CHINESE COURSES (CHIN)

Courses

CHIN 101 | FIRST SEMESTER CHINESE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year
An introduction to the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing, with an emphasis on oral skills.

CHIN 102 | SECOND SEMESTER CHINESE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: CHIN 101 or Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year
Continuation of the skills developed in CHIN 101. Increased practice in reading and writing. Acquisition of new vocabulary consolidated through conversation stressing the relationship between language and culture.

CHIN 140 | TOPICS IN CHINESE LITERATURE AND CULTURE
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Study at the lower-division level of a topic in Chinese literature and culture. This course is taught in English and this course is taught in English and satisfies the core requirement for Literary Inquiry but does not satisfy the core Second Language requirement.

CHIN 141 | TOPICS IN CHINESE LITERATURE, FILM OR CULTURE-DOMESTIC FOCUS
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Study at the lower-division level of a topic in Chinese literature, film and/or culture with a Domestic Focus. This course is taught in English and will not satisfy the core requirement for Literary Inquiry but does not satisfy the core Second Language requirement.

CHIN 142 | TOPICS IN CHINESE LITERATURE, FILM OR CULTURE-GLOBAL FOCUS
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Study at the lower-division level of a topic in Chinese literature, film and/or culture with a Global Focus. This course is taught in English and will not satisfy the core requirement for Literary Inquiry but does not satisfy the core Second Language requirement.

CHIN 194 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN CHINESE LITERATURE AND CULTURE
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Study at the lower-division level of a topic in Chinese literature and culture. This course is taught in English and will not satisfy the core requirement for Literary Inquiry but does not satisfy the core Second Language requirement.

CHIN 201 | THIRD SEMESTER CHINESE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: CHIN 102 or Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year
Further development of language competence. Practice in oral and written Chinese at the intermediate level, with an emphasis on reading and basic composition. Continued acquisition of new vocabulary consolidated through conversation stressing the relationship between language and culture.

CHIN 202 | FOURTH SEMESTER CHINESE
Units: 3
Prerequisites: CHIN 201 or Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year
Further development of language competence. Practice in oral and written Chinese at the intermediate level, with an emphasis on reading and basic composition. Continued acquisition of new vocabulary consolidated through conversation stressing the relationship between language and culture.

CHIN 293 | LANGUAGE TUTORING OR FIELD EXPERIENCE IN CHINESE
Units: 1-3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Supervised participation in the department’s Tutoring Program or placement in a community organization in which the student’s skills in Chinese are developed.

CHIN 294 | TOPICS IN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, OR CULTURE
Units: 3 Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)
Prerequisites: CHIN 202
Study at the lower-division level of a special topic in language, literature, or culture. When offered, selected subjects will be announced on the MySanDiego portal. If taught in English, this course will not fulfill the Core Curriculum language requirement. Consult with instructor or the department chair.

CHIN 299 | INDEPENDENT STUDY
Units: 3

CHIN 301 | CONVERSATION AND COMPOSITION
Units: 3 Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year or CHIN 202
This course strengthens students’ language foundation in all aspects of modern standard Chinese, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The course is project based and students will apply what they learned from the teaching materials, including vocabulary, grammar, and cultural knowledge, to different verbal or written assignments that lead to the completion of group projects. Authentic materials will be introduced during the course as auxiliary materials to help students analyze issues.

CHIN 302 | CONTEMPORARY CHINA: CULTURE, POLITICS AND SOCIETY
Units: 3 Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year or CHIN 202
This course introduces students to multiple aspects of Chinese culture and society that are considered timely and will have a lasting social impact. Students will gain intermediate to advanced listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in standard Chinese.

CHIN 303 | MEDIA CHINESE: INTERNET, TELEVISION AND FILM
Units: 3 Repeatability: No
Prerequisites: CHIN 301
This course uses popular TV series and canonical Chinese films as background to discuss contemporary social issues. Students will discuss topics such as China’s real estate market, economy and investment, Internet and technology, modernization and urban migration, consumer culture, and young people’s perspectives on love and gender. This class will also teach up-to-date vocabulary and idioms created by netizens that have gained national popularity.

CHIN 347 | CHINESE CINEMA: POSTSOCIALISM AND MODERNITY
Units: 3 Repeatability: No
This course helps students attain a sophisticated understanding of China’s modern history through the study of cinema as critical texts that respond creatively, aesthetically, and constructively to issues such as nationalism, transnationalism, representation, realism, self-identity (gender, class, region, etc.) and history. Films analyzed in this course articulate the political and social transformations in the pan-China region over the past decades that are direct result of the impact of globalization and a century-long aspiration for modernity.
CHIN 394 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN LANGUAGE, LITERATURE, OR CULTURE  
Units: 3  Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)  
Prerequisites: Passing the appropriate departmental placement test within the previous year or CHIN 202  
Study at the third-year level of a special topic in language, literature, or culture. When offered, selected subjects will be announced on the MySanDiego portal. If taught in English, this course will not fulfill the Core Curriculum language requirement. Consult with instructor or the department chair.

CHIN 493 | LANGUAGE TUTORING OR FIELD EXPERIENCE IN CHINESE  
Units: 1-3  Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)  
Supervised participation in the department’s Tutoring Program or placement in a community organization in which the student’s skills in Chinese are developed.

CHIN 494 | TOPICS: CHINESE LANGUAGE III  
Units: 3  Repeatability: Yes (Repeatable if topic differs)  
Study of special topics in Chinese literature, language, or culture. When offered, selected subjects will be announced on the MySanDiego portal.

CHIN 499 | INDEPENDENT STUDY  
Units: 1-3  Repeatability: Yes (Can be repeated for Credit)  
A program arranged between the advanced student and the instructor to provide intensive study in a particular area of interest. Extensive reading and consultation are required, as well as preparation of reports to be assigned by the instructor. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic changes.