

CHIN-CHINESE (CHIN)

CHIN 1110. Mandarin Chinese I 4 Credits (4)

This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in first year modern standard Chinese ("Mandarin"). This course is recommended for students who have had little or no experience in the Chinese language. A beginning Mandarin Chinese course is designed to introduce the Mandarin sound system ("pinyin"), basic vocabulary, Chinese characters (either in Simplified or Traditional characters), and basic grammatical concepts and structures. In order to help beginners develop their communicative competence in the four basic skills, the 5Cs (Communication, Cultures, Comparisons, Connections, and Communities) will be integrated consistently into the content and exercises in the course.

Learning Outcomes

1. Approach a novice-mid proficiency (ACTFL) in speaking, listening, reading, writing, as well as to develop their cultural awareness
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the phonetic system in Mandarin Chinese
3. Pronounce Chinese pinyin in correct tones
4. Demonstrate the mastery of the most commonly used characters (approximately 400-500)
5. Understand basic Chinese grammatical concepts
6. Use basic Mandarin vocabulary, introductory phrases and sentences in both oral and written forms
7. Understand greetings in China, countries and nationalities, Chinese family values, hobbies, and being someone's guest in China
8. Apply the language to greet each other, identify countries and nationalities, talk about his/her family, discuss important dates, talk about hobbies, and visit a friend in China
9. Develop basic reading and writing skills in Chinese
10. Develop initial understanding of Chinese culture, compare aspects of different cultures, make connections to their daily life, and build links among communities

CHIN 1120. Mandarin Chinese II 4 Credits (4)

This is the second semester of a two-semester sequence in first year modern standard Chinese ("Mandarin"). This course is designed for students who have taken 1st Semester Mandarin Chinese, and focuses on enhancing pronunciation and expanding the vocabulary and grammar dealing with daily activities. In order to help beginners develop their communicative competence in the four basic skills, the 5Cs (Communication, Cultures, Comparisons, Connections, and Communities) will be integrated consistently into the content and exercises in the course.

Prerequisite(s): C or better in CHIN 1110.

Learning Outcomes

1. Maintain a novice-mid and approach a novice-high proficiency (ACTFL) in speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as to enhance their cultural awareness
2. Demonstrate continued mastery of the four tones used in Mandarin Chinese
3. Demonstrate continued mastery of the most commonly used characters (approximately 500-600)
4. Apply basic grammatical concepts and structures, and begin exploring intermediate grammatical concepts
5. Demonstrate continued growth in vocabulary and expressions necessary for conversation in and about real life situations
6. Understand basic phone calls, discussion of studies, school life, shopping and transportation
7. Apply the language to make simple phone calls, discuss studies, talk about school life, go shopping and use transportation
8. Continue developing basic reading and writing skills in Chinese
9. Develop further understanding of Chinese culture, compare aspects of different cultures, make connections to their daily life, and build links among communities

CHIN 2110. Mandarin Chinese III**3 Credits (3)**

This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in second year modern standard Chinese ("Mandarin"). This course is designed for students who have taken 1st and 2nd Semester Mandarin Chinese (or equivalence), and have a basic foundation on Chinese phonetics, characters, and grammars. In order to help students develop their communicative competence in the four basic skills, the 5Cs (Communication, Cultures, Comparisons, Connections, and Communities) will be integrated consistently into the content and exercises in the course. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

Prerequisite(s): C or better in CHIN 1120.

Learning Outcomes

1. Maintain a novice-high and approach an intermediate-low proficiency (ACTFL) in speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as to enhance their cultural understanding
2. Pronounce the four tones used in Mandarin Chinese comfortably
3. Demonstrate continued mastery of the most commonly used characters (approximately 600-800)
4. Apply intermediate grammatical concepts and structures
5. Demonstrate continued growth in vocabulary and expressions in a variety for conversation in and about real life situations
6. Understand topics including but not limited to simple weather reports, dining, directions, birthday party stories, and seeing a doctor
7. Apply the language to talk about weather, order food, ask and give directions, describe birthday parties, and see a doctor (these are suggested topics, no intention to limit the topic range)
8. Continue developing paragraph-length reading and writing skills in Chinese
9. Deepen understanding of Chinese culture, compare aspects of different cultures, make further connections to their daily life, and build stronger links among communities

CHIN 2120. Mandarin Chinese IV**3 Credits (3)**

This is the second semester of a two-semester sequence in second year modern standard Chinese ("Mandarin"). This course is designed for students who have taken 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Semester Mandarin Chinese (or equivalence), and have a good foundation on Chinese phonetics, characters, and grammars. In order to help students develop their communicative competence in the four basic skills, the 5Cs (Communication, Cultures, Comparisons, Connections, and Communities) will be integrated consistently into the content and exercises in the course. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

Prerequisite(s): C or better in CHIN 2110.

Learning Outcomes

1. Maintain an intermediate-low and approach an intermediate-mid proficiency (ACTFL) in speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as to strengthen their cultural understanding
2. Pronounce the four tones used in Mandarin Chinese fluently
3. Demonstrate continued mastery of the most commonly used characters (approximately 800-1000)
4. Apply more intermediate grammatical concepts and structures
5. Demonstrate continued growth in vocabulary and expressions in a variety for conversation in and about real life situations as well as simple academic settings
6. Demonstrate language skills that would help them travel or live in China
7. Understand topics including but not limited to dating, renting an apartment, sports, traveling, conversations at an airport
8. Apply the language to extend/decline invitations, rent an apartment, talk about sports, travel, check in and arrive at an airport (these are suggested topics, no intention to limit the topic range)
9. Continue developing multiple-paragraph-length reading and writing skills in Chinese
10. Deepen understanding of Chinese culture, compare aspects of different cultures, make further connections to their daily life, and build stronger links among communities