS Director, or Professor Xu Xin, CAPS Program Manager, as early as possible to arrange for a major advisor.

There are no prerequisites to the major. Upon enrollment in the program, CAPS majors must complete six or seven required CAPS courses and two elective CAPS courses (totaling 34 to 36 credits) with a grade average of C or better. Students are required to take one of four gateway courses: CAPS 3049, CAPS 3403, CAPS 3827, or CAPS 3907. The gateway 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.

CAPS majors must complete all the following required courses:

CAPS 3000 Seminar in American Relations with China (taught at Cornell in Washington*);

CAPS 4998 Politics and Policy: Theory, Research, and Practice (also GOVT 4998), or alternately,

CAPS 4997 Research Seminar in American Studies (also AMST 4997) (taught at Cornell in Washington*);

CAPS 4001 China in Transition (taught at Peking University);

CAPS 4002 Chinese Perspectives on International and Global Affairs (taught at Peking University);

CAPS 4030 Issues in China and Asia-Pacific Studies (offered during the spring semester of the senior year in Ithaca).

Two CAPS Elective courses (see list at caps.cornell.edu/major)

*Students opting out of the D.C. semester will be required to take the following courses offered in Ithaca as a replacement:

Two 4000-level seminars (in any department or college) that have a China focus (subject to approval by the CAPS Program Manager) (Ithaca)

CAPS 3502 Becoming a China Hand (Ithaca)

All of the following Chinese language courses: CHIN 1101-1102, 2201-2202, 3301-3302, and 4411-4412 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 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.



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Internships: CAPS majors hold internships in diverse areas, including government, business, the media, and in other organizations during the semester they study in Beijing, China, (and in Washington, D.C., if they choose to participate in Cornell in Washington). Majors are encouraged to coordinate the two experiences. For example, in successive years students might hold internships at the China desk of the Washington Post in Washington, D.C., and at the China bureau of the Washington Post in Beijing, China. More information about CAPS internships can be found at <http://caps.cornell.edu/internships>.

Honors: To become a candidate for honors, a CAPS major must maintain an overall grade average of B+ and a grade average of A- in courses pertinent to the major and have received approval for an honors project proposal from a CAPS faculty advisor. During the senior year, a CAPS honors candidate completes the research and writing of an honors thesis by taking two tutorials, CAPS 4010 in Beijing and CAPS 4020 in Ithaca. More information about the CAPS Honors program can be found at <http://caps.cornell.edu/major>.



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CAPS Major Worksheet

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

CAPS COURSES

One gateway course:

Please circle course taken:

CAPS 3049 CAPS 3403 CAPS 3827 CAPS 3907

Five Required Courses

Please list the semester taken or will take:

_____ CAPS 3000 _____ CAPS 4997 or 4998 (counts as two) (CIW Semester)

_____ CAPS 4001 _____ CAPS 4002 (Beijing Semester)

_____ CAPS 3502 * Two 4000-level courses with a China focus* _____ (Ithaca Campus)

(* For students opting out of the CIW Semester)

One Capstone Course

_____ CAPS 4030

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

CHINESE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Freshmen year _____ and _____ Sophomore year _____ and _____

Junior year _____ and _____ Senior year _____ and _____



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Request to Become a 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

<http://caps.cornell.edu/major>

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 CAPS 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 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 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/major>.



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Photo, Video, and Audio Consent and Release Form

From time to time, photographs, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips may be taken of students participating in CAPS classes & events. The China & Asia Pacific Studies Program requests the right to use all such photos, videos, print material and/or audio clips taken of students involved in these programs and activities. They may be used for a variety of purposes, including, but not limited to, publications, promotional brochures, promotions or showcase of programs on our Web sites, showcase of activities in local and/or national newspapers or programming, and other similar lawful purposes.

By signing this form, I consent and give permission to allow the China & Asia Pacific Studies Program unlimited right to use photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips that they have of me participating in CAPS programs or events. I agree to give up my rights with regards to CAPS photos, videos, direct quotes, and/or audio clips of me. Further, by signing this consent and release form, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the above request and conditions. I sign this form freely and without inducement.

My Contact Information:

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone

Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____