

CHINESE (CHIN)

CHIN 1101 - Beginning Mandarin I (6 Credits)

Designed for complete beginners, providing a thorough grounding in conversational and reading skills. Students with any previous background or training in the language will need to take the Mandarin Placement Test to determine which Chinese course will best suit their needs. For non-heritage learners only.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 1102 - Beginning Mandarin II (6 Credits)

Designed for beginners, providing a thorough grounding in conversational and reading skills. Students with any previous background or training in the language will need to take the Mandarin Placement Test to determine which Chinese course will best suit their needs. For non-heritage learners only.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of C+ in CHIN 1101.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 1109 - Beginning Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage I (4 Credits)

Intended primarily for students whose family language is Mandarin, but who have had little or no formal training. If you have basic conversational skills in Mandarin Chinese but can read and write very little, this is the course for you. The focus is on reading, writing, and speaking, as well as culture, and current events in the Chinese speaking community.

Prerequisites: placement test required only if you can read and write at least 100 characters.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 1110 - Beginning Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage II (4 Credits)

Continuation of CHIN 1109. Intended primarily for students whose family language is Mandarin but who have had little or no formal training. The focus is on reading, writing and speaking, as well as culture, and current events in the Chinese speaking community.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B- in CHIN 1109 or placement by instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 1123 - Beginning Mandarin for Professional Students III (4 Credits)

A continuation of CHIN 1122. This course helps students develop basic skills in Mandarin Chinese, at a moderate pace. For non-heritage learners only.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B- in CHIN 1122 or permission of instructor.

Enrollment Information: Placement exam required for students with previous background or training in the language.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 1124 - Beginning Mandarin for Professional Students IV (4 Credits)

A continuation of CHIN 1123. This course helps students develop basic skills in Mandarin Chinese, at a moderate pace. For non-heritage learners only.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B- in CHIN 1123 or permission of instructor.

Enrollment Information: Placement exam required for students with previous background or training in the language.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 2201 - Intermediate Mandarin I (4 Credits)

Continuing instruction in written and spoken Chinese with particular emphasis on consolidating basic conversational skills and improving reading confidence and ability.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B in CHIN 1102; or by placement exam and permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 2202 - Intermediate Mandarin II (4 Credits)

Continuing instruction in written and spoken Chinese with particular emphasis on consolidating basic conversational skills and improving reading confidence and ability.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B in CHIN 2201 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 2209 - Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage I (4 Credits)

This course focuses on reading and writing Chinese at the intermediate level for Chinese heritage students who grew up speaking Chinese with family members. Students will read authentic texts written by iconic Chinese figures such as Xu Dishan and Hu Shih (a Cornell alumnus, class of 1914), and practice writing while exploring various aspects of Chinese culture embedded in the texts. Students will exit the course with a book of their own in Chinese as an option. This course helps students further solidify their foundation for Chinese study at the next level as well as enhance their awareness of and overall competence in cross-cultural communication. If you grew up hearing and speaking Chinese and have very limited reading and writing proficiency, but have a goal of becoming a true bilingual of English and Chinese, this course is designed with you in mind.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B in CHIN 1110 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 2210 - Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing for Students of Chinese Heritage II (4 Credits)

If your long-term goal is to move past the intermediate Chinese learning plateau and gain the ability to participate fully in the Chinese-speaking world, this course is the next step you need to take. This course uses a combination of short essays written by well-known Chinese writers and news articles from a subscribed news platform and focuses on how to read and write effectively through 1) learning both semi-formal and formal vocabulary, modern idiomatic expressions, advanced sentence structures and the major features that characterize advanced Chinese; 2) exploring the different aspects of Chinese culture or events that interest you; 3) completing a course project with a different topic each year. This course helps students further solidify their foundation for advanced-level study in Chinese, as well as enhance their awareness and overall competence in cross-cultural communication. If you grew up hearing and speaking Chinese and have very limited reading and writing proficiency, but have a goal of becoming a true bilingual of English and Chinese, this course is also designed with you in mind.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B in CHIN 2209 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 3301 - High Intermediate Mandarin I (4 Credits)

Continuing instruction in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese via text and authentic multimedia materials.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B+ in CHIN 2202 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 3302 - High Intermediate Mandarin II (4 Credits)

Continuing instruction in spoken and written Mandarin Chinese via text and authentic multimedia materials.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B+ in CHIN 3301 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 3309 - Business Chinese in Global Context I (3 Credits)

First part of a two-semester sequence for advanced mandarin learners. This course aims to equip students with the linguistic and intercultural skills necessary to thrive in a Chinese business environment. The main vehicle of exploration is Zhihong Chen's newly updated multimedia book *When China Meets the World: Bilingual Business-Finance Cases* (Oxford University Press, 2024) which provides a wide range of real case studies to showcase China's continuous integration with the larger outside world. Through the learning and discussion of real business cases in Chinese, students will not only develop linguistic tools vital to doing Business in China, but also obtain cultural understanding to the Chinese way of conducting business with the outside world. In addition to business case analysis, students will also gain hand-on experience in skills that can be applied in the fields of Finance, Consulting, Accounting and the like. The course will also allow students to interact with entrepreneurs and experts in the field, as well as utilize language skills gained in the course within a mock business interaction.

Prerequisites: two years (on heritage track) or three years of Chinese, or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (CA-AG, FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS, GLC-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

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CHIN 3316 - Mandarin Language Across the Curriculum (LAC) (1 Credit)

This 1-credit optional course aims to expand the students' vocabulary, and advance their speaking and reading skills as well as enhance their knowledge and deepen their cultural understanding by attaching to non-language courses throughout the University.

Prerequisites: CHIN 3301; CHIN 3302; CHIN 1109; CHIN 1110; or equivalents.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2021

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CHIN 3351 - High Intermediate Mandarin I: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

Continuing instruction in spoken Chinese and in various genres and styles of written Chinese.

Prerequisites: CHIN 2202 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 3352 - High Intermediate Mandarin II: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

Equivalent to CHIN 3302. Continuing instruction in spoken Chinese and in various genres and styles of written Chinese.

Prerequisites: CHIN 3301 or CHIN 3341 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2021

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CHIN 4406 - Readings in Chinese History and Business Culture (3 Credits)

Crosslisted with CAPS 4406

This course is designed for those who have completed Mandarin of advanced level (or equivalent). It aims to further improve students' Chinese proficiency in a business history and transcultural context to provide students with a greater preparation for future studies and career endeavors in a native Chinese environment. China's rapid economic growth has aroused keen interest in discussion of China's business and economy on a global scale. To aid students in understanding China's unprecedented rise, authentic Chinese materials selected from a variety of sources will be introduced in class. These course materials introduce both China's past, present, and future, as well as its current role and challenges in the global economy. Key topics for discussion provide insight into the Chinese way of doing business and the multifaceted nature of China's micro and macro business environment.

Prerequisites: two years (on heritage track) or three years of Chinese, or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (CA-AG, FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS, GLC-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (EAAREA)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

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CHIN 4411 - Advanced Mandarin I (4 Credits)

Reading, discussion, and composition at advanced levels.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B+ in CHIN 3302 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4412 - Advanced Mandarin II (4 Credits)

Reading, discussion, and composition at advanced levels.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B+ in CHIN 4411 or by placement exam.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS), (OCL-IL)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 4427 - High Advanced Mandarin I (4 Credits)

This advanced course aims to further develop the four communication skills in Chinese: speaking, listening, reading, and writing, through learning materials and activities on various topics related to China Studies. These include authentic Chinese texts and TV programs, class discussions on contemporary issues, and written compositions. Students can also expect to broaden their knowledge of Chinese culture and society through this course. Classical Chinese will be introduced to help students further develop their understanding of written and formal Chinese, as well as deepen their appreciation of Chinese culture.

Prerequisites: CHIN 2210 or CHIN 4412 with a grade of B+ or above, or equivalent as determined by instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4428 - High Advanced Mandarin II (4 Credits)

This course aims to help students achieve an advanced level of proficiency in both speaking and writing through reading authentic Chinese materials, watching TV shows, engaging in various writing exercises, and participating in class discussions on social and cultural topics on contemporary China. Classical Chinese will be introduced in this course through supplementary readings.

Prerequisites: minimum grade of B+ in CHIN 4427 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 4431 - Directed Study (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Exploratory Studies: (CU-UG); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4432 - Directed Study (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Exploratory Studies: (CU-UG); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 4451 - Advanced Mandarin I: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

Reading, discussion, and composition at advanced levels.

Prerequisites: CHIN 3302 or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4452 - Advanced Mandarin II: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

Equivalent to CHIN 4412. Reading, discussion, and composition at advanced levels.

Prerequisites: CHIN 4411 or CHIN 4441 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2019

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CHIN 4453 - High Advanced Mandarin I: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

This course is designed for students who have satisfactorily finished CHIN 2210 or CHIN 4412, or the equivalent. The focus of the course is on formal Chinese, and the main aim of this course is to help students achieve an advanced level of Chinese performance, so that they may combine Chinese with their work in their majors. The course material will be formal Chinese writings by native speakers, mostly for native speakers, related to students' majors and fields of interest. In addition, classical Chinese will also be introduced through readings as a means to enhance student's understanding of the language.

Prerequisites: CHIN 2210 or CHIN 4412 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4454 - High Advanced Mandarin II: CAPS in Beijing (4 Credits)

This course is designed for students who have satisfactorily finished CHIN 4427 or the equivalent. The focus of the course is on formal Chinese, and the main aim of this course is to help students achieve an advanced level of Chinese performance, so that they may combine Chinese with their work in their majors. The course material will be formal Chinese writings by native speakers, mostly for native speakers, related to students' majors and fields of interest. In addition, classical Chinese will also be introduced through readings as a means to enhance students' understanding of the language.

Prerequisites: CHIN 4427 or permission of instructor.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG), (FLOPI-AS)

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2021

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CHIN 4455 - Directed Study: CAPS in Beijing (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Exploratory Studies: (CU-ITL, CU-UG); (EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 4456 - Directed Study: CAPS in Beijing (1-4 Credits)

Intended for advanced language study.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2022

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CHIN 5509 - Business Chinese in Global Context I (3 Credits)

Crosslisted with NBA 6150

First part of a two-semester sequence for advanced mandarin learners.

This course aims to equip students with the linguistic and intercultural skills necessary to thrive in a Chinese business environment. The main vehicle of exploration is Zhihong Chen's newly updated multimedia book *When China Meets the World: Bilingual Business-Finance Cases* (Oxford University Press, 2024) which provides a wide range of real case studies to showcase China's continuous integration with the larger outside world. Through the learning and discussion of real business cases in Chinese, students will not only develop linguistic tools vital to doing Business in China, but also obtain cultural understanding to the Chinese way of conducting business with the outside world. In addition to business case analysis, students will also gain hand-on experience in skills that can be applied in the fields of Finance, Consulting, Accounting and the like. The course will also allow students to interact with entrepreneurs and experts in the field, as well as utilize language skills gained in the course within a mock business interaction.

Prerequisites: two years (on heritage track) or three years of Chinese, or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Exploratory Studies: (EAAREA, EALANG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

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CHIN 5519 - Graduate Studies in Chinese (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

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CHIN 5520 - Graduate Studies in Chinese (3-4 Credits)

Topics vary by semester in relation to student needs.

Last Four Terms Offered: Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

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CHIN 6606 - Readings in Chinese History and Business Culture (3 Credits)

This course is designed for those who have completed Mandarin of advanced level (or equivalent). It aims to further improve students' Chinese proficiency in a business history and transcultural context to provide students with a greater preparation for future studies and career endeavors in a native Chinese environment. China's rapid economic growth has aroused keen interest in discussion of China's business and economy on a global scale. To aid students in understanding China's unprecedented rise, authentic Chinese materials selected from a variety of sources will be introduced in class. These course materials introduce both China's past, present, and future, as well as its current role and challenges in the global economy. Key topics for discussion provide insight into the Chinese way of doing business and the multifaceted nature of China's micro and macro business environment.

Prerequisites: two years (on heritage track) or three years of Chinese, or equivalent.

Distribution Requirements: (FL-AG)

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

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CHIN 6616 - Mandarin Language Across the Curriculum (LAC) (1 Credit)

This optional course aims to expand the students' vocabulary, and advance their speaking and reading skills as well as enhance their knowledge and deepen their cultural understanding by attaching to non-language courses throughout the university.

Prerequisites: two years (on heritage track) or four years of Chinese language learning, or equivalent.

Enrollment Information: Enrollment limited to: graduate students.

Last Four Terms Offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024

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