

CHIN 2120. Mandarin Chinese IV

Course Description

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

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