



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Courses in Chinese encompass the study of Chinese language, literature, media and culture. The primary emphasis is on Modern Standard Chinese (Putonghua: the national language of China known to English speakers as Mandarin). The upper division courses taught in Chinese form the nucleus for a minor and provide a foundation for advanced studies at other universities or graduate school. Upper division lecture courses taught in English are designed to help students appreciate the richness of Chinese culture, language and literature in the tradition of general education.

An understanding of China, combined with proficiency in the Chinese language, will, in addition to the obvious academic and intellectual gains, make graduates more versatile and sought after in international business, education, social work, law enforcement, government, and Foreign Service positions.

Through language instruction it is believed that the student will acquire the basic tools to communicate with the growing population of Chinese-speaking immigrants in California, to undertake travels in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other Southeast Asian countries where Chinese are a major ethnic group, and to pursue further studies in Chinese history, culture, and society.

Students interested in further advanced study in Chinese may design a Special Major in Chinese by consulting program faculty and spending one year undergoing intensive language study at a Mandarin Training Center in Taiwan, China or Hong Kong.

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Requirements • Minor

Total units required for Minor: 12 upper division units in Chinese selected with the approval of the Chinese language advisor.

Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.

Specific course requirements:

- (9) Courses taken through the International Studies program.
- (3) CHIN 110 Advanced Mandarin: Modern Chinese Fiction (CHIN 2B or instructor permission)

Note: The prerequisite lower division language acquisition will generally be done through course work, though an equivalency exam is available for those students who feel they may already be at the upper division level.

Lower Division Courses

CHIN 1A. Elementary Mandarin. Beginning Mandarin with emphasis on listening comprehension, speaking, grammar structure and character writing. The relationship between language and culture will also be emphasized. Includes an introduction to elements of Chinese culture that pertain to language, such as mode of thinking, inter-human relations, and aesthetic expressions.
Units: 5.0.

CHIN 1B. Elementary Mandarin. Continuation of CHIN 1A, with growing emphasis on reading, writing, and listening. Chinese cultural patterns as reflected in the language, such as societal values and views of the world, will continue to be emphasized. **Prerequisite:** CHIN 1A or instructor permission. **Units:** 5.0.

CHIN 2A. Intermediate Mandarin. Intermediate Mandarin on the further development of reading, speaking, and writing skills. Emphasis will be placed on the shift from romanized script to Chinese characters. Introduction will also be made to simple prose reading. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** CHIN 1B or instructor permission. **Units:** 4.0.

CHIN 2B. Intermediate Mandarin. Continuation of CHIN 2A designed to further the development of reading, speaking and writing skills at the intermediate to intermediate-high level. **Prerequisite:** CHIN 2A or instructor permission. **Units:** 4.0.

Upper Division Courses

CHIN 110. Advanced Mandarin: Modern Chinese Fiction. Taught exclusively in Mandarin as an introduction to Modern Chinese Fiction through a careful study of representative works from both the People's Republic of China and Taiwan. **Prerequisite:** CHIN 2B or instructor permission. **Units:** 3.0.

CHIN 120. Chinese Civilization. Presentation of formative cultural achievements of China through language and literature with a view to understanding present-day popular Chinese culture. A general survey conducted in English for students who are taking Chinese language courses and others who want a deeper appreciation of this important non-Western culture. **Units:** 3.0.

CHIN 150. Survey of Chinese Literature. Introduction to Chinese literature from classical times to the present. The various forms of Chinese prose, poetry, and novel will be surveyed through the selective reading of representative works (in English translation). Class is conducted in English. **Prerequisite:** Passing score on the WPE. **Units:** 3.0.

CHIN 194. Field Experience/Internship. Directed fieldwork in a project which uses the language skills developed through previous study of Chinese. The projects may include interpreting and translating for public and/or private agencies in Sacramento, teaching or tutoring in the community, or other projects approved by the faculty supervisor. All work will be monitored by CSUS faculty. The student must submit written reports to his/her supervisor. Can be taken more than once for credit. **Prerequisite:** Intermediate competency in Chinese and instructor permission. **Graded:** Credit / No Credit. **Units:** 1.0-3.0.

CHIN 195. Fieldwork-Tutoring. Tutoring of lower division students in Mandarin or Cantonese. 3 hours of tutoring per week for each unit. May be taken for credit more than once. **Prerequisite:** Advanced level fluency and instructor permission. **Graded:** Credit / No Credit. **Units:** 1.0-3.0.

CHIN 196. Experimental Offerings in Mandarin. Special topics in literature, civilization and advanced Mandarin language. **Units:** 3.0.

CHIN 199. Special Problems. Individual projects or directed reading. Open only to students who appear competent to carry on independent study. Admission requires the approval of the instructor by whom the work is to be supervised. **Graded:** Graded (CR/NC Available). **Units:** 1.0-3.0.