

World Languages - Chinese (WLCH)

WLCH 101 Elementary Chinese I (3 credit hours)

Introduction to Modern Standard Chinese. Emphasis on speaking and listening with an introduction to reading, writing and Chinese culture.

C: WLCH 103

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 102 Elementary Chinese II (3 credit hours)

Continuation of basic skills. Emphasis on speaking and listening with some reading, writing and Chinese culture.

Prerequisite: WLCH 101; Corequisite: WLCH 104

Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 103 Elementary Chinese I Conversation (1 credit hours)

Supplements conversational practice and handwriting skills for WLCH 101. Students will gain practice at using their speaking skills in a variety of basic social situations.

C: WLCH 101

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 104 Elementary Chinese II Conversation (1 credit hours)

Supplements conversational practice and handwriting skills for WLCH 102. Students are encouraged to use their speaking skills in a variety of typical social situations. Special attention is given to naturalness of speech.

Prerequisite: WLCH 101; Corequisite: WLCH 102

Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 105 Intensive Elementary Chinese (6 credit hours)

An intensive course equivalent to WLCH 101 plus WLCH 102. Development of communicative abilities within an integrated skills approach [speaking, listening, reading, writing]. The course is specifically open to: 1) Heritage speakers or students with speaking experience, but with minimal or no Chinese background in reading or writing Mandarin Chinese; 2) Students with a foundational understanding who can only type Chinese characters on a computer; 3) Students with strong listening and speaking skills, including heritage speakers, who want to learn to write and recognize elementary-level Chinese characters; 4) Students with no Chinese background who, for motivational or scheduling reasons, are willing to commit to completing the entire academic year's sequence in a single semester.

Typically offered in Fall and Spring

WLCH 201 Intermediate Chinese I (3 credit hours)

Continuation of basic skills. Greater emphasis on reading, writing and Chinese cultural traditions.

P: WLCH 102; C: WLCH 203

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 202 Intermediate Chinese II (3 credit hours)

Continuation of basic skills. Focus on reading, writing, Chinese cultural traditions and patterns of behavior.

Prerequisite: WLCH 201; Corequisite: WLCH 204

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Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 203 Intermediate Chinese I Conversation (1 credit hours)

Supplements conversational practice and handwriting skills for WLCH 201. Students are encouraged to use their speaking skills in a variety of situations. Special attention is given to naturalness of speech and intonation.

Prerequisite: WLCH 102; Corequisite: WLCH 201

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 204 Intermediate Chinese II Conversation (1 credit hours)

Supplements conversational practice and handwriting skills for WLCH 202. Students are encouraged to use their speaking skills in a variety of situations. Special attention is given to naturalness of speech and intonation.

Prerequisite: WLCH 201; Corequisite: WLCH 202

Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 205 Intensive Intermediate Chinese (6 credit hours)

Combination of WLCH 201 and WLCH 202. This course builds on language skills obtained in WLCH 101 and WLCH 102, and establishes foundational Chinese language skills, with a focus on listening, speaking, reading, writing, Chinese cultural traditions and patterns of behavior.

Prerequisite: WLCH 102 (or equivalent beginner-level Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills).

Typically offered in Fall and Spring

WLCH 301 Intermediate Chinese III (3 credit hours)

Last of the foundation courses in Chinese. Continued practice in speaking and understanding Chinese with new emphasis on writing and on the reading of cultural and literary texts.

Prerequisite: WLCH 202

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 302 Intermediate Chinese IV (3 credit hours)

Continued practice in speaking and understanding Chinese with greater emphasis on reading and writing. Continued study of cultural and literary texts.

Prerequisite: WLCH 301

Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 351 Modern Chinese Popular Culture (3 credit hours)

Introduction to basic aspects of cultural practices and production in Chinese society, including consumer culture, education, work life, family relationships, everyday religious practices, aesthetic traditions, national identity, and gender. Reading and analysis of representative works of modern Chinese visual and print culture including literature, film, advertising, digital media and consumer products with attention to cultural analysis as well as to historical and cultural background.

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Typically offered in Spring only

WLCH 401 Advanced Chinese: Readings in Literature and Social Sciences (3 credit hours)

Continued training in the foundations of Chinese language, with emphasis on nuances of written Chinese. This course introduces advanced Chinese language students to modern literature and social science texts. Students read and analyze some of the finest works of 20th c. Chinese intellectuals, authors and social critics. The class explores a wide range of prose forms, styles, and subject matter. Emphasis will be placed on developing advanced-level proficiency in reading & writing, and on literary analysis & discussion of cultural & historical contexts.

Prerequisite: WLCH 302

Typically offered in Fall only

WLCH 402 Advanced Chinese: Readings in Literature and Science (3 credit hours)

Continued training in the foundations of Chinese language, with emphasis on nuances of written Chinese. This course introduces advanced Chinese language students to modern literature and science texts. Students read and analyze some of the finest works of 20th c. Chinese intellectuals, authors and proponents of scientific advancement as well as original scientific research in Chinese. The class explores a wide range of prose forms, styles, and subject matter. Emphasis will be placed on developing advanced-level proficiency in reading & writing, and on literary analysis & discussion of cultural & historical contexts.

Prerequisite: WLCH 302

GEP Global Knowledge, GEP Humanities

Typically offered in Spring only