

CHINESE

Although the Department of Modern Languages offers majors in French, German and Spanish, other languages are also offered for the purpose of general education and support of other college programs. Courses in Chinese are listed below.

Courses

CHIN 111 - Beginning Chinese I (4 Credit Hours)

A comprehensive introductory course in modern standard Chinese through the four basic skills: aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. The two beginning courses will concentrate on correct pronunciation and the four tones, the writing of Chinese characters, as well as the basic grammatical patterns.

CHIN 112 - Beginning Chinese II (4 Credit Hours)

A comprehensive introductory course in modern standard Chinese through the four basic skills: aural comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. The two beginning courses will concentrate on correct pronunciation and the four tones, the writing of Chinese characters, as well as the basic grammatical patterns.

CHIN 206 - Dream and Fantasy in East Asian Literature (4 Credit Hours)

Through close analysis of some of the most important recurrent themes, this course will examine how the Chinese and Japanese literary traditions reinvent and revitalize themselves in their development. Students will also study the distinctive features of the major genres in the two traditions.

CHIN 211 - Intermediate Chinese (4 Credit Hours)

Development of conversational skills. Comprehensive grammar will be the core of the course, along with further development of reading ability and more extensive oral practice.

Prerequisite(s): CHIN 112.

CHIN 212 - Intermediate Chinese II (4 Credit Hours)

Further development of fluency in conversation and in reading. Emphasis on the students' ability to write Chinese characters through composition exercises.

Prerequisite(s): CHIN 211.

CHIN 299 - Intermediate Topics in Chinese (1-4 Credit Hours)

A general category used only in the evaluation of transfer credit.

CHIN 305 - Spontaneity: Taoism and Chinese Literature (4 Credit Hours)

This course examines a special group of Chinese texts that will not only enlighten, but also delight modern readers: ancient Taoist texts written in fascinating literary style, and a variety of literary works informed with Taoist spirit. No knowledge of Chinese is required.

CHIN 311 - Advanced Chinese (4 Credit Hours)

This course is designed for students who have completed two years of college-level Chinese and are ready to move on from the intermediate to the advanced level. Besides the topics provided by the textbook, students will also work on conversation topics drawn from newspaper articles and other media sources on social-cultural issues in China. By the end of the semester, students should be able to comprehend Chinese used in various contexts, to write short essays, and to discuss subject-oriented issues.

Prerequisite(s): CHIN 212 or equivalent.

CHIN 312 - Advanced Chinese (4 Credit Hours)

This course further develops students' basic skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in mandarin Chinese. The emphasis is placed on vocabulary building and extended mastery of sentence structures of Modern Chinese through reading, writing, and related communicative activities.

Prerequisite(s): CHIN 311 or equivalent.

CHIN 345 - Special Topics in Advanced Chinese (4 Credit Hours)

Study of selected topics at the advanced level in Chinese.

CHIN 361 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

Readings in Chinese texts.

CHIN 362 - Directed Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

Readings in Chinese texts.

CHIN 363 - Independent Study (1-4 Credit Hours)

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