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levels of instruction
5

courses within the curriculum
20

full-time instructors
11

Advanced level courses in
Classical Chinese, contemporary literature and film, readings in modern Chinese intellectual history, Classic Chinese short stories, and more

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CHINESE LANGUAGE STUDIES

Established in 1955, the Chinese Language Program at Princeton University is a world-renowned model for Chinese language education. With our dynamic and professional teaching staff, we use a distinct pedagogy and a comprehensive series of self-developed Chinese language textbooks to provide students with a rigorous and thorough course of language study.

The Chinese Language Program at Princeton is tailored to accommodate both beginning students and those who have familiarity with the language, offering five levels of instruction. The normal sequence for beginners wishing to learn Chinese is either CHI 1001/1002, 102, 105, or CHI 101/102, 105/107, which satisfies the university foreign language requirement.

Princeton in Beijing (PIB) offers second to fifth-year Chinese language courses in the summer, during which students can fulfill the equivalent of one year of instruction. Students who wish to place out of the foreign language requirement need to take the Chinese placement test to prove that their Chinese proficiency is above the second-year level (CHI 107).

Students who choose to take Chinese language courses are welcomed into a tight-knit community of dedicated language instructors and equally dedicated students. Instructors are available for office visits, and open to answering any and all class-related questions, or just a friendly chat. Weekly Chinese tables are also a good opportunity to socialize with instructors and students using Chinese.

MORE INFORMATION
chinese-language-studies.princeton.edu

PRINCETON IN BEIJING

An intensive study abroad program, which offers second to fifth-year Chinese language courses. The program’s total-immersion approach includes special features such as: a language pledge to speak no other language other than Mandarin Chinese throughout the duration of the program; daily individual tutorial sessions; interaction with faculty, local instructors, and students; and special lectures on aspects of China studies. Added to this experience is the ultimate Chinese language environment—China’s capital city of Beijing. Completion of the summer program is equivalent to two semesters of Chinese language courses at Princeton University. Generous need and merit-based financial aid are offered to interested parties who qualify through the Program in East Asian Studies.

MORE INFORMATION
pib.princeton.edu

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COURSE OF STUDY

Introductory Chinese (CHI 1001/1002) & Elementary Chinese (CHI 101/102)

An introductory course series in modern spoken and written Chinese, emphasizing oral-aural facility and the integration of the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. CHI 1001/1002 is taught at half the instructional pace of CHI 101/102.

Intensive Elementary Chinese (CHI 103/108)

An intensive course series covering CHI 101/102 and CHI 105/107, respectively, in two semesters for beginning heritage learners and students with fair fluency and limited ability in reading and writing skills.

Intermediate Chinese (CHI 105/107)

A study of modern spoken and written Chinese, this course series shifts the emphasis to the readings on contemporary Chinese cultural and social topics.

Introduction to Classical Chinese (CHI 301/302)

This series provides basic training on classical Chinese texts, introducing students to theme-based readings on important cultural aspects of pre-modern China.

Third-Year Modern Chinese (CHI 303/304)

Designed to further develop the student’s overall language skills through reading and discussion of topics related to contemporary Chinese society.

Intensive Third-Year Modern Chinese (CHI 305/306)

Designed for students who have familiarity with spoken Mandarin or any Chinese dialect to further develop the student’s overall language skills through readings and discussion of contemporary issues published in Chinese media.

Fourth-Year Modern Chinese (CHI 403/404)

This course series consists of reading and discussion of selections from Chinese media on contemporary topics, Chinese literature, and modern Chinese intellectual history.

Intensive Fourth-Year Modern Chinese (CHI 405/406)

Designed for heritage learners, this course series consists of reading and discussion based on newspaper articles and essays by famous Chinese intellectuals on contemporary Chinese political, economic, and social issues.

Readings in Modern Chinese Intellectual History (CHI 411/EAS 411)

This course is designed for students who have had advanced training in modern Chinese.

Readings in Classic Chinese Short Stories (CHI 412/EAS 412)

Focuses on reading and discussing selections from Feng Menglong’s Sanyan, the most popular and well-known collection of classic Chinese short stories published in the late 16th century.

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