

California State University, Long Beach 2025-2026 Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog

Courses

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Chinese

Note: General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper-division course except upper-division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

CHIN 101 - Fundamentals of Chinese

(4 units)

Prerequisites: One GE Foundation course which may be taken concurrently, or formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for CHIN 101.

Introduction to pronunciation, reading, writing, conversation, and structure of the Chinese language. Native speakers of Chinese who have completed compulsory education in China may not enroll.

Both grading options.

CHIN 102 - Fundamentals of Chinese

(4 units)

Prerequisites: One GE Foundation course which may be taken concurrently, or formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study in Chinese.

Introduction to pronunciation, reading, writing, conversation, and structure of the Chinese language. Native speakers of Chinese who have completed compulsory education in China may not enroll.

Both grading options.

CHIN 201 - Intermediate Chinese

(4 units)

Prerequisites: CHIN 102; GE Foundation requirements, or formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study in Chinese.

Continuation of first year Chinese. Further development of listening, speaking, reading, writing and communication. Native speakers of Chinese who have completed compulsory education in China may not enroll.

Both grading options.

CHIN 202 - Intermediate Chinese

(4 units)

Prerequisites: CHIN 201; GE Foundation requirements, or formal prerequisites and /or competency equivalent for advanced study in Chinese.

Continuation of first year Chinese. Further development of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and communication. Native speakers of Chinese who have completed compulsory education in China may not enroll.

Both grading options.

CHIN 301 - Advanced Chinese

(3 units)

Prerequisites: CHIN 202 or its equivalent.

Study of modern spoken and written Chinese involving advanced expressions. Emphasis on reading, comprehension, vocabulary building and idiomatic usage.

Both grading options.

CHIN 302 - Advanced Chinese

(3 units)

Prerequisite(s): [CHIN 301](#)
or its equivalent.

Study of modern spoken and written Chinese involving advanced expressions. Emphasis on reading, comprehension, vocabulary building and idiomatic usage.

Both grading options.

CHIN 321 - Chinese Calligraphy

(3 units)

Prerequisite(s): Completion of first-year Chinese or Japanese language or equivalent preferred.

Focuses on the history, development, artistry, and appreciation of Chinese calligraphy. Equal emphasis placed on hands-on practice in and outside of the classroom.

Both grading options.

CHIN 370 - Chinese Literature in English Translation

(3 units)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Readings in translation of representative works of the major literary genres in China covering both the classical and the modern periods. Previous knowledge of the language is highly desirable, but not necessary.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

CHIN 380 - Languages and Dialects in China

(3 units)

Prerequisites: [CHIN 102](#)
or equivalent.

Chinese language viewed in its linguistic context, synchronically and diachronically. Introduction to descriptive grammar of modern standard Chinese, classical Chinese, the rise of written vernacular, dialect variations and sociolinguistic issues.

Both grading options. Lecture/discussion.

CHIN 390 - Topics in Chinese Cultural Studies

(3 units)

Prerequisites: Upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary study of representative features of contemporary Chinese culture and society.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics.

CHIN 421 - Current Affairs in China

(3 units)

This course provides a survey of China's transition from a Maoist-socialist state to a quasi-capitalist one party state in the past decades (1978-present). Topics include economic/political reforms, urban/rural inequality, gender, population policy, environmental issues, and popular culture.

Both grading options.

CHIN 451 - Chinese Culture and Tradition

(3 units)

Thematic survey of various aspects of Chinese culture and tradition from its beginning to the present, with focus on both China's history and the salient cultural elements in contemporary society.

Undergraduates register in CHIN 451; graduates register in [CHIN 551](#)

Both grading options. Double Numbered with: [CHIN 551](#)

CHIN 462 - Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.

Designed for advanced study in Chinese grammar (structure of Chinese). It is also intended for students who plan to teach Chinese as a foreign language or do research in Chinese linguistics.

Comparison of phonological, morphological, syntactic and discourse aspects of Chinese and English languages. Analysis of common errors in learning Chinese.

Letter grade only (A-F). Double Numbered with: CHIN 562

CHIN 481 - Principles and Practice of Teaching Chinese

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Upper-division standing.

Designed for students planning to become Chinese language instructors at all levels, Single Subject Credential Program students, or graduate students in Asian Studies with the Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (TCFL) option or Linguistics in teaching Chinese track. Lectures, discussions, class observation, and teaching preparation.

Letter grade only (A-F) Not repeatable for credit. Double Numbered with: Double-numbered with [CHIN 581](#)

CHIN 485 - Masterpieces from China

(3 units)

Reading of major works from China in Chinese. Selected writings represent different periods of Chinese history, thoughts, and literary traditions. Course conducted in Chinese. Undergraduates register in CHIN 485; Graduate register in [CHIN 585](#)

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Double Numbered with: [CHIN 585](#)

CHIN 490 - Selected Topics in Chinese Studies

(3 units)

Variable topics related to advanced Chinese Studies, depending on the instructor's discipline and expertise. Undergraduates register in CHIN 490; Graduates register in [CHIN 590](#).

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*. Double Numbered with: [CHIN 590](#)

CHIN 499 - Directed Studies in Chinese

(1-3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Independent study under supervision of a faculty member.

Both grading options. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics in different semesters. Double Numbered with: [CHIN 599](#)

CHIN 551 - Chinese Culture and Tradition

(3 units)

Thematic survey of various aspects of Chinese culture and tradition from its beginning to the present, with focus on both China's history and the salient cultural elements that make it a great and distinctive country. Undergraduates register in [CHIN 451](#); graduates register in CHIN 551.

Both grading options. Double Numbered with: [CHIN 451](#)

CHIN 561 - Structure of Modern Chinese Language

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Introduction to descriptive grammar of modern standard Chinese.

Letter grade only (A-F). Double Numbered with: CHIN 461

CHIN 562 - Contrastive Analysis of Chinese and English

(3 units)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Designed for advanced study in Chinese grammar (structure of Chinese). It is also intended for students who plan to teach Chinese as a foreign language or do research in Chinese linguistics.

Comparison of phonological, morphological, syntactic and discourse aspects of Chinese and English languages. Analysis of common errors in learning Chinese.

Letter grade only (A-F). Double Numbered with: CHIN 462

CHIN 581 - Principles and Practice of Teaching Chinese

(3 units)

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Variable topics related to advanced Chinese Studies, depending on the instructor's discipline and expertise. Undergraduates register in [CHIN 490](#)

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