ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES PROGRAM

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CHINESE

The Chinese Program offers an innovative language curriculum that teaches Chinese in accordance with its unique characteristics and intrinsic regularity. All our Chinese faculty members are native Mandarin Chinese speakers with genuine knowledge of Chinese culture and modern Chinese history. They are skilled teachers and are internationally known for their achievement in research on Chinese language pedagogy. Students are able to learn Chinese with confidence and enjoyment in class and have opportunities to interact with native Chinese speaking students outside the classroom via a language exchange program and with other Chinese language students by joining the Chinese language club. The Chinese Program aims to lay a solid Chinese language foundation for students, enabling them to acquire enough Chinese language skills to communicate freely with people in China or to continue to advance their Chinese language and culture studies after graduation.

JAPANESE

Japan has one of the most advanced economies in the world, and a knowledge of its language and culture opens doors for cultural understanding and economic opportunity. The Japanese Program offers an undergraduate major and minor. Courses in Japanese language, literature, and pop culture, plus and a variety of courses such as history, religion, and art are offered through the Asian Studies Program. The language courses are from elementary to advanced levels using the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

MAJORS

ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MAJORS

Chinese B.A.

Chinese Co-Major

Japanese B.A.

Japanese Co-Major

MINORS

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Chinese

Japanese

Chinese Courses

CHIN 1010. Topics In: First-Year Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive first-year seminar focused on specific themes and/or disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. First-year seminars are frequently organized to meet one of the disciplinary Catamount Core requirements. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Catamount Core: WIL1.

CHIN 1012. Topics In: FYS: Div Human Exp. 3 Credits.
Intensive first-year seminar focused on specific themes and/or disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. First-year seminars are frequently organized to meet one of the disciplinary Catamount Core requirements. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Catamount Core: D2, WIL1.

CHIN 1020. Topics In: LASP Writing. 3 Credits.
Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program. Catamount Core: WIL1.

CHIN 1025. Topics In: LASP Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program.

CHIN 1070. Elements of Chinese Culture. 3 Credits.
Foundation for further understanding and exploration of Chinese culture, covering the following areas: Chinese language and dialects; calligraphy and painting; traditional schools of thought; classical Chinese poetry and novels; and traditional Chinese medicine healthy living, and martial arts. Credit not awarded for both CHIN 1070 and versions of the course offered as CHIN 1010 to 1029. Catamount Core: D2.

CHIN 1100. 1st Year College Chinese I. 4 Credits.
A study of Mandarin Chinese designed to give students the fundamentals of the sound and writing systems for developing modern Chinese communicative skills. No prior knowledge expected. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

CHIN 1200. 1st Year College Chinese II. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 1100 designed to give students basic Chinese grammar and vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 1100 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

CHIN 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 2100. 2nd Year College Chinese I. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 1200 designed to give students more basic Chinese grammar and vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 1200 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

CHIN 2200. 2nd Year College Chinese II. 4 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 2100 designed to help students finish learning basic Chinese grammar and gain more vocabulary for daily communication purposes. Prerequisite: CHIN 2100 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

CHIN 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 3100. 3rd Year College Chinese I. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 2200 designed with structured readings with emphasis on complex sentence structures, vocabulary expansion, and increased fluency in self-expression. Prerequisite: CHIN 2200 or equivalent.

CHIN 3110. Topics in Conversation I. 1-3 Credits.
To develop students' communicative skills in Chinese by discussing Chinese texts and similar real-life situations. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: CHIN 2200.

CHIN 3200. 3rd Year College Chinese II. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 3100 designed with more structured readings with emphasis on complex sentence structures, vocabulary expansion, and increased fluency in self-expression. Prerequisite: CHIN 3100 or equivalent.

CHIN 3210. Topics in Conversation II. 1-3 Credits.
Continuation of CHIN 3110. Continues to develop students' communicative skills in Chinese by discussing Chinese texts and similar real-life situations. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: CHIN 3110.

CHIN 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 3994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

CHIN 4020. Translation: Global Awareness. 3 Credits.
Through the reading and translation of stories and reports about countries around the world, enhances target language proficiency while developing a stronger sense of world citizenship, acquiring a more balanced global perspective, and gaining a deeper understanding of global issues. Prerequisite: CHIN 3100 for native speakers of English; no prerequisite for native speakers of Chinese.

CHIN 4030. Fiction Reading & Translation. 3 Credits.
Through the reading and translation of well-known fiction pieces by Chinese and Western authors, enhances target language proficiency while developing cultural understanding. Prerequisite: CHIN 3100 for native speakers of English; no prerequisite for native speakers of Chinese.

CHIN 4100. 4th Year College Chinese I. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 3200 designed to improve oral and written proficiency through reading, discussing, and writing about modern Chinese prose writings. Prerequisites: CHIN 3200 or equivalent.

CHIN 4200. 4th Year College Chinese II. 3 Credits.
A continuation of CHIN 4100 designed to improve oral and written proficiency through reading, discussing, and writing about more modern Chinese prose writings. Prerequisites: CHIN 4100 or equivalent.

CHIN 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHIN 4991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 4993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 4994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 4995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHIN 4996. Honors. 1-6 Credits.
College honors thesis or other department/program honors, under the supervision of a faculty member. Offered at department discretion.

Japanese Courses

JAPN 1010. Topics In: First-Year Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive first-year seminar focused on specific themes and/or disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. First-year seminars are frequently organized to meet one of the disciplinary Catamount Core requirements. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Catamount Core: WIL1.

JAPN 1012. Topics in: FYS: Div Human Exp. 3 Credits.
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JAPN 1020. Topics In: LASP Writing. 3 Credits.
Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program. Catamount Core: WIL1.

JAPN 1025. Topics In: LASP Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive course in a broad disciplinary area (humanities, social sciences, arts, or natural sciences). Part of an integrated first-year experience in which students take 2-4 classes exploring aesthetic, humanistic, social, linguistic, environmental, or scientific issues. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Co-requisite: Enrollment in the appropriate Liberal Arts Scholars Program.

JAPN 1100. Elementary Japanese I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to spoken and written Japanese through aural-oral drills and grammar presentation. The three writing systems of Japanese (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) are introduced. No prior knowledge expected. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

JAPN 1200. Elementary Japanese II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 1100. Prerequisite: JAPN 1100 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

JAPN 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

JAPN 2100. Intermediate Japanese I. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 1200 designed to enable the students to converse in everyday Japanese and to read and write basic texts. Prerequisite: JAPN 1200 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

JAPN 2200. Intermediate Japanese II. 4 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 2100. Prerequisite: JAPN 2100 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

JAPN 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for special titles.

JAPN 3100. Advanced Japanese I. 3 Credits.
Further development of oral proficiency and advanced study of grammatical structure of modern Japanese, supplemented by audiovisual materials and authentic written texts of several kinds. Prerequisite: JAPN 2200 or equivalent. Catamount Core: GC2, OC.

JAPN 3110. Topics in Conversation I. 1-3 Credits.
Development of speaking and listening skills related to concrete topics in Japanese. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: JAPN 2200 or equivalent.

JAPN 3200. Advanced Japanese II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 3100. Prerequisite: JAPN 3100 or equivalent.

JAPN 3210. Topics in Conversation II. 1-3 Credits.
Development of culturally appropriate skills to carry out daily conversation in varied social contexts. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: JAPN 2200 or equivalent.

JAPN 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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JAPN 3991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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JAPN 3994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

JAPN 4100. Studies of Japanese Texts I. 3 Credits.
Introduction to rapid reading skills, directed reading of authentic texts and guided practice of conversational skills in multiple social contexts. Prerequisite: JAPN 3200 or equivalent.

JAPN 4110. Topics in Communication I. 1-6 Credits.
Training in skills to communicate on concrete and abstract topics. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: JAPN 3200 or equivalent.

JAPN 4200. Studies of Japanese Texts II. 3 Credits.
Continuation of JAPN 4100. Application of the rapid reading skills developed in JAPN 4100 using higher-level reading materials. Prerequisite: JAPN 4100 or equivalent.

JAPN 4210. Topics in Communication II. 1-6 Credits.
Development of skills to present information and viewpoints in varied social contexts. May repeat for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: JAPN 3200 or equivalent.

JAPN 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

JAPN 4991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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