Program overview

Chinese Major
https://ane.byu.edu/chin/chinese/chinese-major

Chinese Minor
https://ane.byu.edu/chin/chinese/chinese-minor

Chinese Teaching Minor
https://ane.byu.edu/chin/chinese/chinese-teaching-minor

The Master of Arts Degree in Professional Language (MAPL)
https://cls.byu.edu/master-of-arts-in-professional-language

Chinese Language Certificate
https://cls.byu.edu/programs/certificate
Academic activities

Challenge Exam
https://ane.byu.edu/chin/challenge-exam-policy

Study Abroad Program
https://kennedy.byu.edu/find-your-program

Chinese House (Language Immersion Student Residence)
https://cls.byu.edu/programs/languagehouses

Internship Credits (CHIN399R)
https://experience.byu.edu/getting-internship-credit

Chinese Club
https://clubs.byu.edu/clubs#/byucc
Frequently asked questions

1. First Chinese course for return missionaries and dual language immersion students: CHIN201
2. Writing systems: CHIN101-202 traditional, CHIN301-322 simplified, Others - both
3. Courses taught in English: CHIN342, 343, 344, 345, 346 (GE courses)
4. Placement test and credit transfer: Contact section head - Dr. Rachel Liu (rachelyuliu@byu.edu)
5. Claim Chinese major/minor: Liberal Arts Advisement Center (1041 JFSB)
Chinese BA 47 - 60 Credit Hours

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 1 course
HCOLL 310 - Humanities in Professional Life 1.0

RECOMMENDED Complete 3 courses
Complete the following prerequisite courses: CHIN 101, 102, 201. (May be waived for students with previous language experience.)
CHIN 101 - Beginning Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 102 - Beginning Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 201 - Intermediate Mandarin 4.0

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 7 courses
CHIN 202 - Intermediate Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 301 - Third-Year Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 302 - Third-Year Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 321 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0
CHIN 322 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0
CHIN 345R - Chinese Culture 3.0
You may take this course up to 1 time.
CHIN 495 - Senior Seminar for Majors 2.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 1 course
CHIN 342 - Chinese Film in Translation 3.0
CHIN 343 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Poetry 3.0
CHIN 344 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Prose 3.0

REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 1 course
CHIN 325 - Structure of Chinese 3.0
CHIN 326 - Introduction to Chinese Linguistics 3.0
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REQUIREMENT 5 Complete 3 courses
CHIN 411 - Speaking and Listening Mastery 2.0
CHIN 441 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 442 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 443 - Modern Chinese Literature 3.0
CHIN 444 - Contemporary Chinese Literature 3.0

REQUIREMENT 6 Complete 1 option
Complete 9 additional hours required from upper-division Chinese.
It is mandatory that students consult with their advisor to determine supporting courses appropriate to professional goals.

OPTION 6.1 Complete 9.0 hours from the following course(s)
CHIN 311R - Advanced Conversation 2.0
CHIN 325 - Structure of Chinese 3.0
CHIN 326 - Introduction to Chinese Linguistics 3.0
CHIN 327 - Chinese Translation and Interpretation 3.0
CHIN 342 - Chinese Film in Translation 3.0
CHIN 343 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Poetry 3.0
CHIN 344 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Prose 3.0
CHIN 346 - Introduction to Chinese Philosophy 3.0
CHIN 347 - Business Chinese 3.0
CHIN 377 - Chinese Language Teaching Procedures 3.0
CHIN 399R - Academic Internship 9.0v
CHIN 411 - Speaking and Listening Mastery 2.0
CHIN 441 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 442 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 443 - Modern Chinese Literature 3.0
CHIN 444 - Contemporary Chinese Literature 3.0
CHIN 445R - Chinese Poetry 3.0
CHIN 477R - Secondary Minor Student Teaching 4.0
CHIN 490R - Individual Study in Chinese 3.0v
CHIN 599R - Academic Internship 9.0v
Program outcomes

Oral Proficiency (Speaking and Listening)
Speak and comprehend Mandarin Chinese at the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Advanced-Mid level, demonstrating both an ability to negotiate face-to-face interactions in linguistically, socially, and culturally appropriate ways (direct measures 1 and 7) and an ability to listen to and comprehend the main points of spoken Chinese including television and radio news broadcasts at an advanced level (direct measures 2 and 7).

Reading and Writing Proficiency
Read a variety of formal and informal genres of writing at the ACTFL advanced-mid level (direct measure 3) and write notes, correspondence, and short essays at the ACTFL intermediate high level while demonstrating an awareness of literary Chinese writing conventions (direct measure 4).

Analyze Chinese Culture, Literature and Language
Be able to analyze and discuss core aspects of Chinese civilization including classical Chinese language and literature, modern and contemporary Chinese literature and film, Chinese culture, and the Chinese language. (Direct Measures 5 and 6 and Indirect Measure 2)
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Chinese Minor  17.5 - 42 Credit Hours

Complete the following prerequisite courses: Chin 101, 102, 201, 202. (May be waived for students with previous language experience.)

REQUIREMENT 1 Complete 3 courses
CHIN 301 - Third-Year Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 302 - Third-Year Mandarin 4.0
CHIN 345R - Chinese Culture 3.0
You may take this course up to 1 time.

REQUIREMENT 2 Complete 1 course
CHIN 321 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0
CHIN 322 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0

REQUIREMENT 3 Complete 1 course
CHIN 342 - Chinese Film in Translation 3.0
CHIN 343 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Poetry 3.0
CHIN 344 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Prose 3.0
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REQUIREMENT 4 Complete 1 course
CHIN 311R - Advanced Conversation 2.0
CHIN 321 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0
CHIN 322 - Selected Readings of Modern Chinese 3.0
CHIN 325 - Structure of Chinese 3.0
CHIN 326 - Introduction to Chinese Linguistics 3.0
CHIN 327 - Chinese Translation and Interpretation 3.0
CHIN 342 - Chinese Film in Translation 3.0
CHIN 343 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Poetry 3.0
CHIN 344 - Chinese Literature in Translation--Prose 3.0
CHIN 346 - Introduction to Chinese Philosophy 3.0
CHIN 347 - Business Chinese 3.0
CHIN 377 - Chinese Language Teaching Procedures 3.0
CHIN 399R - Academic Internship 9.0v
CHIN 411 - Speaking and Listening Mastery 2.0
CHIN 441 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 442 - Classical and Literary Chinese 3.0
CHIN 443 - Modern Chinese Literature 3.0
CHIN 444 - Contemporary Chinese Literature 3.0
CHIN 445R - Chinese Poetry 3.0
CHIN 477R - Secondary Minor Student Teaching 4.0
CHIN 490R - Individual Study in Chinese 3.0v
CHIN 495 - Senior Seminar for Majors 2.0
CHIN 599R - Academic Internship 9.0v
Proper Course Sequencing

Once you know where you should start your study of Chinese in the Chinese Section at BYU, enroll in that course, and continue taking courses in the proper sequence. The normal sequence for a new beginner would be 101-102, 201-202, 301-302 and 321-322. If you have studied Chinese in high school, have lived and studied in China or Taiwan, have served a Chinese-speaking mission, or have heritage language experience, you will probably start further on in this sequence (e.g. 201). Please keep moving forward from where you start.
Avoid Skipping Courses or Jumping Ahead

You should compete courses in the order indicated above. At no time should you skip a course to jump ahead, as you will miss crucial information and learning experiences that are essential for your steady, incremental growth in Chinese language proficiency. Most core language courses are offered two to three times a year, ensuring that you can usually take any course without having to wait more than a semester. Core language courses are offered at the following times each year:

Chinese 101: Fall, Winter, Spring
Chinese 102: Fall, Winter, Summer
Chinese 201: Fall, Winter, Spring
Chinese 202: Fall, Winter, Summer
Chinese 301: Fall and Winter
Chinese 302: Fall and Winter
Chinese 321: Fall and Spring
Chinese 322: Winter and Summer
Don’t Take Courses that are Below Your Proficiency Level

Once you know your level of proficiency and start your study of Chinese, you should move onward and upward in your studies. You are not allowed to take any courses below your level of language proficiency (e.g. taking Chinese 101, 102, or 201 if you have been placed at the 202 level and/or have taken Chinese 202. You are not allowed to go back and take or “make up” classes. If you feel you need to review earlier material, you should do this independently on your own and not enroll in earlier and easier classes. You are only allowed to repeat the highest and most recent Chinese language course you have taken.
Make sure to complete core language course prerequisites before enrolling in certain classes

Some Chinese literature and linguistics courses require a knowledge of Chinese to perform successfully in the class. It is thus important that you have taken through a certain level of Chinese before you enroll in them. Below is a list of courses that have Chinese language course prerequisites you need to be aware of:

Chinese 211  You must have completed Chinese 102.
Chinese 301  You must have completed Chinese 202.
Chinese 325  You must have completed Chinese 202.
Chinese 326  You must have completed Chinese 202.
Chinese 302  You must have completed Chinese 301.
Chinese 347  You must have completed Chinese 301.
Chinese 441  You must have completed Chinese 301.
Chinese 442  You must have completed Chinese 441 and Chinese 301.
Chinese 443  You must have completed Chinese 321 OR Chinese 322.
Chinese 444  You must have completed Chinese 321 OR Chinese 322.
Double Counting Courses Towards the Chinese Major or Minor

Please be aware that courses listed as core requirements for the Chinese major or minor can only be counted once towards your degree. You cannot count them a second time as an elective or as meeting a second major requirement. You can however take another literature, linguistics, or culture class that has not been counted towards your degree and count it once towards your elective requirements.
Questions?

If you have any questions, feel free to visit the main office of the Department of Asian and Near Eastern Languages, located at 3064 JFSB.

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