

# CHINESE (CHIN)

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## **CHIN 101. Elementary Mandarin Chinese. (4 Credits)**

Beginning Chinese with emphasis on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. Laboratory practice.

## **CHIN 102. Elementary Mandarin Chinese. (4 Credits)**

Beginning Chinese with emphasis on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. Laboratory practice.

## **CHIN 103. Accelerated Elementary Chinese. (4 Credits)**

Intensive study of beginning Chinese with emphasis on understanding, speaking, reading and writing. Laboratory work. Required of heritage speakers of Chinese who speak and understand Chinese but who have little or no reading and writing ability. Also required of non-Chinese students with two years of high school Chinese or who place by test score into second-semester Chinese. Prerequisite: Heritage speakers of Chinese or non-Chinese students with only two years of high school Chinese or second semester Chinese by placement test score. Fall semester only.

## **CHIN 201. Intermediate Mandarin Chinese. (4 Credits)**

Conversation, composition, and grammar review based on readings and videos; exploration of various aspects of Chinese culture. Laboratory practice. Prerequisite to any further study in Chinese. Prerequisite: CHIN 102, 103 (or equivalent)

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## **CHIN 301. Chinese Character Acquisition. (2 Credits)**

This course introduces all the basic component parts of Chinese characters and teaches how characters vary as they are combined. Through parsing characters into their component parts, understanding their historical meaning, and identifying their pronunciation hints, students are equipped to recognize, write and remember characters more efficiently as well as increase their vocabulary greatly. This course can be taken alongside a Chinese language course at the intermediate level or above. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency equivalent or permission of instructor.

## **CHIN 302. Chinese Through Scripture. (4 Credits)**

Introduction to the Chinese Bible and its translation of selected readings. Focus on basic Christian terminology and statements in Chinese about God, Jesus, worship, and prayer. Includes discussions on Chinese cultural topics from a Christian perspective. Students practice character recognition and oral communication through reading the Bible. This course may be taken alongside a Chinese language course at the intermediate level or above. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, language competency equivalent, or permission of instructor.

## **CHIN 303. Chinese Grammar. (4 Credits)**

Introduction of the major features of Chinese grammar. Discussion of structures, situations, and functions and practice with corresponding exercises. May not be taken pass/fail. No auditors. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, competency equivalent or permission of instructor.

## **CHIN 331. Chinese Conversation. (4 Credits)**

Intensive practice in oral communication and listening comprehension with emphasis on natural spoken expression based on audio materials, videos, and readings of authentic texts. Students will also develop reading and writing skills through expanding their learning of additional Chinese characters. Prerequisite: CHIN 201 or completion of the Language Competency requirement in Chinese at Wheaton College.

## **CHIN 332. Chinese Composition. (4 Credits)**

Students learn punctuation, sentence and paragraph structures, and the basics of Chinese literary styles such as narrative, description, exposition, argument, correspondence, etc. This course emphasizes writing practice as well as group discussions, presentations and oral compositions. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency requirement or permission of the instructor.

## **CHIN 334. Intro to Chinese Culture. (2 Credits)**

Students gain their initial understanding of Chinese customs and cultural essence prior to or during their trip to study in China. With a special emphasis on comparing and contrasting this course examines both the similarities and differences of the East and the West to help students get a deeper understanding of the Chinese culture as well as their own cultural heritage. Daily journaling is required with some suggested reading materials. Offered in China or on campus. Prerequisite: Acceptance into Wheaton in China program or permission of instructor.

## **CHIN 335. Business Chinese. (2 Credits)**

This course introduces Chinese communication skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) used in various business situations. Students build vocabulary and social awareness via business websites and documents and practice communicative skills through simulations and related business tasks. Students will also gain understanding of the social and cultural aspects of the Chinese business context. This course may be taken alongside a Chinese language course at the intermediate level or above. Offered every other year. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency requirement or permission of the instructor.

## **CHIN 336. Chinese Cinema. (4 Credits)**

Viewing, analysis and critique of Mandarin-language films from Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong depicting urban and rural contexts. Practice in aural comprehension, reading authentic texts, writing synopses and reviews; discussion of character development, thematic analysis and cinematic techniques. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency requirement or permission of instructor.

## **CHIN 337. Readings of Chinese Society and Culture. (4 Credits)**

Selected readings of authentic texts on topics of Chinese culture, contemporary Chinese life, and social issues as well as from various literary works. Dual emphasis on language learning and building of cultural awareness. Students will expand their reading vocabulary, increase their reading speed, and improve their reading comprehension through class participation, presentation and discussion. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency requirement or permission of instructor.

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## **CHIN 338. Advanced Chinese in China. (4 Credits)**

Advanced Chinese in China. Development of oral proficiency. Immersion experience and practice on culture and language. Grammar, conversation, and composition taught by native speakers in a Chinese university setting. Course content and level variable. Offered in China only. Prerequisite: CHIN 201 or permission of instructor. Corequisite: Acceptance into Wheaton in China program.

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## **CHIN 341. Special Topics in Chinese Language and Culture. (4 Credits)**

Further development of oral proficiency. Immersion experience and practice on culture and language. Advanced grammar, conversation, and composition taught by native speakers in a Chinese university setting. Course content and level variable. Offered in China only. Prerequisites: CHIN 331 or permission of instructor. Corequisite: Acceptance into Wheaton in China program.

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**CHIN 346. Modern Chinese Literature. (4 Credits)**

Introduction of literary works of major Chinese writers during the twentieth century. Readings include short stories, poetry and essays, each placed in its unique societal, historical, and political contexts so as to present a holistic picture of a modern China. All texts will be studied in Chinese. Prerequisite: CHIN 337 or permission of the instructor.

**CHIN 351. Classical Chinese Poetry. (2 Credits)**

This course offers learners some of the basic tools for reading Classical (literary) Chinese, the written language of China from the sixth century B.C. through the second century A.D. and well beyond. Students will read the most well-known poems of the Tang poets including Li Bai, Du Fu, Wang Wei, etc. Prerequisite: CHIN 201, Language Competency requirement or permission of instructor.

**CHIN 494. Senior Seminar. (4 Credits)**

Examination of literary or cultural topics from perspectives of contemporary critical theory. Students produce a major research paper that integrates faith with the subject matter. Prerequisites: CHIN 331, 332, Study Abroad, CHIN 337, 346 or departmental approval.