Courses

CHIN 1010. Beginning Mandarin Chinese I. 4 Hours.
For beginning students interested in the Chinese language. Native-speakers and students who have acquired proficiency in this language through extended residence, military service, church missions, or other methods may not enroll in this class. Emphasis on gaining communicative competence by focusing on the development of speaking and listening comprehension skills. Discussion of Chinese culture is also a component of the course. Several teaching methods are used, including lecture, drill practice, conversation exchanges and group work. This course partially qualifies students to receive an Associate of Arts degree. Successful completers are prepared to take Chinese 1020. Placement in foreign language classes is at the discretion of the Department Chair. FA.

CHIN 1020. Beginning Mandarin Chinese II. 4 Hours.
For students who have completed CHIN 1010 or who have equivalent experience (approximately two years of high school Chinese). Native-speakers and students who have acquired proficiency in this language through extended residence, military service, church missions, or other methods may not enroll in this class. Continued emphasis on gaining communicative competence by focusing on the development of speaking and listening comprehension skills. Several teaching methods are employed, including lecture, drill practice, conversation exchanges, videos, lab tapes, and group work. Students using 1020 as an entry level class may receive vertical credits for CHIN 1010 upon passing 1020 with a C grade or higher. This course partially qualifies students to receive an Associate of Arts or Bachelor of Arts degree. Successful completers are prepared to take CHIN 2010. Placement in foreign language classes is at the discretion of the Department Chair. Prerequisite: CHIN 1010 or instructor permission. SP.

For students who have studied Mandarin Chinese for two semesters to continue to learn the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) to improve linguistic competence in real world situations. Linguistic proficiency is acquired through a variety of class activities. Although pinyin will be continuously used as a tool to facilitate the speaking and writing skills, a certain accumulation of knowledge of Chinese reading and writing (characters) is a prerequisite. Students using 2010 as an entry level class may receive vertical credits for lower level classes upon passing 2010 with a C or higher. This course partially qualifies students to receive an Associate of Arts or Bachelor of Arts degree. Placement in foreign language classes is at the discretion of the Department Chair. Prerequisite: CHIN 1020 or instructor permission. FA.

For students who have studied Mandarin Chinese for three semesters to continue to learn the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) to improve linguistic competence in real world situations. Linguistic proficiency is acquired through a variety of class activities. Although pinyin will be continuously used as a tool to facilitate the speaking and writing skills, a certain accumulation of knowledge of Chinese reading and writing (characters) is a prerequisite. Students using 2020 as an entry level class may receive vertical credits for lower level classes upon passing 2020 with a C or higher. This course partially qualifies students to receive an Associate of Arts or Bachelor of Arts degree. Placement in foreign language classes is at the discretion of the Department Chair. Prerequisite: CHIN 1020 or instructor permission. SP.

CHIN 3060. Introduction to Written Chinese. 3 Hours.
First course for students who have learned to speak but not write the language in a Chinese-speaking environment. Intensive study of writing system, grammar, and various writing styles. Students begin learning to comprehend simple written and spoken “Shumianyu” Chinese through authentic newspaper articles and video materials. Additional exposure to cultures and customs. Students who take this class will have had exposure to Mandarin Chinese through previous coursework or extended residency, such as missionary service, military service, etc. FA.

CHIN 3990. Seminar in Chinese. 0.5-3 Hours.
For students wishing instruction that is not available through other regularly scheduled courses in this discipline. Occasionally, either students request some type of non-traditional instruction, or an unanticipated opportunity for instruction presents itself. This seminar course provides a variable credit context for these purposes. As requirements, this seminar course must first be pre-approved by the department chair; second, it must provide at least nine contact hours of lab or lecture for each credit offered; and third, it must include some academic project or paper (i.e., credit is not given for attendance alone). This course may include standard lectures, travel and field trips, guest speakers, laboratory exercises, or other nontraditional instruction methods. Note that this course in an elective and does not fulfill general education or program requirements. Fees may be required for some seminar courses and instructor permission will be optional at the request of the instructor.