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Chinese Language Advanced-Level Certificate

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate credit certificate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2022
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 20 to 50
- Study Abroad for an intensive summer or one-semester program in China or Taiwan, approved by the Director of Language Instruction (DLI) of the Chinese program.

  Recommended programs are CET in Beijing and the International Chinese Language Program (ICLP) in Taiwan because these are two programs that have a direct affiliation with the university and have been approved for UMN direct credit. Other programs could be used if they meet department standards and University criteria.

  In special cases other language experience in a native-speaking environment could substitute, with approval of the DLI.
- Degree: Advanced Chinese Certificate

The purpose of the Certificate is to recognize students who have reached an advanced level of proficiency in Modern Standard Chinese (ACTFL Advanced, ILR 2), along with training in literary Chinese and cultural literacy. Designated as a "tier four" language by the Foreign Service Institute, Chinese is acknowledged as one of the most difficult languages to master. Students who receive the certificate will have official recognition of this advanced level of proficiency in Chinese which can facilitate their post-college careers.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Prerequisite Courses

In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may be exempt from taking one or many of these courses. Placement is determined by the Director of Chinese Language Instruction.

Take 0 - 6 course(s) totaling 0 - 30 credit(s) from the following:

CHN 1011 - Beginning Modern Chinese I (5.0 cr)
CHN 1012 - Beginning Modern Chinese II (5.0 cr)
or CHN 1015 - Accelerated Beginning Modern Chinese (5.0 cr)
CHN 3021 - Intermediate Modern Chinese I (5.0 cr)
CHN 3022 - Intermediate Modern Chinese II (5.0 cr)
or CHN 3016 - Accelerated Intermediate Modern Chinese (5.0 cr)
•CHN 3031 - Advanced Modern Chinese I (4.0 cr)
CHN 3032 - Advanced Modern Chinese II (4.0 cr)

General Requirements

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the liberal education requirements.Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

Program Requirements

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of Modern Chinese.

Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling exactly 8 credit(s) from the following:

•CHN 4041 - Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese I (4.0 cr)
•CHN 4042 - Advanced Readings in Modern Chinese II (4.0 cr)

Literary Chinese

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Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:
•CHN 5214 - Classical Chinese Language and Culture (3.0 cr)
•CHN 5211 - Introductory Classical Chinese I (3.0 cr)
or JPN 5211 - Introductory Classical Chinese I (3.0 cr)
or KOR 5211 - Introductory Classical Chinese I (3.0 cr)
•CHN 5212 - Introductory Classical Chinese II (3.0 cr)

Chinese Culture, History, and Literature
Other courses that introduce students to broad cultures of modern China and its cultures may be accepted with departmental approval. AMES 3920 may count towards the certificate when the topic is related to China.
Take exactly 3 course(s) totaling exactly 9 credit(s) from the following:
•AMES 3336 - Revolution and Modernity in Chinese Literature and Culture [LITR, GP] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3337 - Contemporary Chinese Literature and Popular Culture [LITR, GP] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3351 - Martial Arts in Chinese Literature and Film [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3356W - Chinese Film [AH, WI] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3357 - Taiwan Film (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3362 - Women Writers in Chinese History [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 5351 - Chinese New Media (3.0 cr)
•AMES 5359 - Early Shanghai Film Culture (3.0 cr)
•AMES 5374 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•AMES 3373 - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or HIST 3466 - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3373 - Religion and Society in Imperial China [HIS] (3.0 cr)
•AMES 3377 - A Thousand Years of Buddhism in China: Beliefs, Practices, and Culture (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3377 - A Thousand Years of Buddhism in China: Beliefs, Practices, and Culture (3.0 cr)

Study Abroad
Study Abroad for an intensive summer or one-semester program in mainland China or Taiwan, approved by the Academic Advisor of AMES (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies).
Recommended programs
The following programs are recommended because the university is affiliated with them, and they have been approved for UMN direct credit. Other programs could be used if they meet department standards and University criteria.
CET in Beijing
International Chinese Language Program in Taiwan

Self-assessment
Self-assessment to confirm student commitment and readiness to proceed to ACTFL testing. This will be conducted in two parts: a written self-assessment (in English), followed by an interview (in Chinese) with the DLI and one other member of the Chinese faculty.

Chinese Essay regarding Chinese language study and the student's professional career goals
1,000 computer-generated characters, with revision. Students engage with contemporary issues and their relationship to their profession. Students will be expected to include original sources in their essay, depending on their major and professional field of interest. The essay will be evaluated by one member of the Chinese faculty. Students will be allowed a second submission, if needed.

Achieve Advanced-Low or Higher on the Chinese ACTFL
In order to complete your certificate, you must achieve a rating of Advanced-Low or higher in 3 skills.

Additional Recommended Experiences to Increase Chinese-Language Proficiency
-Tandem Plus
-Media Discussion (sponsored by the Chinese Flagship program)
-Conversation and Chinese cultural activities
-Chinese speaking community service
-Chinese student group activities

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