Can I Satisfy my HUA Requirement if I take Chinese Language Courses?

Yes, by taking courses in the Chinese language with thematically-related courses in another area, you may fulfill the HUA Requirement. The path to satisfying the HUA requirement in Chinese will look different than in our other modern languages at WPI. Unlike the German and Spanish languages, in which it's possible to satisfy the HUA requirement by taking all 6 courses for the requirement in that language, our Chinese language offerings are currently limited to a four-course sequence. Therefore, you will need to combine courses in Chinese with thematically-related courses in preparation for an Inquiry Seminar. The way you construct a thematically-related sequence will depend on how many courses in Chinese you take. Here are two sample curricula that hinge on whether you take one or two courses in Chinese, or three or four courses. These examples are meant simply to illustrate possible approaches:

1. **Take 3 or 4 courses in Chinese**, then take your remaining course(s) and Inquiry Seminar in a topic related to China. You will thereby satisfy both “depth” and “breadth” through Chinese language and culture, history, or philosophy and religion. You will need the approval of the person teaching the Inquiry Seminar to be sure all your courses make sense as preparation for that final course. For example:

   **Three or more of the following:**
   - Chinese 100X (Beginning Chinese I)
   - Chinese 110X (Beginning Chinese II)
   - Chinese 120X (Beginning Chinese III)
   - Chinese 200X (Intermediate Chinese I)

   **Followed either by**

   **A. one or more courses chosen from the following history courses:**

   - Humanities 1412 (Introduction to Asia)
   - History 2328 (History of Revolutions in the Twentieth Century)
   - History 2343 (East Asia: China at the Center)
   - History 3343 (Topics in Asian History)
   - History 3342 (Topics in Comparative Civilizations)
   - History 3341 (Topics in Imperial and Postcolonial History)

   **...and an Inquiry Seminar in history, such as:**

   - HU 3900: The U.S., Globalization, and the Developing World
   - HU 3900: Environmental History, at Home and Abroad
   - HU 3900: Urban History
   - HU 3900: World History
   - HU 3900: Asian History
Or

B. one or more courses chosen from the following philosophy/religion courses:

RE 2721 (Religion and Culture)
PY 2717 (Philosophy and the Environment)
RE 2724 (Religions of the East)
PY 3711 (Topics in Religion)
PY 3712 (Philosophy of Religion)

... and an Inquiry Seminar in philosophy and religion, such as:

HU 3900: The Concept and Practice of Spirituality
HU 3900: Themes in Environmental Philosophy
HU 3900: Morals and Laws in the Practice of a Society

To take advantage of the work you did in Mandarin Chinese, you would ideally be doing your Inquiry Seminar project on some topic related to China.

2. Take one or two courses in Chinese, which will count toward “breadth,” and then take your remaining courses in a discipline from a different Intellectual Cluster to acquire “depth.” For example:

Chinese I00X (Beginning Chinese I)
Chinese 110X (Beginning Chinese II)

Music 2611 (Fundamentals of Music II)
Music 2723 (Music Composition)
Music 3001 (World Music)
HU 3900, Inquiry Seminar in Music History

This example uses music as the area to complement Chinese, but other areas of the humanities and arts are also possible.

These are examples of different thematically-related sequence courses to fulfill the Humanities and Arts Requirement. Other combinations are also possible. For other questions or further information, please Professor Jennifer Rudolph (jrudolph@wpi.edu).