

Chinese

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Chinese

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Courses in Chinese are designed to develop proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading the language and to acquaint the student with Chinese literary and media culture.

Placement in language courses: Students with previous foreign language experience should consult the statement on placement in language courses in the *Foreign Languages and Literatures* section of this catalog.

Distribution: Courses completed in Chinese apply to the humanities and cultural pluralism distribution areas.

The Foreign Languages and Literatures: Chinese minor: A minimum of 15 credits beyond 206 (or equivalent) in Chinese language and literature courses numbered above 200. Courses in Chinese literature offered under the World Literature may be used to satisfy the requirements for this minor.

Note: Courses taken P-D-F prior to the declaration of a language major or minor will satisfy course and credit requirements for the major or minor. Courses taken P-D-F may not be used to satisfy course and credit requirements for the major or minor after the major or minor has been declared.

105, 106 First-Year Chinese

Fall, Spring

He

4 credits

An introduction to the sounds and structures of modern Chinese and a foundation in conversation, grammar, reading, and elementary composition.

110 Conversational Chinese I

Not offered 2018-19

4 credits

Course offered as part of the Whitman Summer Studies in China program. Taught in China over a period of four weeks by Whitman-selected instructors from China and supervised by the Whitman faculty member who is resident director. This course teaches conversational Chinese based on the vocabulary and sentence patterns the students have learned from Chinese 105 and 106, plus new phrases the students will need living and studying in China. Classes meet three hours per day, five days per week, for a total of 60 hours. Requirements: daily homework, weekly tests, and a final exam covering listening comprehension and spoken Chinese. *Prerequisites:* Chinese 106 or its equivalent and admission to the Whitman Summer Studies in China program.

205, 206 Second-Year Chinese

Fall, Spring

Zhao

4 credits

Modern spoken and written Chinese. It provides the student with the opportunity to communicate in Chinese, and read Chinese materials. *Prerequisite:* Chinese 106 or equivalent.

210 Conversational Chinese II

Not offered 2018-19

4 credits

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305, 306 Third-Year Chinese

Fall, Spring

Zhao

4 credits

Continued practice with spoken and written Mandarin Chinese. The students practice conversational skills, read cultural and literary materials, and write essays. *Prerequisite:* Chinese 206 or equivalent.

310 Conversational Chinese III**Not offered 2018-19****4 credits**

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405, 406 Fourth-Year Chinese**Fall, Spring****Fall: He; Spring: Zhao****4 credits**

This course reads authentic Chinese texts. The students practice conversational skills by discussing the reading materials and presenting oral reports. They also are required to write essays and take written exams. *Prerequisite:* Chinese 306 or equivalent.

417 Walking the Talk: Chinese-English Translation**Fall****He****4 credits**

As a branch of applied linguistics, translation is widely used as a pedagogical tool for foreign language acquisition and a means of cross-cultural exchange. Translation is used in this course to develop students' abilities to navigate multiple cultural and linguistic boundaries, as well as to improve their problem solving skills. The course is designed for students who have completed Chinese 305 or the equivalent as an additional venue for Chinese language acquisition as well as for international students who want to improve their writing in English. This course will introduce a broad range of theoretical approaches to translation as a form of cultural and linguistic exchange while focusing on hands-on experience in Chinese-English translation. It is composed of a lecture component, a substantial amount of translation exercises and group/class discussion. May be taken for credit toward the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies major. *Prerequisite:* Chinese 305.

471, 472 Special Topics**1-4 credits**

Any current offerings follow.

491, 492 Independent Study**Fall, Spring****Staff****1-4 credits**

For students who have completed Chinese 406 or equivalent and who desire further studies in Chinese language, literature, or culture. With guidance from the instructor the student may choose readings which interest him or her, discuss them in conference with the instructor, using Chinese as the language of discussion, and/or submit written evidence of his or her work. *Prerequisites:* Chinese 406 and consent of instructor.

The program in Chinese also includes courses in Chinese literature in translation. These classes are listed in the *World Literature* section of the catalog.