CHINESE (CHIN)

100 Level Courses

CHIN 101: Elementary Chinese. 3 credits.
Introduction to Mandarin, including basic grammar, oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. Notes: Students may not receive credit for CHIN 101 and CHIN 109 or 110. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to CHIN 109, CHIN 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

CHIN 102: Elementary Chinese. 3 credits.
Continuation of CHIN 101. Notes: Students may not receive credit for CHIN 102 and CHIN 109 or 110. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to CHIN 109, CHIN 110.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 101.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

CHIN 109: Intensive Elementary Chinese. 6 credits.
Recommended for students who desire training in Chinese language to an intermediate level of competence in a relatively short period of time. Notes: Equivalent to CHIN 101 and 102 taught in single semester. Students may not receive credit for CHIN 109 and CHIN 101, 102, or 110. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to CHIN 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

CHIN 110: Elementary Chinese. 6 credits.
Introduces elements of grammar, vocabulary, oral skills, listening comprehension, and reading. Notes: Lab work required. Students may not receive credit for CHIN 110 and CHIN 101, 102, or 109. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to CHIN 101, CHIN 102, CHIN 109.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 101 and 102, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

200 Level Courses

CHIN 201: Intermediate Chinese I. 3 credits.
Further development of skills acquired in CHIN 101 and 102, including grammar, oral expression, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. Notes: CHIN 201 and 202 must be taken in sequence. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 101 and 102, or CHIN 110.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

CHIN 202: Intermediate Chinese II. 3 credits.
Continuation of CHIN 201. CHIN 201 and 202 must be taken in sequence. Notes: Students may not receive credit for CHIN 202 and CHIN 209. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 201.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

CHIN 209: Intensive Intermediate Chinese. 6 credits.
Recommended for students who desire training in Chinese to an intermediate level of competence in a relatively short period of time. Notes: Equivalent to CHIN 201 and 202 taught in single semester. Students may not receive credit for CHIN 209 and the CHIN 201/202 sequence. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 102, 109, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in English

300 Level Courses

CHIN 300: Reading Skills Development. 3 credits.
Develops reading proficiency, emphasizing vocabulary and grammar of standard written Chinese. Introduces discourse structure, sociolinguistic and cultural knowledge, and strategies for reading Chinese at an advanced level. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 202, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading: This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

CHIN 301: Advanced Grammar and Syntax. 3 credits.
In-depth review of Chinese grammar and syntax. Provides extensive practice in controlled and free writing, emphasizing fundamental difficulties and points of interference between English and Chinese. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.
**CHIN 305: Chinese for the Business World. 3 credits.**
Introduces terminology and structure of business Chinese. Emphasizes acquiring vocabulary and developing facility in Chinese business articles and correspondence. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CHIN 202 or equivalent, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in Chinese

**CHIN 310: Survey of Chinese Literature. 3 credits.**
Introduces outlines of Chinese literature to the 19th century, presented through literary sources arranged in roughly chronological order. Readings include poetry, fiction, personal essays, documents of philosophy, history, and religion, and transcribed oral records. Notes: Knowledge of Chinese helpful but not required. May be repeated when topic is different with approval of department. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGL 101/ENGH 101, or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**CHIN 311: Modern Chinese Literature in Translation. 3 credits.**
Introduction of outlines of modern Chinese literature from early 20th century to post-Mao era, presented through literary sources arranged in roughly chronological order. Readings include poetry, fiction, personal essays. Notes: Knowledge of Chinese helpful but not required. May be repeated when topic is different with approval of department. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGL 101/ENGH 101 or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**CHIN 318: Introduction to Classical Chinese. 3 credits.**
Introduces basic structures and vocabulary of Classical Chinese, which still has a significant influence on the formal written prose of modern newspapers and documents. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Capstone

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CHIN 202, appropriate placement score, or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**CHIN 320: Contemporary Chinese Film. 3 credits.**
Explores China from 1949 to present through cinematic and literary representations. Discussions focus on representations of cultural, social, and political changes in the movies. Also introduces critical readings that address issues of gender and youth, family, ethnicity, modernity and the nation, as well as visuality and memory. Notes: Knowledge of Chinese language helpful but not required. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGL 101/ENGH 101, or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**CHIN 325: Major Chinese Writers. 3 credits.**
Studies works of major Chinese writers. Writers studied may vary. Notes: Knowledge of Chinese helpful but not required. May be repeated when topic is different with approval of department. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Mason Core:** Literature

**Specialized Designation:** Non-Western Culture

**Recommended Prerequisite:** ENGL 101/ENGH 101, or permission of instructor.

**Additional Course Details:** Taught in English

**CHIN 328: Asian American Women Writers. 3 credits.**
Introduction to selected works by female writers of Chinese, Filipino, Indian, Japanese, and Korean descent. Analyzes themes, form, style, language, and structure of a variety of works, mainly novels and short stories. Assesses role and significance of writings as part of ethnic American and women’s literature by exploring questions of identity.
formation and disintegration, and how they are rooted in gender, social
status, ethnicity, community, geography, and generational conflict.
Notes: Knowledge of Asian languages not required. Offered by Modern &
Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Mason Core: Literature

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in English

CHIN 355: Readings in Chinese Poetry and Poetics. 3 credits.
Close readings and discussions of primary texts covering major periods
in Chinese poetry to 1949. Analyzes variety of themes, forms, and styles.
Notes: May be repeated when readings are different with permission of
department. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated
within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Mason Core: Capstone

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 300 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

CHIN 365: Readings in Chinese Fiction after Mao. 3 credits.
Close readings and discussions of primary texts after the Cultural
Revolution. Analyzes themes, subjects, language, and styles. Notes: May
be repeated when readings are different with permission of department.
Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May be repeated within the
degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 300 or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

400 Level Courses

CHIN 470: Special Topics in Chinese Studies. 3 credits.
Covers topics on Chinese language, literature, or culture organized by
theme, genre approach, or era. Notes: May be repeated when topic is
different with permission of department. Offered by Modern & Classical
Languages. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in English, Title varies by section and/
or semester

CHIN 475: Chinese Popular Culture. 3 credits.
Combines language learning with an introduction to the complex and
vibrant popular culture of contemporary China: music, food, games,
gender and family issues, commercial culture, and digital media.

Authentic texts will include popular music and poems, films, TV shows,
and social media posts. Offered by Modern & Classical Languages. May
not be repeated for credit.

Mason Core: Capstone

Recommended Prerequisite: Three years of college Chinese or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

CHIN 480: Fourth-Year Chinese I. 3 credits.
Advanced work in major grammatical and lexical topics of Chinese.
Applies theoretical principles to guided written and oral exercises. Offered
by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Specialized Designation: Writing Intensive in the Major

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 300 and 301; appropriate placement
score, or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

CHIN 481: Fourth-Year Chinese II. 3 credits.
Advanced work in major grammatical and lexical topics of Chinese.
Applies theoretical principles to guided written and oral exercises. Offered
by Modern & Classical Languages. May not be repeated for credit.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in Chinese

Work with schools, social service programs, government agencies,
interest groups, museums, or corporations locally and in Chinese-
speaking regions. With a faculty supervisor, students develop an
internship contract, which requires the approval of the director. For
each credit, student works on site at least 45 hours. Notes: Contact
the department one semester prior to enrollment. Offered by Modern &
Classical Languages. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9
credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: CHIN 202 or equivalent.

Schedule Type: Internship

Grading:
This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale.

Additional Course Details: Taught in English