

Chinese (CN)

Courses

CN 111 Beginning Chinese I 6 Cr.

An intensive course providing an introduction to the Mandarin language, including both traditional Chinese characters and the Pinyin transliteration system. In this course, speaking proficiency (including familiarization with Chinese tones), aural comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, reading and writing of Chinese characters are brought to a level enabling students to use the language actively in everyday situations. Classroom 6 hours, laboratory 2 hours. Not open to students who have successfully completed CN 205 or higher. Prerequisite: Appropriate score on placement exam.

CN 112 Beginning Chinese II 6 Cr.

A continuation of CN 111, with continued emphasis on each of the language skill areas--speaking, listening, vocabulary, reading and writing. Classroom 6 hours, laboratory 2 hours. Prerequisite: CN 111 or equivalent NU placement. Not open to students who have successfully completed CN 205 or higher.

CN 1XX Chinese Transfer Elective 3 Cr.

CN 205 Intermediate Chinese I 3 Cr.

A course providing aural-oral practice in Chinese, in which students enter into full discussion of topics that include abstract themes and cultural perspectives; includes the expanded use of syntactical structures, the reading of sophisticated material, composition, and the viewing of selected Chinese films and documentary materials from Chinese-language television. Taught in Chinese. Classroom 3 hours, laboratory 1 hour. Prerequisite: CN 112, NU language placement exam, or permission of the instructor.

CN 206 Intermediate Chinese II 3 Cr.

A course providing aural-oral practice in Chinese, in which students enter into full discussion of topics that include abstract themes and cultural perspectives; includes the expanded use of syntactical structures, the reading of sophisticated material, composition, and the viewing of selected Chinese films and documentary materials from Chinese television. Taught in Chinese. Classroom 3 hours, laboratory 1 hour. Prerequisite: CN 205 or the equivalent, NU language placement exam. 3 lecture hours.

CN 2XX Intermediate Chinese Transfer Elective 3 Cr.

CN 301 Advanced Chinese I 3 Cr.

Oral and written practice of the language through class discussions of selected Chinese texts. Selective review of grammar, especially of the more difficult and subtle aspects, designed to facilitate an idiomatic and fluent use of the language. Classroom 3 hours. Prerequisite: CN 206, NU placement, or permission of instructor.

CN 302 Advanced Chinese II 3 Cr.

Oral and written practice of the language through class discussions of selected Chinese texts. Selective review of grammar, especially of the more difficult and subtle aspects, designed to facilitate an idiomatic and fluent use of the language. Classroom: 3 hours. Prerequisite: CN 301, NU placement, or permission of instructor.

CN 311 Media Chinese 3 Cr.

This course builds students' Chinese media literacy by systematically exposing them to Chinese broadcast news, newspapers, online news and videos, and TV shows. This course aims to develop all five language skills areas: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and control of the necessary background information (cultural competency) with particular emphasis on the challenges posed by the rapid pace of radio and TV news broadcasts. Topics include, but are not limited to, daily news broadcasts, economic, cultural and sports news. Each topic integrates authentic audiovisual and print materials from various media resources. Taught in Chinese. Prerequisites: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently) or NU placement test results. 3 lecture hours per week. Fall term even years.

CN 312 Business Chinese 3 Cr.

This course provides an overview of China's changing macro-economic environment and current business practices relating to finance and marketing. Business knowledge is presented as a means to facilitate language learning. Emphasis will be given to a higher level of language proficiency and acquisition of a wide range of vocabulary, common phrases, and other linguistic conventions designed to prepare students for the world of business. Topics include, but are not limited to, open door policy, China's banking reforms, the stock market, and marketing. Taught in Chinese. Prerequisites: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently) or permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours per week.

CN 321 Chinese Literature, Culture and Society I 1911-1949 3 Cr.

Introduction to major currents in Chinese social, literary, and cultural history from 1911 to 1949. Taught in Chinese. Prerequisite: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently), NU placement, or permission of instructor.

CN 322 Chinese Literature, Culture and Society II 1949-Present 3 Cr.

Introduction to major currents in Chinese social, literary, and cultural history from 1949 to present. Taught in Chinese. Classroom: 3 hours. Prerequisite: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently), NU placement, or permission of instructor.

CN 331 Advanced Chinese Composition and Conversation (I) 3 Cr.

A study of original Chinese journalistic texts to elevate students' Chinese language proficiency in writing and composition, oral reports and discussion, reading and comprehension, and in Chinese-English/English-Chinese translation. Prerequisite: CN 302 (may be taken concurrently), NU language placement test, or permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

CN 332 Advanced Chinese Composition and Conversation (II) 3 Cr.

A study of original Chinese literary texts to elevate students' Chinese language proficiency in writing and composition, oral reports and discussion, reading and comprehension, and in Chinese-English/English-Chinese translation. Prerequisite: CN 331 (may be taken concurrently), NU language placement test, or permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

CN 365 Chinese Literature, Culture and Society III: 221 BCE-1911 3 Cr.

A survey of representative Chinese classical works – novels, short stories. Prose, poetry, and traditional operatic dramas – during Qin Dynasty (221-226 BCE), Han Dynasty (960-1279), Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). Lectures, readings, discussions and written reports in Chinese. Prerequisite: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently), NU language placement test, or permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

CN 366 Chinese Literature, Culture and Society IV: Beginning-221 BCE 3 Cr.

A survey of Chinese literary, historical and philosophical writings, legends, folklore, myth, songs, and poems from Zhou Dynasty (1045 BCE-256 BCE), Shang Dynasty (1600 BCE- 1046 BCE), Xia Dynasty (2100 BCE-1600 BCE) and before. Lectures, readings, discussions and written reports in Chinese. Prerequisite: CN 301 (may be taken concurrently), NU language placement test, or permission of the instructor. 3 lecture hours.

CN 399 Topics 3 Cr.

CN 3XX Advanced Chinese Transfer Elective 3 Cr.

CN 415 Senior Seminar 3 Cr.

This course is an integrative capstone experience for all Chinese majors in the last semester of their senior year. This course encourages independent thinking, intensive student participation, and in-depth research on topics of the student's choice related to the seminar's topic. This course helps students improve their ability to read, write and talk about politics, business and popular culture in China. Topics include, but not limited to, popular culture, social change, cultural traditions, history and politics. Each topic integrates authentic audiovisual and print materials from various media resources. Taught in Chinese. Open to Chinese majors in their senior year, or others with permission of the instructor. 3 class hours per week. Taught every year in the spring semester.