

Chinese

Website: Chinese (<https://new.sewanee.edu/programs-of-study/chinese/>)

The University offers four semesters of Chinese, sufficient to satisfy the College's foreign language requirement. Although a major or minor in Chinese is not currently offered, students may participate in study-abroad programs in China to extend their study of Chinese and to explore Chinese society. Further study of topics bearing on Chinese culture and history can be undertaken through coursework offered in the Asian studies program.

Minor

Requirements for the Minor in Chinese Studies

The minor requires successful completion of the following:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Course Requirements		
CHIN 301	Advanced Chinese	4
CHIN 302	C-Pop: Learning Chinese through Song Lyrics	4
Select four additional course focusing on China: ¹		16
ARTH 309	Sacred Arts of China	
ARTH 310	Contemporary Chinese Art	
ASIA 205	Modern China through Fiction and Film	
ASIA 237	Gender and Sexuality in Modern Chinese Literature and Culture	
ASIA 241	The Comic and Sublime: An Introduction to Chinese Theater	
HIST 211	China: Inside the Great Wall	
HIST 212	Modern East Asia	
HIST 395	Science and Medicine in East Asia, 1500 to the Present	
PHIL 215	Chinese Philosophy	
PHIL 226	Philosophical Issues in Daoism	
POLS 248	China's Environmental Crisis	
POLS 249	China and the World	
Total Semester Hours		24

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Students are strongly encouraged but not required to study abroad in China or other Chinese speaking communities. A student may apply up to two courses from a study program to the minor. Each course must be approved by the steering committee of the Chinese Studies minor.

Faculty

Professors: Brown, S. Wilson

Assistant Professor: Tan

Courses

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CHIN 102 Chinese Language and Environmental Sustainability (STARTALK) (4)

Students of the STARTALK-Sewanee Chinese Language Camp improve their Chinese language skills, heighten their understanding of environmental issues, and increase their appreciation of Chinese culture. *Prerequisite: Only open to students admitted to the STARTALK Program.*

CHIN 103 Elementary Chinese I (4)

An intensive introduction to the fundamentals of the language and culture with emphasis on developing conversational skills such as pronunciation.

CHIN 104 Elementary Chinese II (4)

An intensive introduction to the fundamentals of the language and culture with emphasis on developing conversational skills such as pronunciation. *Prerequisite: CHIN 103 or placement.*

CHIN 203 Intermediate Chinese (4)

An intensive study of Chinese grammar and further development of conversational skills, reading, and writing of pinyin and Chinese characters. *Prerequisite: CHIN 104 or placement.*

CHIN 301 Advanced Chinese (4)

Emphasis on developing reading and writing skills in addition to conversational practice. Students will read and discuss materials from Chinese newspapers, magazines, and modern literature. Students will write short essays in simplified Chinese characters. *Prerequisite: CHIN 203 or placement.*

CHIN 302 C-Pop: Learning Chinese through Song Lyrics (4)

Using lyrics of popular songs from the Sinophone world as primary materials, this course explores the musicality and intricacy of the Chinese language. This course also examines songs as vivid representations of the ethos of their respective eras, offering students a glimpse into the modern history of China and other Chinese-speaking communities. Taught in Chinese; not a singing course. *Prerequisite: CHIN 301 or placement.*

CHIN 444 Independent Study (2 or 4)

An opportunity for advanced students to pursue topics of special interest. Conducted in Mandarin Chinese. *Prerequisite: Instructor prerequisite override required.*