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CAPS MINOR APPLICATION PACKET

Included in this packet:

- Information on the CAPS minor.
- Information on Course requirements for the CAPS major and minor.
- Request to become a CAPS minor.

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, at B7 McGraw Hall:
 1. The request to become a CAPS minor.
 2. The official transcript.

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

Thank you.

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CAPS MINOR

CHINA AND ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES PROGRAM



The China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) Program is an interdisciplinary program designed to train future leaders in various domains of U.S.-China relations. In addition to the CAPS Major, which is normally open to undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences, **the program offers a China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) Minor to undergraduate students enrolled in any of the seven Cornell undergraduate colleges.** It provides a structured yet flexible arrangement for students to take advantage of the CAPS unique and rigorous curriculum for studying China's history, politics, economy, foreign relations, and especially U.S.-China relations both on and off campus.

Course Requirements

To complete the CAPS Minor, students need to complete at least 18 credits of coursework in China and Asia-Pacific Studies, including one of the CAPS gateway courses (CAPS 3403 or CAPS 3827) and four more courses. At least two of these courses need to be chosen from the list of CAPS core courses, and the remaining two may be electives, generally to be chosen from the list of CAPS recommended courses (including the courses offered by the School of International Studies at Peking University in China), in consultation with the advisor. One of these electives will usually be a Chinese language course.

The CAPS course offerings are posted on the Arts and Sciences Course Roster and CAPS website (<http://caps.cornell.edu/academics/major/majors.cfm>). The list of electives, which is regularly updated, is intended to be representative but not exhaustive.

A minimum grade of C must be received for all courses counted towards the Minor. All courses used to fulfill the Minor requirements, including language courses, must be taken for a letter grade.

Language Requirements

All CAPS minors need to complete the equivalent of second-year Chinese, or, if they place beyond the second year, then must complete any single Chinese language course at a higher level (for advanced students this may be a literature or special topics class in Chinese).

Off-campus Opportunities

Students in the Minor may be considered for one of the off-campus semesters (CAPS in D.C. or CAPS in Beijing) if space is available in the program, AND if they place into the language level appropriate for that semester's CAPS Chinese courses (2000 level for Beijing). Students who are interested in either of CAPS off-campus semesters must make an appointment to see the Assistant Director for consultation.

Enrollment

Students may enroll in the CAPS Minor at any point but are encouraged to do so early in order to be put on the CAPS listserv for announcements of news and activities of the program and to be considered for an off-campus study.

To apply:

- Obtain a “Minor in China and Asia-Pacific Studies” application packet from the CAPS Office, B7 McGraw Hall, or download the electronic application form on the CAPS website.
- Schedule an appointment with the Assistant Director of the CAPS Program, Ms. Haiyan Wang (contact information listed below), and bring along the completed form and a copy of your current Cornell transcript to the appointment.
- Return the completed form to the CAPS Office, B7 McGraw Hall.

Upon enrollment, students will be assigned an advisor from the CAPS faculty for consultation on their course of study.

Students enrolled in the CAPS Minor are considered members of the China and Asia-Pacific Studies Program and are encouraged to participate in all program activities.

Completion

Transcripts reflect successful completion of the requirements for the Minor. In addition, students receive a certificate and a letter of confirmation signed by the Director of the CAPS Program.

How to Reach Us

Program Office: B7 McGraw Hall

Phone: (607) 255-2654

Fax: (607) 255-4334

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Website: <http://caps.cornell.edu/index.cfm>

CAPS – CHINA AND ASIA-PACIFIC STUDIES PROGRAM

COURSE REQUIREMENTS



Major Courses:

There are no prerequisites to the major. Upon enrollment in the program, CAPS majors must complete SIX required CAPS courses and TWO elective CAPS courses (totally 34-36 credits) with a grade average of C or better.

One CAPS gateway course:

CAPS majors must take any one of the following courses (taught in Ithaca) normally during the first two years:

- CAPS 3403 China under Revolution and Reform (also GOVT 3403);
- CAPS 3827 China and the World (also GOVT 3827).

Five other required courses:

CAPS majors must complete all the following required courses:

- CAPS 3000 Seminar in American Relations with China (Washington D.C.);
- CAPS 4998 Politics and Policy: Theory, Research, and Practice, or alternately, CAPS 4997 Research Seminar in American Studies (also AMST 4997) (Washington D.C.);
- CAPS 4001 China in Transition (Beijing);
- CAPS 4002 Chinese Perspectives on International and Global Affairs (Beijing);
- CAPS 4030 Issues in China and Asia-Pacific Studies (Ithaca).

Two CAPS elective courses:

CAPS majors may choose any two of the following courses to fulfill the CAPS elective requirement (check course catalog for other options):

- CAPS 1670 Understanding Modern China
- CAPS 1740 Imperial China
- CAPS 1910 Introduction to Modern Asian History
- CAPS 2212 Introduction to China
- CAPS 2264 Contemporary Chinese Popular Culture
- CAPS 2271 China's Literary Heritage
- CAPS 2281 Antiquity and Modernity in Contemporary China
- CAPS 2940 History of China in Modern Times
- CAPS 3303 Modern Chinese Literature in Translation
- CAPS 3307 Readings in Classical Chinese Literature
- CAPS 3380 China's Economy Under Mao and Deng
- CAPS 3434 Chinese Empire and the Cambodian Experience
- CAPS 4355 Work and Labor in China
- CAPS 4364 Seminar on Chinese Institutions and the Environment
- CAPS 3967 China Transnationalized
- CAPS 4827 Unifying While Integrating: China in the World
- CAPS 4870 Asian Security

Students may choose other CAPS-related courses to fulfill the CAPS elective requirement upon permission of the program director. Taking additional CAPS gateway courses counts toward fulfillment of the CAPS elective requirement.

Chinese Language Courses:

CAPS majors are required to complete four years of college-level Chinese language courses (CHIN 1000 level through 4000 level) and acquire the high advanced (CHIN 4400 level) Chinese proficiency or higher upon graduation. They are expected to maintain a minimum grade of B+ in their Chinese language courses; failure to maintain this expectation may result in dismissal from the major.

Native speakers holding regular high school diplomas from Chinese mainland or Taiwan (i.e., not international schools) may be exempted from the CAPS Chinese language requirement, per the discretion of Cornell's Chinese language faculty and the approval of CAPS director. Alternatively, students may be exempted through placement testing, at the discretion of Cornell Chinese language faculty and the approval of CAPS director.

CAPS Chinese Language Course Sequencing					
		1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year
Regular Track	FA	CHIN 1101	CHIN 2201	CHIN 3341	CHIN 4451
	SP	CHIN 1102	CHIN 2202	CHIN 3302	CHIN 4412
					CHIN 4406
Heritage Track	FA	CHIN 1109	CHIN 2209	CHIN 4441	CHIN 4457
	SP	CHIN 1110	CHIN 2210	CHIN 4426	CHIN 4428
Other Options	FA			CHIN 4445	CHIN 4455
			CHIN 3309	CHIN 4406	
	SP			CHIN 3310 CHIN 4423 CHIN 4426	

Minor courses:

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For further details about CAPS course requirements or internships, please contact Ms. Haiyan Wang at hw365@cornell.edu.

China and Asia-Pacific Studies Program

Request for CAPS **Minor**

Name (Last, First): _____ Date: _____

CUID#: _____ Net ID: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Current Major(s): _____

Requirements:

1. Language: Complete the equivalent of second-year Chinese, or, if they place beyond the second year, then must complete any single Chinese language course at a higher level (for advanced students this may be a literature or special topics class in Chinese)
2. Gateway Course: Either CAPS 3403 or CAPS 3827
3. CAPS Core Courses: At least two courses from CAPS core courses
4. CAPS Elective: At least two courses selected from CAPS recommended courses
5. 18 Credits of coursework in CAPS

Completed Courses:

Highest Chinese Language Taken (Name, Date): _____

CAPS Gateway (CAPS 3403/3827, Date): _____

Remaining courses (Two courses must be from CAPS core courses and CAPS electives each):

Course Name	Taken (Semester/Year)	Credits

Official Use Section: Date minor requirements have been met & advisor signature:
