

East Asian Languages & Literature
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Chinese

Why Study Chinese

The Chinese program offers students a range of courses and activities which impart an understanding of the culture and civilization of China. With increasing economic and political interaction between the United States and the People's Republic of China, knowledge of the Chinese language and culture has become increasingly valuable to prospective employers in the public and private sectors. It may surprise people that Chinese is not that hard to learn. With moderate effort almost anyone can succeed in the study of Chinese.

Why Study Chinese at UW-Madison

The Chinese program at UW-Madison is considered to be one of the best programs in the U.S. and is well known for its quality and effectiveness. The Chinese program faculty provides expertise in a wide range of fields, from Chinese language pedagogy, Chinese linguistics, Chinese thought, classical Chinese language and literature as well as Chinese literature from the medieval to the modern period. Students in Chinese courses at UW-Madison receive outstanding instruction from faculty in beginning-level as well as advanced courses and they receive a close personal attention that is rare in a large university. An interactive multi-media Chinese language program is available in the department's computer lab on the 12th floor of Van Hise Hall. Students have found this program very useful.

Sequence of Language Courses

Along with the regular First-Semester Chinese course, the department offers an elementary course that provides a less intense introduction to Chinese. Those who have Chinese credits from high school or summer sessions may enter advanced courses on the basis of a placement test administered by the department.

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
EA 101	First Semester Chinese	EA 102	Second Semester Chinese
EA 201	Third Semester Chinese	EA 202	Fourth Semester Chinese
EA 301	Fifth Semester Chinese	EA 302	Sixth Semester Chinese
EA 401	Seventh Semester Chinese	EA 402	Eighth Semester Chinese

Elementary language sequence:

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		EA 121	Elementary Chinese I (Continuation of EA 121)
EA 122	Elementary Chinese II (First half of year-long sequence)	EA 102	Second-Semester Chinese

Please note that the completion of EA 121 & 122 is equivalent to EA 101.

Fall Courses

Language Courses	Course Title	Prerequisites
	Elementary Chinese II	EA 121 or equiv.
	First-Semester Chinese	No pre req.; open to Freshmen
	Third-Semester Chinese	EA 102 or equiv.
	Fifth-Semester Chinese	EA 202 or equiv.
	Seventh-Semester Chinese	EA 302 or equiv.
Literature / Humanities Courses	First-Year Classical Chinese	EA 202 or equiv.
	Survey of Chinese Literature	Two years of Chinese or equiv. and EA 321-322 or equiv. (EA 351)
	Survey of Chinese Lit. in Translation	No pre req; open to Freshmen (LITrans 261)
	Religion in History and Culture: The East	No pre req; open to Freshmen
	Introduction to Confucianism	Sophomore standing

Study Abroad

Students may receive residence credit for study abroad through two programs sponsored by the department: the Academic Year Abroad program at Beijing Normal University; the Academic Year Abroad program at Peking University. Please contact the Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP) for details or visit their Web site: www.wisc.edu/studyabroad. In addition, the UW-Madison is a member institution of the Inter-University Board for Chinese Language Studies, which administers the famous Inter-University Program (Stanford Center) in Taipei and is establishing a new program at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

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