

Chinese

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Offered by the Department of Linguistics and Oriental Languages

Major in international business, with emphasis in Chinese.

See International Business.

Minor in Chinese.

Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Chinese to fulfill the foreign language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Chinese 201 or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of coursework is Chinese 101, 102, and 201. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the foreign language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first *two years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first *three years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. *Four years* of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

Chinese Minor

The minor in Chinese consists of a minimum of 19 units in Chinese; at least 16 units must be in the Chinese language of which six units must be in upper division courses. The remaining three units may be selected from additional Chinese language courses or selected from Art 263, Asian Studies 458, 459, Comparative Literature 455, 460 (when appropriate), History 566, 567, either Linguistics 420 or 520, Philosophy 351, Religious Studies 345.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and General Education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Courses (CHIN)

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Native speakers of Mandarin Chinese will not receive credit for taking lower division courses except with advance approval from the department.

All lower division courses in Chinese are taught in Chinese.

No credit will be given for lower division courses taken after successfully completing any upper division Chinese course taken in Chinese.

No credit will be given for Chinese 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, and 302 taken out of sequence or concurrently.

101. Elementary Chinese I (5) I

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Rudiments of Mandarin pronunciation; listening, speaking, reading, and writing with emphasis on communicative ability; acquisition of the most useful phrases and vocabulary items, and over 300 characters; familiarity with basic sentence structures of Mandarin; information on Chinese culture. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school Chinese unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. See Class Schedule for appropriate section based on your background in Chinese.

102. Elementary Chinese II (5) II

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Chinese 101.

Continuation of Chinese 101, including acquisition of an additional 300 characters. Further development of language competence. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school Chinese unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago. See Class Schedule for appropriate section based on your background in Chinese.

201. Intermediate Chinese I (5) I

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Chinese 102 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Development of facility to comprehend and produce spoken Chinese. Acquisition of advanced language structures and an additional 400 characters. Emphasis on connected discourse. See Class Schedule for appropriate section based on your background in Chinese.

202. Intermediate Chinese II (5) II

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisites: Chinese 201 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Continuation of Chinese 201. Reading of contemporary work and writing of short passages in Chinese. Acquisition of an additional 400 characters. See Class Schedule for appropriate section based on your background in Chinese.

296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES (Intended for Undergraduates)

All upper division courses in Chinese are taught in Chinese unless otherwise stated.

No credit will be given for Chinese 301 and 302 taken out of sequence.

301. Advanced Chinese I (3)

Prerequisites: Chinese 202 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Greater facility in oral expression and writing for practical purposes; exposure to various styles of language; newspaper and media Chinese; elements of literary and classical language.

302. Advanced Chinese II (3)

Prerequisites: Chinese 301 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Continuation of Chinese 301. Writing paragraphs and longer expository texts. Reading modern and classical literature.

351. Introduction to Classical Chinese (3)

Prerequisite: Chinese 302.

Basic vocabulary and grammatical features of classical Chinese, its contrast with modern Chinese, its special stylistic and rhetorical conventions. Texts from Confucian canon and Tang Dynasty poetry.

352. Aspects of Chinese Language (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. Strongly recommended: A course in foreign language or linguistics.

Relationship with other languages; dialects, their development and relationship to Mandarin; writing system and its evolution; Romanization schemes; structural and socio-cultural aspects, especially as they differ from English; unique problems of learning the language. Taught in English.

431. Advanced Conversational Chinese (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Chinese 302.

Conversation practice on practical, social, and cultural topics, with aid of spoken language materials such as plays and videotapes; learning conversational strategies and stylistic features.

433. Newspaper Chinese (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Chinese 302.

Developing reading skills; cultural, historical, and linguistic information for understanding of Newspaper Chinese. Conventions, special structures, and vocabulary; reading strategies such as skimming and scanning; background information on idioms and literary allusions used in newspapers.

434. Business Chinese (3)

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Chinese 302.

Developing ability to function in Chinese business environment; familiarity with business correspondence, telecommunication, advertising, business terminology and stylistic features, information on inter-cultural communication, social and cultural background.

450. Readings in Chinese Civilization (3)

Prerequisite: Chinese 302.

Readings in Chinese from areas such as philosophy, religion, history, geography, folk tales, and legends. Film and video presentations to enhance a greater understanding and appreciation of Chinese civilization.

451. Readings in Modern Chinese Literature (3)

Prerequisite: Chinese 302.

Fiction, prose, poems, and plays written after May Fourth Movement in 1911, which marked beginning of vernacular literature.

496. Topics in Chinese Studies (1-4)

Topics in Chinese language, literature, culture, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree. Maximum credit eight units.

499. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

