When Can I Study Abroad?
Chinese minors are eligible to study abroad during either the fall or spring semester of their junior year. For students who plan ahead, it may be possible to study abroad for an entire academic year, but students must be in early contact with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Various BC summer programs are also offered every year in which students may participate as early as the summer after the freshman year.

What Should I Study While Abroad?
Boston College offers several study abroad programs to match your academic interests and complement the Chinese minor. For example:

- At the China Studies Institute in Beijing, students can take content courses taught in English and also study Mandarin.
- For students interested in a larger university, Hong Kong University in Hong Kong offers content courses in both English, and the target languages of Mandarin and Cantonese.

What Classes Should I Take Before Studying Abroad?
Early planning is essential to make sure that students will meet all BC requirements, and to ensure that they will be academically prepared to study in China.

At a minimum, all Chinese minors should take the following courses prior to study abroad:

- SL009/010 Elementary Chinese I & II
- SL061/062 Intermediate Chinese I & II
- SL264 Wisdom and Philosophy of the Far East and/or SL220 Far Eastern Literary Masterpieces (Fall, in alternative years)

All Chinese minors must meet with their departmental advisor before studying abroad. Prior to this meeting, students should obtain their degree audits and map out a tentative schedule for the semester(s) abroad and for the remaining time on campus at Boston College to show how they plan to meet the remaining major requirements.

What Classes Should I Plan To Take Abroad?
The ideal type of course is one that fits with the Chinese minor but is not available at BC. Courses that focus on the region in which students are studying and those that reflect the academic strengths of the host university department are highly recommended.

To receive major credit for courses taken abroad, students must provide a course syllabus and obtain approval from the department chair.

Students minoring in Chinese should remember that the department allows a maximum of two courses to be taken abroad with approval by the department.

What If I Am Planning To Do An Honors Thesis?
In recent years, many students have used their experiences abroad to help generate or supplement a compelling honors thesis. For those who already have a topic in mind, studying abroad provides an excellent opportunity to conduct on-site research and establish contact with faculty at the host institution. All students are strongly encouraged to think about how their semester or year abroad can be integrated into an honors thesis.

Students who are planning to do an honors thesis are strongly urged to plan ahead. Students are advised to establish a thesis topic and identify a BC faculty member willing to supervise their work before departing and to maintain e-mail contact with their thesis advisor while abroad. Students should discuss whether or not they need to take a specific course while abroad.

How Can I Find Out More Information?
- Visit OIP in Hovey House during business hours
- Go to the OIP website: www.bc.edu/international
- Go to the SELL website: http://fmwww.bc.edu/SL/SL.html
- Attend an OIP "Information Session" to learn about study abroad opportunities
- Visit the OIP Resource Room at the Hovey House to speak with an Advising Assistant about study abroad
- Set up an appointment with an International Study Advisor to discuss specific programs
University Partnerships with Programs for Students Interested in SELL: Chinese Language and Literature:

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