

# CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

A division of the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies

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Majors Offered	Number Credits	Recommended Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in Chinese Language and Literature	24, chosen from the following CHIN-prefixed courses: 201, 202, 301, 302, 303, 304, 307, 401, 402.	Consult adviser	CHIN 101-102 or equivalent	consult program adviser
Preparation for teaching 7-12	33, including 24 as above plus CHIN 399 and six CHIN credits at the 300 and 400 levels.	Consult adviser	CHIN 101-102 or equivalent	23-credit adolescence education sequence (see School of Education)

The Chinese Division of the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies offers language courses in Modern Chinese (Mandarin) and Classical Chinese as well as courses taught in English on traditional and modern Chinese literature and culture. The program, which offers a major and minor, focuses on language acquisition and literacy development to help students attain professional language proficiency. It also introduces students to the civilization of China. Students are encouraged to take interdisciplinary courses in Chinese art, economics, history, political science and religion to develop a deeper understanding of past and present China. The program prepares students for further studies in graduate school and professional careers in international trade, education, government service, diplomacy, private business, journalism and related fields.

## MAJOR

The major in Chinese language and literature consists of 24 credits chosen from the following CHIN-prefixed courses: 201, 202, 301, 302, 303, 304, 307, 401, 402.

## Minor

A Chinese Language and Literature major may take a minor in any department or program leading to a BA degree. See your adviser for assistance in selecting an appropriate minor.

## Minor for Non-Majors

The minor consists of a minimum of 12 credits beyond CHIN 101-102. Consult your major adviser for appropriate course recommendations

## Preparation for Teaching in Grades 7-12

In cooperation with the School of Education, the program in Chinese provides opportunities for students to prepare for a career in teaching Chinese in grades 7-12. Students preparing to teach Chinese must complete a 33-credit major

option for teaching that includes the 24-credit sequence taken by non-teaching majors plus 9 additional credits: CHIN 399 and 6 additional credits in Chinese language and literature at the 300 and 400 level. Students interested in teaching Chinese in New York schools may count the 23-credit pedagogical sequence for grades 7-12 as a minor. This minor may count toward the course requirements for New York State certification, but will not by itself be sufficient for certification. Students interested in a teaching career should consult with the School of Education.

## Advanced Placement and Exemptions

Students who elect to take Chinese as their required language and have studied the language abroad or at home must consult the head of the Chinese Division for advanced placement or exemptions.

## Electives

All courses, unless otherwise stated in course descriptions, are open to qualified students majoring in other disciplines.

## COURSE LISTINGS

### CHINESE LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**CHIN 101, 102 Elementary Chinese I and II**  
Beginning course in Mandarin. CHIN 101 not credited without CHIN 102.

*3 hrs each sem, 6 cr.*

CHIN 101 offered fall;

CHIN 102 offered spring

**CHIN 201 Intermediate Chinese I**

Reading of literature in pai-hua (vernacular style) with emphasis on structural use of "function words" and vocabulary-building.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 102 or equiv.*

**CHIN 202 Intermediate Chinese II**

Continued reading of literature in pai-hua.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 201 or equiv.*



**CHIN 301 Journalistic Chinese Literature I**

Intensive reading and translation of literature written in journalistic style.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 202 or equiv.*

*offered fall*

**CHIN 302 Journalistic Chinese Literature II**

Extensive reading and translation of literature written in journalistic style.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 301 or equiv.*

*offered spring*

**CHIN 303 Classical Chinese Literature I**

Intensive study of literature written in wen-yen or classical style, with attention to basic problems of syntax and literary styles.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 301 or equiv.*

*offered fall*

**CHIN 304 Classical Chinese Literature II**

Continuation of CHIN 303. Selected readings in literature written in wen-yen or classical style.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 303 or equiv.*

*offered spring*

**CHIN 306 20th-century Chinese Literature**

PD/A

Selected readings of leading thinkers and writers.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 202 or equiv.*

**CHIN 307 Classical Chinese Poetry**

PD/A

Close textual and stylistic analysis of texts selected from standard verse forms, with emphasis on T'ang shih and Sung tz'u.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereq: CHIN 303 or equiv.*

**CHIN 401 Advanced Studies in Chinese Literature**

Including 20th-century literature, poetry; etymology and vocabulary building; Chinese-English translation.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereqs: CHIN 302 or equiv, perm chair*

**CHIN 402 Independent Study in Chinese Literature**

Independent study and research in Chinese literature under supervision of a faculty member. For majors only.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereqs: CHIN 302 or 304 or equiv, perm chair*

**CHINESE CULTURE AND LITERATURE IN TRANSLATION**

**CHIN 111 Chinese Culture I**

GER 2/C PD/A

Introduction to Chinese culture with emphasis on classical tradition. Lectures and readings in English.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 112 Chinese Culture II**

GER 2/C PD/A

Emphasis on modern transformation against background of classical tradition. Lectures and readings in English.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 211 Topics in Chinese Culture**

Topics include Chinese religion, Buddhism, archaeology, Taoism and theatre.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 251(W) Topics in Chinese Literature in English Translation**

GER 2/C

Including 20th-century literature, contemporary literature.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 355(W) Classical Chinese Fiction in English Translation**

GER 3/A PD/A

Introduction to Chinese fictional writings from early times to 19th century, e.g., Dream of the Red Chamber, Monkey, All Men Are Brothers, Romance of the Three Kingdoms.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 357(W) Chinese Poetry in English Translation**

GER 3/A PD/A

Major poets from the earliest times to the present day, with emphasis on the T'ang period.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

**CHIN 399 Second Language Acquisition**

A survey of issues and approaches to second language acquisition. For students planning to teach languages other than English in grades 7-12.

*3 hrs, 3 cr.*

*prereqs: at least three courses at the 300 level in the language, ENGL 120*