



# China and Inner Asia

**With the largest concentration of specialist researchers outside of Asia, and an academic record that is consistently ranked among the top global institutes, SOAS really is the natural choice for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of this fascinating part of the world.**

Demand for specialists with advanced proficiency in the languages of China has increased dramatically in recent years. The choice of languages available at SOAS is unmatched in Europe, offering you a wealth of opportunities to take advantage of.

Our research, interdisciplinary by nature, extends beyond the geographical boundaries to take in aspects of religion, philosophy, political and social history and family life. Areas of interest include: literature, games, horticulture from the Ming and Qing period, Tibetan language, Chinese cinema and theatre, popular culture, media and cultural governance to name but a few.

You will gain access to a vast network of connections forged by our academics across the world. We have a strong community of alumni and partners in China and across Inner Asia, as well as an increasing number of philanthropic partnerships that are attracting funding to expand the impact of Chinese and Inner Asian Studies at SOAS.

Finally, SOAS publishes the *China Quarterly*, the leading resource for serious scholarship on contemporary China and Taiwan.

## Structure and assessment

Students take taught modules to the value of 120 credits and complete a dissertation (60 credits) – unless stated otherwise

## Entry requirements

Minimum upper second-class honours degree (or equivalent) – unless stated otherwise

## English language requirement

Overall IELTS grade of 6.5 with 6.5 in writing and speaking and 6.0 in reading and listening. Visit [www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements](http://www.soas.ac.uk/english-requirements) for alternative acceptable qualifications

## Duration

One calendar year (full-time); two, three years (part-time, daytime only)



### Taught Masters Programmes

- MA Advanced Chinese Studies
- MA Chinese Studies
- MA Sinology
- MA Taiwan Studies
- MSc Contemporary China Studies

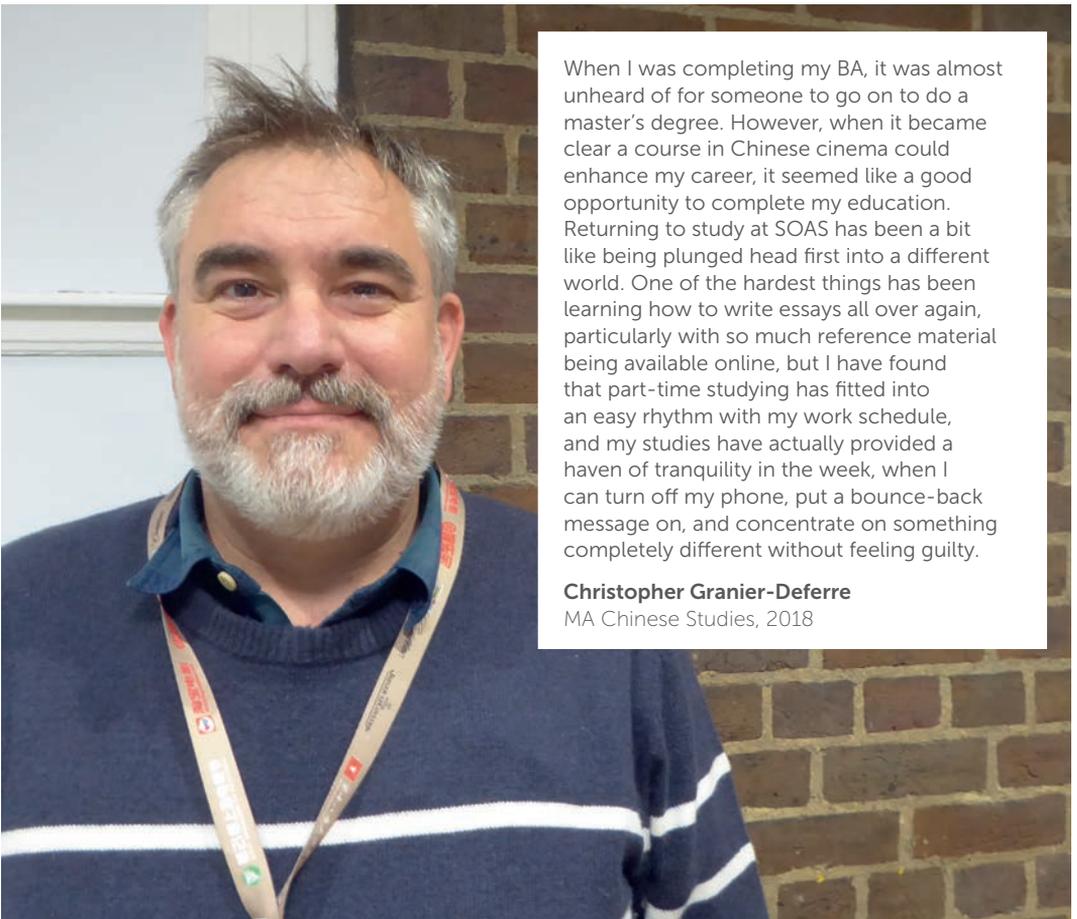


### More Information

[www.soas.ac.uk/cia](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cia)



'Beijing Acrobatics'. (SOAS Photo Competition 2012)



When I was completing my BA, it was almost unheard of for someone to go on to do a master's degree. However, when it became clear a course in Chinese cinema could enhance my career, it seemed like a good opportunity to complete my education. Returning to study at SOAS has been a bit like being plunged head first into a different world. One of the hardest things has been learning how to write essays all over again, particularly with so much reference material being available online, but I have found that part-time studying has fitted into an easy rhythm with my work schedule, and my studies have actually provided a haven of tranquility in the week, when I can turn off my phone, put a bounce-back message on, and concentrate on something completely different without feeling guilty.

**Christopher Granier-Deferre**  
MA Chinese Studies, 2018



## MA Advanced Chinese Studies

A tailor-made bilingual programme taken in China makes this the ultimate postgraduate training for students pursuing careers in the academic world, business, government or the media.

Utilising the array of resources and expertise available at SOAS, your first year will be spent developing a critical understanding of Chinese society, history and culture from an interdisciplinary perspective. The bilingual approach to your studies will further hone your research and writing skills, ensuring you are perfectly equipped for the six months spent at Zhejiang University in Haining during your second year.

Here you will take a programme specifically designed for SOAS students, providing you with the material for your fieldwork report and dissertation.

### Entry requirements:

- For MA Advanced Chinese Studies, applicants should have at least intermediate level competence in Chinese (HSK 4 or higher). Applicants whose native language is Chinese are very welcome to apply for this programme and will be provided with a suitably tailored programme of modules.

### Fees

- £9,685 (Home/EU)
- £19,930 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core module

- Approaches to Chinese Studies (30 credits)
- 20,000-Word Dissertation and Fieldwork Report (60 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 90 credits

#### Language

- Classical Documentary Texts (30 credits)
- Elementary Spoken Hokkien (Minnanyu, Taiwanese) (PG) (30 credits)
- Intensive Elementary Tibetan (PG) (30 credits)
- Modern Documentary Texts (30 credits)
- Practical Translation: Chinese to English (15 credits)
- Practical Translation: English to Chinese (15 credits)
- Reading Seminar in Chinese Studies (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 4 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese: Reading Classical and Literary Chinese (PG) (30 credits)
- Styles of Modern Chinese Literary Language (30 credits)

### China and Inner Asia

- Modern Chinese Film and Theatre (MA) (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature (MA) (30 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Modern Film from Taiwan and the Chinese Diaspora (15 credits)
- Traditional Chinese Language and Literature (30 credits)
- Traditional Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Understanding Contemporary China (30 credits)

### Taiwan Studies

- Culture and Society of Taiwan (15 credits)

### Art and Archaeology

- Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road (30 credits)
- Ceramics in Chinese Culture: 10th - 18th Centuries (15 credits)

### Anthropology and Sociology

- Culture and Society of China (15 credits)

### Media and Film Studies

- Japanese Transnational Cinema: From Kurosawa to Asia Extreme and Studio Ghibli (15 credits)
- Japanese Post-War Film Genres and the Avant-Garde (15 credits)

### Development Studies

- East Asia and Globalisation (15 credits)

### Economics

- Economic Problems and Policies in Modern China (30 credits)
- Economic Dynamics of the Asia-Pacific Region (30 credits)

### Politics and International Relations

- Taiwan's Politics and Cross-Strait Relations (30 credits)
- State and Society in the Chinese Political Process (30 credits)
- China and International Politics (30 credits)
- International Politics of East Asia (30 credits)
- Northeast Asian Politics: Japan, Korea and Taiwan (30 credits)

### Music

- Pop and Politics in East Asia (MA) (15 credits)

**Religion**

- Musical Traditions of East Asia (MA) (15 credits)
- East Asian Buddhist Thought (15 credits)
- The Great Tradition of Taoism (15 credits)
- Chinese Religious Texts: A Reading Seminar (15 credits)

**History**

- Knowledge and Power in Early Modern China (15 credits)
- Nationhood and Competing Identities in Modern China (15 credits)

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## MA Chinese Studies

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**Convenor: Dr Nathan W. Hill**

Combining the study of Chinese language with the study of China-related subjects in various disciplines, this programme will strengthen your intercultural awareness in an environment that is as stimulating as the subjects on offer.

You will focus primarily on modern and contemporary China, although aspects of pre-modern China can be studied. All research and study is supported through public lectures, seminars, and other events organised by the SOAS China Institute, one of the foremost centres of expertise in the humanities and the social sciences, from ancient times to the present.

**Fees**

- £9,685 (Home/EU)
- £19,930 (Overseas)

**Structure****Optional modules****China and Inner Asia**

- Modern Film from Taiwan and the Chinese Diaspora (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature (MA) (30 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Traditional Chinese Language and Literature (30 credits)
- Traditional Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Modern Chinese Film and Theatre (MA) (15 credits)

**Available as a minor only**

- Modern Documentary Texts (30 credits)

**Taiwan Studies**

- Culture and Society of Taiwan (15 credits)

**Language (minor only)**

Only one language module may be taken

- Special Course in Chinese 1 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 2 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 3 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 4 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese: Reading Classical and Literary Chinese (PG) (30 credits)
- Advanced Chinese for Business (15 credits)
- Elementary Spoken Hokkien (Minnanyu, Taiwanese) (PG) (30 credits)
- Practical Translation: Chinese to English (15 credits)
- Practical Translation: English to Chinese (15 credits)
- Intensive Elementary Tibetan (PG) (30 credits)
- Styles of Modern Chinese Literary Language (30 credits)

**Art and Archaeology**

- Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road (30 credits)

**Available as a minor only**

- Ceramics in Chinese Culture: 10th - 18th Centuries (15 credits)

**Anthropology and Sociology (minor only)**

- Culture and Society of China (15 credits)

**Media and Film Studies**

- Japanese Transnational Cinema: From Kurosawa to Asia Extreme and Studio Ghibli (15 credits)
- Japanese Post-War Film Genres and the Avant-Garde (15 credits)

**Economics**

- Economic Dynamics of the Asia-Pacific Region (30 credits)
- Economic Problems and Policies in Modern China (30 credits)

**Politics and International Studies**

- Taiwan's Politics and Cross-Strait Relations (30 credits)
- State and Society in the Chinese Political Process (30 credits)
- China and International Politics (30 credits)
- International Politics of East Asia (30 credits)

**Available as a minor only**

- Northeast Asian Politics: Japan, Korea and Taiwan (30 credits)

**Music**

- Pop and Politics in East Asia (MA) (15 credits)
- Musical Traditions of East Asia (MA) (15 credits)

**Religion**

- Colonial and Christian Missions in Africa: Readings from the Archives (15 credits)
- East Asian Buddhist Thought (15 credits)
- The Great Tradition of Taoism (15 credits)
- Chinese Religious Texts: A Reading Seminar (15 credits)



## History

- Knowledge and Power in Early Modern China (15 credits)
- Asian Wars: World War II and the End of Empire, 1942-1960 (15 credits)
- Nationhood and Competing Identities in Modern China (15 credits)

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## MA Sinology

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### Convenor: Professor Bernhard Fuehrer

This programme provides a doorway into a deeper understanding of what this vast, ancient country has to reveal. Through research and methodology, you will delve into everything from tea to archaeology, censorship to cinema.

Bibliography, chronology, biography, linguistics and philology are just some of the advanced skills you can hope to develop, giving you the ideal foundations for further research in Chinese literature and culture.

Ranging across both classical modern Chinese, full form and simplified script, we will help you master the skills and the confidence to grasp the challenges of this exciting field of research.

### Fees

- £9,685 (Home/EU)
- £19,930 (Overseas)

### Structure

Students take 180 credits, including:

- Dissertation in the Languages and Cultures of China and Inner Asia (60 credits)

### Core module

- Sinological Methodology (30 credits)

### Compulsory modules (choose one)

- Classical Documentary Texts (30 credits)
- Modern Documentary Texts (30 credits)

### Optional modules

Students choose options worth a further 60 credits

- Art and Archaeology of the Silk Road (30 credits)
- Chinese Religious Texts: A Reading Seminar (15 credits)
- Classical Documentary Texts (30 credits)
- Connections and Intersections: Core Aspects of East Asian Studies (15 credits)
- Knowledge and Power in Early Modern China (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Film and Theatre (MA) (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Modern Documentary Texts (30 credits)

- Modern Film from Taiwan and the Chinese Diaspora (15 credits)
- Practical Translation: Chinese to English (15 credits)
- Practical Translation: English to Chinese (15 credits)
- Traditional Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)

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## MA Taiwan Studies

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### Convenor: Dr Dafydd Fell

For an unrivalled education in Taiwan's society, culture, politics, language and legal issues, there is no better choice than this programme, the first postgraduate degree focussing on contemporary Taiwan in the English speaking world.

The development of contemporary Taiwan highlights a unique model of economic growth, social transformation and political modernisation.

Comprehensive exploration of the country's geo-strategic position in the Asia-Pacific region will enable you to understand why it is so pivotal to the economic and political developments of the region, in relation to Mainland China, and North East and South East Asian countries.

### Fees

- £9,685 (Home/EU)
- £19,930 (Overseas)

### Structure

#### Core module

- Taiwan's Politics and Cross-Strait Relations (30 credits)

#### Optional modules

Students select 30 credits from List A, and either choose Elementary Spoken Hokkien or the equivalent of 30 credits from List B plus a further 30 credits from List B or open option if approved by the convenor. The dissertation must be related to one of the modules on List A. Students may only take a language module as a minor; admission to any language module and the level of that language is subject to a placement test and at the discretion of the convenor.

**List A**

- Taiwan's Politics and Cross-Strait Relations (30 credits)
- Culture and Society of Taiwan (15 credits)
- Modern Film from Taiwan and the Chinese Diaspora (15 credits)

**List B**

- Culture and Society of China (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of Japan (15 credits)
- Economic Development of the Asia Pacific Region 1 (15 credits)
- Economic Development of the Asia Pacific Region 1 (15 credits)
- Knowledge and Power in Late Imperial and Modern China (15 credits)
- Japanese Modernity I (15 credits)
- Japanese Modernity II (15 credits)
- Elementary Spoken Hokkien (Minnanyu, Taiwanese) (30 credits)
- Basic Japanese I (30 credits)
- Basic Japanese II (30 credits)
- Intermediate Japanese 1 (30 credits)
- Intermediate Japanese 2 (30 credits)
- Advanced Japanese: Contemporary Topics (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese I (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese II (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese III (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese IV (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese: Reading Classical and Literary Chinese (30 credits)
- Modern Chinese Literature in Translation (30 credits)
- Japanese Post-War Film Genres and the Avant-Garde (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Film and Theatre (15 credits)
- Pop and Politics in East Asia (15 credits)
- Musical Traditions of East Asia (15 credits)
- International Politics of East Asia (30 credits)
- China and International Politics (30 credits)
- State and Society in the Chinese Political Process (30 credits)
- Northeast Asian Politics: Japan, Korean and Taiwan (30 credits)

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## MSc Contemporary China Studies

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If you are looking for high-quality research training in the social sciences combined with a comprehensive study of contemporary China, then this programme is for you.

Our students come from an array of backgrounds spanning the NGO and international relations sector, as well as anthropology, geography, economics, sociology, politics and management.

A core element of this programme is rigorous training in research methodology that is specifically tailored to the study of China, alongside the option to study a language, giving you maximum flexibility if you wish to improve your skills in Chinese.

**Fees**

- £9,685 (Home/EU)
- £19,930 (Overseas)

**Structure****Core module**

- Understanding Contemporary China (30 credits)

**Optional modules**

Students choose options worth a further 90 credits

- Nationhood and Competing Identities in Modern China (15 credits)
- Pop and Politics in East Asia (MA) (15 credits)
- Media Spectacle and Urban Space in East Asia (15 credits)
- Culture and Society of Taiwan (15 credits)
- Modern Chinese Film and Theatre (MA) (15 credits)
- Economic Problems and Problems in Modern China (30 credits)
- Economic Dynamics of the Asia-Pacific Region (30 credits)
- State and Society in the Chinese Political Process (30 credits)
- China and International Politics (30 credits)
- International Politics of East Asia (30 credits)
- Taiwan's Politics and Cross-strait Relations (30 credits)

**Language (optional)**

- Special Course in Chinese 1 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 2 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 3 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese 4 (PG) (30 credits)
- Special Course in Chinese: Reading Classical and Literary Chinese (PG) (30 credits)
- Elementary Spoken Hokkien (Minnanyu, Taiwanese) (PG) (30 credits)
- Practical Translation: Chinese to English (30 credits)
- Practical Translation: English to Chinese (30 credits)
- Intensive Elementary Tibetan (PG) (30 credits)
- Styles of Modern Chinese Literary Language (30 credits)