Chinese Language Program





Our Mission

- To offer high quality instruction in Chinese language in order to meet students' various needs
- To conduct research on Chinese linguistics and teaching Chinese as a second language.
- > To function as a center for Chinese language teachers' training

REGULAR LANGUAGE COURSES

CHINESE FOR SPESIFIC PURPOSES

	N (no background) Non-heritage track	W (with background) Heritage track	
Level 1	First Year Chinese N I (UN1101) This is the regular 5-credit first-year course. If you have zero knowledge of the language, register for this one. Introductory Chinese B (UN1011) This is a 2.5-credit course. Students who enroll in this class are expected to have learned the basics of the Chinese sound system, writing system, and some basic grammar.	First Year Chinese W I (UN1111) If you grew up listening to Mandarin through family members and you have conversational fluency in the language but your literacy skills—reading and writing—are zero or very limited, you belong to this course.	
Level 2	Second Year Chinese N I (UN2201)	Second Year Chinese W I (UN2221)	
Level 3	Third Year Chinese N I (UN3003)	Third Year Chinese W I (UN3005)	Busness Chinese I (GU4012) The 2 nd semester of this course is slightly more advanced than the regular level-3 class.
Level 4	Fourth Year Chinese N I (GU4015)	Fourth Year Chinese Adv I (GU4017) This course is open to students with native or near-native proficiency in Chinese, who are able to read Chinese newspaper articles but would like to further improve their writing skills through a wide range of reading materials.	Media Chinese I (GU4014) This course is slightly more advanced than the regular Fourth-year Chinese (GU4015), and requires the instructor's permission.
Level 5	Fifth Year Chinese N I (GU4516)		Adv Business Chinese (GU4112) Prerequisites of this course are at least 3 years, preferrably 4 years, of Chinese or 1 year of Business Chinese (GU4012)

A NOTE ON THE FIRST-YEAR CHINESE CURRICULUM

If you do not know any Mandarin Chinese and are planning to take first-year Chinese at the Chinese Language Program, you can choose to complete the <u>first-year curriculum of Chinese</u> in one of the following ways:

A. The ordinary route:

Completing the first-year curriculum in 2 semesters

Fall 2020 (First Year Chinese I, 5 credits) → Spring 2021 (First Year Chinese II, 5 credits)

B. The slow route:

Completing the first-year curriculum in 3 semesters

Spring 2021 (Introductory Chinese A, 2.5 credits)

- → Fall 2021 (Introductory Chinese B, 2.5 credits)
- → Spring 2022 (First Year Chinese II, 5 credits)

Additional Notes:

- Introductory Chinese **A** (2.5 credits) + Introductory Chinese **B** (2.5 credits) = First-year Chinese **I** (5 credits)
- <u>Introductory Chinese A</u> is only offered in the **spring** semester.

CHINESE PLACEMENT EXAM

- The Placement Exam will be conducted **ONLINE via Courseworks and Zoom** and will include 3 sections: Multiple Choice (8/20-8/30, 2.5 hours), Timed Composition (9/1, 40 minutes), and Speaking Test (9/1, 10 minutes). You will need to enroll in the Chinese Placement Exam System to take the exam.
- For updated and detailed information about exam time and portal, please go to the website of the Chinese Language Program: http://ealac.columbia.edu/program/language-programs/chinese/clp-placement/
- For other Placement Exam related questions, please contact **Hú laoshi** at lh2318@columbia.edu.
- If you have a high school (excluding international schools) or college diploma from a region where Chinese is the official language, you do not need to take this exam. Please **contact Jiāng laoshi** (<u>tj2342@columbia.edu</u>) to receive the language certificate, which will exempt you from the 2-year foreign language requirement.

OVERSEAS PROGRAMS IN BEIJING AND SHANGHAI



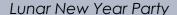
- Academic Year Program at Tsinghua University
- Summer Language Program at the University of International Business and Economics
- Business Chinese and Internship Program at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics



LANGUAGE & CULTURE











Chinese Traditional Music Ensemble

Chinese Speech Contest



For questions regarding the Chinese Language Program or Chinese language courses in general, please visit the website: http://ealac.columbia.edu/language-programs/Chinese/

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