

# COURSE LIST (MA)

For students enrolled starting from year 2025

Signs and abbreviations:

EF = individual preparation

G = practical course evaluation

K = colloquium

Sz = comprehensive exam

V = exam

Z = final examination

kon = consultation

k= compulsory course

kv = compulsory elective course

v = elective course

## Explanation of signs for prerequisites:

- Code number without brackets: strong prerequisite; must be successfully completed not later than the semester antedating course selection.
- Code number in brackets: weak prerequisite; must be completed not later than the semester of course selection.
- Code number with equality sign: parallel selection of the given courses

## CHINESE STUDIES MASTERS PROGRAM (MA)

### HOST INSTITUTE OF THE PROGRAM:

Institute of East Asian Studies

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Name of the program:

Chinese Studies

**Obtainable qualification of the master's program, and professional qualification of the diploma:**

- qualification level: master's degree (magister, master; abbreviation: MA)
- professional qualification: Expert in Chinese Studies

**Duration of studies in semesters:**

4 semesters

**Credit scores necessary for the completion of the master's program:**

120 credit points

## **REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE THESIS AND THE FINAL EXAMINATION:**

### **The Thesis:**

#### **Formal Requirements:**

The thesis should be prepared in English by default or, if reasonable and based on prior discussion with the supervisor, in another language (for ex. Chinese) on a computer, on A4 pages, using Times New Roman font (font size 12), with 1.5 line spacing. The length of the thesis should be a minimum of 100,000 and a maximum of 160,000 characters (including spaces), excluding the title page, the (mandatory) table of contents, and the (mandatory) bibliography. By the decision of the supervisor and the head of the program, a lengthier translation may also be included in the thesis; in such case, the part dealing with literature review, problem identification, and solutions should be at least 50,000–80,000 characters. The supervisor may permit an expansion of the upper limit of length if necessary for the subject matter.

The thesis must include a Chinese/English language summary of at least 2000 characters at the end.

The thesis should be prepared electronically and uploaded to the Neptun study system in electronic form (in PDF or Word format).

During the submission of the thesis, there is only one opportunity to upload a single document along with attachments.

Students must declare in Neptun, at the time of the uploading, that the work is their own intellectual product. (Please follow the University's regulations on plagiarism checks.)

Further formal requirements for the thesis, submission deadlines, and assessment procedures are outlined in the institutional regulations and guidelines of the Master's program.

#### **Content Requirements:**

The thesis must be the product of an individual professional research work, by which the student demonstrates the ability to synthesize the acquired knowledge, understand the issues of the scientific field, raise questions, and offer solutions. The thesis must be based significantly on primary and secondary sources in classical and/or modern Chinese, in addition to the latest international literature. The thesis must be a coherent piece of work and not a portfolio.

In the thesis, that comprehensively addresses a single topic, the student demonstrates the knowledge acquired during the master's studies. The topic of the thesis can be freely chosen from the (broadly interpreted) subjects of the completed courses, but the topic and the chosen method must be approved by the supervisor and the program coordinator. In writing the thesis, the student is assisted by a (compulsory) supervisor, who is also one of the reviewers of the thesis. The choice of an external supervisor/reviewer can be approved by the head of the master's program. From 2021, every student can submit the thesis only with the agreement of the supervisor.

#### **Evaluation:**

The thesis is evaluated on a five-point scale (1–5).

### **Requirements for Completing the MA Program:**

The final examination, which requires the completion of all courses and an accepted thesis, takes place at the end of the 4th semester (or the last semester of the studies) and consists of two oral components:

1. The student defends his/her thesis;

2. The student demonstrates knowledge of the broader subject area related to the thesis topic. To aid the student's preparation, the faculty may provide a bibliography and/or a list of topics to facilitate the processing of the material, based on the thesis topic if necessary.

### **Evaluation of the Final Examination:**

The grade for the final examination is the arithmetic average of the grades from the two oral components. The evaluation is done on a five-point scale (1–5).

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE FINAL EXAMINATION:**

Admission to the final examination requires the completion of the following list of courses and a certificate proving the return of any borrowed institutional property.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF THE DEGREE:**

The classification of the degree is the arithmetic average of the grades received for the thesis and the final examination, rounded to the nearest whole number according to HKR 84§ (6):

- Excellent, if the average is 5.00,
- Very good, if the average is 4.51-4.99,
- Good, if the average is 3.51-4.50,
- Satisfactory, if the average is 2.51-3.50,
- Pass, if the average is 2.00-2.50.

### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR:**

Prof. Dr. Hamar Imre, professor (Department of Chinese Studies)

## LIST OF COURSES

### I. BASIC KNOWLEDGE: 14 CREDITS

Code	Course title	Semester min. – max.	Evaluation type	compulsory/elective	Number of courses (week/semester)	Credit	Prerequisite	Semester according to	Host department
BMI-SIND16-101E	Modern Chinese language 1.	1	G	k	2/28	4		1	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-102E	Classical Chinese texts 1.	1	G	k	2/28	4		1	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-104E	Chinese linguistics and linguistic studies	1	K	k	2/28	3		1	Department of Chinese Studies

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### II. CORE PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE: 46 CREDITS

BMI-SIND16-201E	Modern Chinese language 2.	2	G	k	2/28	3		2	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-202E	Modern Chinese language 3.	3	G	k	2/28	4		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-203E	Modern Chinese language 4.	4	G	k	2/28	4		4	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-211E	Classical Chinese texts 2.	2	G	k	2/28	4		2	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-212E	Classical Chinese texts 3.	3	G	k	2/28	4		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-213E	Classical Chinese texts 4.	4	G	k	2/28	4		4	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-108E	Chinese translation and interpretation practice 2.	2	G	k	2/28	4		2	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-109E	Chinese translation and interpretation practice 3.	3	G	k	2/28	4		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-110E	Chinese translation and interpretation practice 4.	4	G	k	2/28	4		4	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-231E	Contacts between China and the outer world in the past and the present	2	K	k	2/28	4		2	Chinese Department

BMI-SIND16-232E	Modern Chinese society and culture 1.	1	K	k	2/28	3		1	Chinese Department
BMI-SIND16-233E	Modern Chinese society and culture 2.	2	K	k	2/28	3		2	Chinese Department

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### III. DIFFERENTIATED PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE: 34 CREDITS

BMI-SIND-207E	Chinese literature and art, in the past and present	1	K	k	2/28	4		1	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-208E	Religion and religious policies in modern China	3	K	k	2/28	4		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND21-106E	Preparation Course for HSK Advanced 1.	3	G	k	2/28	4		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND-214E	Preparation Course for HSK Advanced 2.	4	G	k	2/28	4		4	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-331E	Thesis seminar	3	G	k	2/28	3		3	Department of Chinese Studies
BMI-SIND16-332E	Thesis consultation	4	G	k	2/28	3	=BMI-SIND-SZD	4	Department of Chinese Studies
<i>Seminar in Sinology: 12 credits: To be completed with 3 courses of 4 credits each</i>									
BMI-SIND16-341E	Seminar in Sinology *	2-4	G	k	2/28	4		4	Department of Chinese Studies

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### IV. ELECTIVE COURSES: 6 CREDITS

Any course offered by the University can be completed to fulfill the requirement of elective courses, following the regulations regarding course registration.

### VI. PROGRAM COMPLETION

*Thesis and final examination: 20 credits*

BMI-SIND-SZDE	Thesis writing	4	EF	k	0	20	=BMI-SIND16-332	4	
	Final examination	4	Z	k	0	0	(Thesis writing)	4	

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