

Chinese



WASHINGTON
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COLLEGE

The Chinese Program offered by the Department of Modern Languages is designed to equip students with the necessary skills for **effective communication and engagement within Chinese-speaking cultures and communities**. Through a comprehensive curriculum spanning elementary, intermediate and advanced levels, students will not only acquire and enhance their language proficiency and cultural awareness, but gain valuable and practical skills that extend far beyond the classroom. Mastering the Chinese language opens doors to diverse opportunities and fosters intercultural understanding.

Minor Requirements

Depending on course placement*, students will take the following courses:

- Beginner Chinese I and II (CHN 105 & 106)
- Intermediate Chinese I and II (CHN 207 & 208)
- Advanced Chinese I and II (CHN 309 & 310)
- And **one** course at the 400 level

Students who start at Advanced Chinese I (CHN 309) can petition the program chair and the department chair to complete a minor.

**The Chinese minor is based on language proficiency. All students begin with placement into a course appropriate with their previous knowledge of Chinese. The placement will determine the first course in a student's sequence.*

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Students learn important aspects of Chinese culture beyond the language, including how to write Chinese characters and how to make Chinese cuisine.

Beyond the Classroom

Students in the Chinese Program have a wide array of opportunities for Chinese-oriented research, internships, conferences, cultural experiences and networking beyond the classroom, which gives them advantages to prepare for life after W&J. A student's academic achievement can help them join the Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society or apply to join a Fulbright Program to teach in Taiwan. They can also apply for scholarships to support their continued studies of Chinese, such as the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS).

Travel Abroad & Internships

- Semester-long stays in Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Qingdao, China.
- Summer Magellan Projects and summer study abroad in China.
- Local or international summer internships.

Alumni Achievement

- Fullbright U.S. Student Award - English Assistantship in Taiwan
- Global Experiences Coordinator (University of Pittsburgh Greensburg)
- College English Instructor and ESL Tutor
- Financial Analyst
- Business Immigration Paralegal (Dentons, Cohen, & Grigsby Law Firm)
- Physics Ph.D. Program (University of Arizona) - Studying the Single Crystal Synthesis of Magnetic Materials



Program Website

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