

Chinese (CHIN)

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In order to earn a major in Chinese, students must complete the required courses, either the culture track or language track, and the study abroad requirement. The Chinese Major, Culture Track requires 33 semester hours while the Chinese Major, Language Track requires 35 semester hours. Students who complete CHIN 101 Beginning Active Chinese and CHIN 102 Beginning Active Chinese as first-year students are strongly encouraged to pursue the Language Track. Students majoring in Chinese are required to complete a semester of study abroad in China. In rare instances, exceptions to this policy may be granted, at the sole discretion of the faculty of the program, through a waiver process administered by the coordinator of the Chinese program and in consultation with the department chair.

Requirements for the Major in Chinese, Culture Track

CHIN 201	Low Intermediate Chinese	5
CHIN 202	Low Intermediate Chinese	5
CHIN 301	High Intermediate Chinese ¹	4
CHIN 302	Low Advanced Chinese	4
CHIN 304	Chinese Culture Through Film	3
CHIN 306	Intercultural Communication Between East and West	3
CHIN 307	Modern China	3
Select six credit hours chosen from the following (or other course as approved by the program coordinator whose principal focus is Chinese or East Asian culture, history, religion, politics, philosophy, art history, etc.):		6
ARTH 220	Survey of Asian Art History	
ARTH 322	Art of China	
CHIN 412	Chinese Literature in Translation	
HIST 292	Modern East Asia	
GOV 362	China: Politics, Economy and Foreign Relations	
PHIL 333	Chinese Philosophy	
PHIL 335	Buddhist Philosophy	
REL 356	Religions of Asia	
REL 357	Buddhist Religious Traditions	
SOC 313	Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania	
Semester of Study Abroad		
Total Hours		33

Requirements for the Major in Chinese, Language Track

CHIN 201	Low Intermediate Chinese	5
CHIN 202	Low Intermediate Chinese	5

CHIN 301	High Intermediate Chinese ¹	4
CHIN 302	Low Advanced Chinese	4
CHIN 401	Advanced Chinese I	4
CHIN 402	Advanced Chinese II	4
Select nine credit hours chosen from the following (or other courses as approved by the program coordinator whose principal focus is Chinese or East Asian culture, history, religion, politics, philosophy, art history, etc.):		9
CHIN 304	Chinese Culture Through Film	
CHIN 306	Intercultural Communication Between East and West	
CHIN 307	Modern China	
Semester of Study Abroad		
Total Hours		35

¹ Students must earn a grade of 'C' or higher in order to continue in the major.

Requirements for Minor in Chinese Studies

The Minor in Chinese Studies consists of 19 semester hours. Students are encouraged to complete a semester of study abroad in China.

CHIN 201	Low Intermediate Chinese	5
CHIN 202	Low Intermediate Chinese	5
Select nine hours chosen from the following (or other courses as approved by the program coordinator whose principal focus is Chinese or East Asian culture, history, religion, politics, philosophy, art history, etc.):		9
ARTH 220	Survey of Asian Art History	
ARTH 322	Art of China	
CHIN 304	Chinese Culture Through Film	
CHIN 306	Intercultural Communication Between East and West	
CHIN 307	Modern China	
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SOC 313	Cultures of Southeast Asia and Oceania	
Total Hours		19

CHIN 101. Beginning Active Chinese. 5 Hours.

These beginning level Chinese courses are intended to enable students to develop good pronunciation in speaking Mandarin Chinese (putonghua or guoyu), to exchange information in simple but accurate Chinese on some basic topics (greetings, personal introductions, personal daily activities), to have a good command of some basic radicals as well as some commonly used Chinese characters. Also, Beginning Active Chinese hopes to cultivate students' interest in Chinese language and culture and lay a solid foundation for further study in Chinese.

CHIN 102. Beginning Active Chinese. 5 Hours.

These beginning level Chinese courses are intended to enable students to develop good pronunciation in speaking Mandarin Chinese (putonghua or guoyu), to exchange information in simple but accurate Chinese on some basic topics (greetings, personal introductions, personal daily activities), to have a good command of some basic radicals as well as some commonly used Chinese characters. Also, Beginning Active Chinese hopes to cultivate students' interest in Chinese language and culture and lay a solid foundation for further study in Chinese.

CHIN 201. Low Intermediate Chinese. 5 Hours.

The intermediate level Chinese courses are to enhance command of the basic structures and vocabulary, to increase ability to communicate in Chinese both in speaking and writing, and to further develop interest in the Chinese language and culture.

Prerequisite: CHIN 102 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 202. Low Intermediate Chinese. 5 Hours.

The intermediate level Chinese courses are to enhance command of the basic structures and vocabulary, to increase ability to communicate in Chinese both in speaking and writing, and to further develop interest in the Chinese language and culture. Hopefully, cultivating students' interest in Chinese language and culture and lay a solid foundation for further study in Chinese.

Prerequisite: CHIN 102 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 241. Language & Culture I. 1 Hour.

Students may use appropriate programming available via the Wofford Cable Network as a language and culture classroom, electing the amount of viewing time they wish to undertake in a given semester: three viewing hours per week. Students meet with a faculty member for a weekly individual consultation, at which time they deliver a written summary of their viewing experiences. The courses may be repeated up to a maximum of four semester hours.

Prerequisite: CHIN 201 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 280. Selected Topics in Chinese. 1 to 4 Hours.

The study of selected topics at the introductory or intermediate level in Chinese culture. Conducted in English; open to all students. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

CHIN 301. High Intermediate Chinese. 4 Hours.

High Intermediate Chinese encourages students to increase their sophistication in reading and writing in Chinese in more formal styles. The course is conducted primarily in Chinese. Study materials include texts, web sources, and Chinese language television.

Prerequisite: CHIN 202 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 302. Low Advanced Chinese. 4 Hours.

Low Advanced Chinese encourages students to continue to increase their sophistication in reading and writing in Chinese in more formal styles. The course is conducted primarily in Chinese. Study materials include texts, web sources, and Chinese language television.

Prerequisite: CHIN 301 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 304. Chinese Culture Through Film. 3 Hours.

Through careful study of cinematic text as mirror, students will learn to identify, understand, and analyze historical, social, political, and economic issues that have shaped China from its imperial period and into the 21st century. Topics include the family and tradition, the individual and society, past and present, man and nature, the change of cultural and social values, and woman's evolving role in society. All films have English subtitles. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures & Peoples requirement for graduation.

CHIN 306. Intercultural Communication Between East and West. 3 Hours.

This course intends to help students understand the basic concepts and ideologies of the three major religions and philosophies in South East Asia, particularly in China, i.e. Confucianism, Daoism and Chinese Buddhism. Students will explore the close ties between these religions and philosophies as reflected in language and communication styles, and begin to understand different concepts of the 'self' (independent and relational) and 'face' in collectivism and individualism. Students will learn to anticipate, analyze and explain some of the causes of misunderstanding or miscommunication among the peoples from the West and East. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

CHIN 307. Modern China. 3 Hours.

This course is intended to help students understand China's evolution from its imperial past into a modern present by examining the impact of the Opium War and other popular revolts of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the social and cultural conflicts between western civilization and traditional Confucianism after 1911, and the rise of diverse political movements after the creation of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

CHIN 401. Advanced Chinese I. 4 Hours.

In this course, students will increase their sophistication in reading and writing in Chinese in more formal styles. The course will be conducted primarily in Chinese. Study materials include texts, web sources, and television. Students will learn basic techniques of written translation. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

Prerequisite: CHIN 302 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 402. Advanced Chinese II. 4 Hours.

In this course, students will increase their sophistication in reading and writing in Chinese in more formal styles. The course will be conducted primarily in Chinese. Study materials include texts, web sources, and television. Students will learn basic techniques of written translation.

Prerequisite: CHIN 401 with a minimum grade of D.

CHIN 412. Chinese Literature in Translation. 3 Hours.

Students will read and learn to analyze from a cross-cultural perspective selected masterpieces of Chinese prose, poetry, and drama. Students will learn to appreciate the literary value of the selected works and to understand the historical, social, and cultural contexts of these works. The course is conducted in English and the focus of the course may vary (e.g. a particular period, a genre, or special topics) each time it is offered. Successful completion of this course satisfies the Cultures and Peoples requirement for graduation.

CHIN 470. Independent Study. 1 to 4 Hours.

A course in which the student pursues independently, under the guidance of a member of the department, a specific topic of interest. Permission of instructor required.

CHIN 480. Advanced Topics in Chinese. 1 to 4 Hours.

The study of selected topics at the advance level in Chinese culture.
Conducted primarily in Chinese.