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Placement for Language Students

Note: A placement test is required for students who have previous training and/or experience, but who have not taken a course in this language at Carleton. For details, please consult carleton.ca/slals/modern-languages and follow the placement test instructions before registering.

Students who are found to be registered in an inappropriate level of the course will be deregistered following assessment by their instructor (and/or the Director of the School). It is crucial for students to complete the placement test in a manner that truly demonstrates their language proficiency.

Students should note that they cannot go backward in a sequence of levels in language courses.

CHIN 1010 [0.5 credit]

First-Year Mandarin Chinese I

For students with no knowledge of Mandarin. Oral skills; basic reading and writing skills. Placement test for non-literate speakers of other Chinese languages. Not open to students already literate in any Chinese language. Compulsory attendance.

Precludes additional credit for CHIN 1110.

Four hours a week.

CHIN 1020 [0.5 credit]

First-Year Mandarin Chinese II

Continuation of first-year Mandarin Chinese. Oral skills; basic reading and writing skills. Compulsory attendance. Precludes additional credit for CHIN 1110.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 1010, or permission of the School.

Four hours a week.

CHIN 1110 [1.0 credit]

Intensive First-Year Mandarin Chinese

For students with no knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. Oral skills; basic reading and writing skills. Placement test for non-literate speakers of other Chinese languages. Not open to students already literate in any Chinese language. Compulsory attendance.

Precludes additional credit for CHIN 1010 and CHIN 1020. Eight hours a week (one term).

CHIN 2010 [0.5 credit] Second-Year Mandarin Chinese I

Further study of Mandarin Chinese to reach a more advanced level of proficiency in a range of situations. Equal emphasis on oral and written language. Compulsory attendance.

Precludes additional credit for CHIN 2110.
Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 1020 or CHIN 1110, or permission of the School.
Four hours a week.

CHIN 2020 [0.5 credit]

Second-Year Mandarin Chinese II

Continuation of second-year Mandarin Chinese. Further study of Mandarin Chinese to reach a more advanced level of proficiency in a range of situations. Equal emphasis on oral and written language. Compulsory attendance.

Precludes additional credit for CHIN 2110.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 2010 or permission of the School.

Four hours a week.

CHIN 2110 [1.0 credit]

Intensive Second-Year Mandarin Chinese

Further study of Mandarin Chinese to reach a more advanced level of ability in a range of situations. Equal emphasis on oral and written language. Compulsory attendance.

Precludes additional credit for CHIN 2010 and CHIN 2020. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 1020 or CHIN 1110, or permission of the School.

Eight hours a week (one term).

CHIN 3010 [0.5 credit]

Third-Year Mandarin Chinese I

Continuation of the study of Mandarin Chinese to reach a more advanced level, including ability to handle authentic materials and primary texts required for academic studies. Compulsory attendance.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 2020, or CHIN 2110, or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 3015 [0.5 credit]

Mandarin Chinese for Heritage Speakers

For students who have attained Mandarin Chinese proficiency in an informal setting, this course provides an opportunity to build on their existing language skills and to develop them in a formal academic setting. The course will formalize grammar awareness and enhance Mandarin Chinese literacy skills.

Precludes additional credit for 1000 and 2000 level CHIN courses, and also for CHIN 3010.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 3020 [0.5 credit]

Third-Year Mandarin Chinese II

Continuation of third-year Mandarin Chinese. Progress toward reaching a more advanced level, including ability to handle authentic materials and primary texts required for academic studies. Compulsory attendance.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 3010 or CHIN 3015, or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 4010 [0.5 credit]

Fourth-Year Mandarin Chinese I

Development of speaking and writing abilities more complex than those used in daily communication. Development of language use for specific purposes and in specific contexts such as the academic, business and technical domains. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 3020, or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 4020 [0.5 credit]

Fourth-Year Mandarin Chinese II

Continuation of fourth-year Mandarin Chinese. Further development of speaking and writing abilities more complex than those used in daily communication. Development of language use for specific purposes and in specific contexts such as the academic, business and technical domains. Compulsory attendance. Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 4010, or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 4210 [0.5 credit]

Functional Contemporary Mandarin Chinese I

Further study of Mandarin Chinese to reach a more advanced level, aimed at developing speaking and writing abilities more complex than those used in daily communication. Development of language use for specific purposes in contexts such as the academic, business and technical domains.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 4020, or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 4220 [0.5 credit]

Functional Contemporary Mandarin Chinese II

Continuation of CHIN 4210. Further development of speaking and writing abilities more complex than those used in daily communication. Development of language use for specific purposes in contexts such as the academic, business and technical domains.

Prerequisite(s): grade of C or higher in CHIN 4210 or permission of the School.

Three hours a week.

CHIN 4380 [0.5 credit]

Topics in Chinese Culture and Society

Selected topics in Chinese culture and society. Repeatable once for credit when topic varies. Taught in English. Prerequisite(s): Third-year standing in the Minor in Mandarin Chinese, or permission of the instructor. Three hours a week.

CHIN 4900 [1.0 credit] Independent Study

Research in a topic in Mandarin Chinese language, literature or linguistics under the supervision of a member of the School.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the Minor in Mandarin Chinese, grade of C or higher in CHIN 4020 or equivalent, and permission of the School.

CHIN 4901 [0.5 credit] Independent Study

Research in a topic in Mandarin Chinese language, literature or linguistics under the supervision of a member of the School.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity

Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the Minor in Mandarin Chinese, grade of C or higher in CHIN 4020 or equivalent, and permission of the School.