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# Chinese

In the Department of Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages  
In the College of Arts and Letters

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## Faculty

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**Offered by the Department of  
Linguistics and Asian/Middle Eastern Languages**

Minor in Chinese.

**Offered by International Business**

Major in international business, with emphasis in Chinese.

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

Students electing the study of Chinese to fulfill the 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 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 language requirement.

## Chinese Minor

The minor in Chinese consists of a minimum of 19 units in Chinese; at least 16 units must be taught in Chinese, 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 451, 458, 459, Comparative Literature 451, 455, 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)

*Refer to Curricula and Courses and University Policies sections of this catalog for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.*

### 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.**

#### CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese I (5) [GE]

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.

#### CHIN 102. Elementary Chinese II (5) [GE]

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.

#### CHIN 201. Intermediate Chinese I (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Chinese 102.

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.

#### CHIN 202. Intermediate Chinese II (5) [GE]

Five lectures and one hour of laboratory.

Prerequisite: Chinese 201.

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.

**CHIN 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.**

**CHIN 301. Advanced Chinese I (3) [GE]**

Prerequisites: Chinese 202 and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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.

**CHIN 302. Advanced Chinese II (3) [GE]**

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

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

**CHIN 352. Aspects of Chinese Language (3) [GE]**

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning 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.

**CHIN 353. Language, Discourse, and Social Relations in China (3)**

Prerequisite: A course in a foreign language (preferably Chinese) or linguistics.

Stereotypes and empirical findings of interface between language use and social behavior in China. Confucianism and Cultural Revolution; personal relationships and hierarchical structure; characteristics of Chinese language and interaction; politeness in everyday social encounters in China; cultural miscommunication. Taught in English.

**CHIN 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.

**CHIN 433. News Media Chinese (3)**

Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in Chinese 302.

Understanding Chinese newspapers and other non-print media materials; special structural characteristics; differences between media types and between speech and writing; reading strategies using schemas and contextual inferences; importance of world knowledge and background information.

**CHIN 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 intercultural communication, social and cultural background.

**CHIN 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.

**CHIN 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.

**CHIN 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.

**CHIN 499. Special Study (1-3)**

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.