



Chinese Minor

The Department of World Languages & Literatures is pleased to offer the first four semesters of Beginning and Intermediate Mandarin Chinese, CHIN 1A, CHIN 1B, CHIN 2A, & CHIN 2B. We also offer Chinese Civilization CHIN 120 and Overview of Chinese Literature CHIN 150, taught in English, and Introduction to Classical and Literary Chinese CHIN 130. Advanced Chinese will be offered with sufficient demand.

First-Year Language Courses

CHIN 1A: Elementary Mandarin (5 Units) – Beginning Mandarin with emphasis on listening comprehension, speaking, grammar structure and character writing. The relationship between the language and culture will be emphasized. Includes an introduction to elements of Chinese culture that pertain to language, such as mode of thinking, inter-human relations, and aesthetic expressions.

CHIN 1B: Elementary Mandarin (5 Units) – Continuation of CHIN 1A, with growing emphasis on reading, writing, and listening. Cultural patterns as reflected in the language, such as societal values and views of the world, will continue to be emphasized.

Second-Year Language Courses

CHIN 2A: Intermediate Mandarin (4 Units) – Intermediate Mandarin on the further development of reading, speaking, and writing skills. Emphasis will be placed on the shift from Romanized script to Chinese characters. Introduction will also be made to simple prose reading. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement.

CHIN 2B: Intermediate Mandarin (4 Units) – Continuation of CHIN 2A designed to further the development of reading, speaking and writing skills at the intermediate to intermediate-high level.

Courses Taught in English

CHIN 120: Chinese Civilization (3 Units) – Presentation of formative cultural achievements of China through language and literature with a view to understanding present-day popular Chinese culture. A general survey conducted in English for students who are taking Chinese language courses and others who want a deeper appreciation of this important non-Western culture.

CHIN 130: Introduction to Classical & Literary Chinese (3 Units) – The classical Chinese language, also known as literary Chinese, is the doorway into the fascinating world of Chinese culture. It has been the primary form of communication for at least three thousand years. Although Classical Chinese uses many of the same characters as modern Mandarin Chinese, the syntax and diction are quite different. In this course, we will study the language through readings in early philosophical, historical, and poetic texts.



CHIN 150: Survey of Chinese Literature (3 Units) – Introduction to Chinese literature from classical times to the present. The various forms of Chinese prose, poetry, and novel will be surveyed through the selective reading of representative works (in English translation).

Directed Studied Courses

CHIN 199: Special Problems (1-3 Units) – To be approved by advisor.

Fall 2019 Schedule

<u>Course</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Mtg. Days</u>	<u>Start & End Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
CHIN 1A (80237)	01	5	MRP 1002 WEB/ONLINE	MTWR F	8-8:50AM N/A	X. Wu
CHIN 1A (80992)	02	5	MRP 2032 WEB/ONLINE	MTWR F	12-12:50AM N/A	X. Wu
CHIN 2A (85630)	01	4	EUR 103	MTWR	9-9:50AM	X. Wu
CHIN 120 (80761)	01	3	MRP 1002	TR	1:30-2:45PM	C. Smith
CHIN 199 (80370)	01	1-3	N/A	N/A	N/A	C. Smith

Peer Language Practitioners Program (PLP)

Room: MRP 2032T

[PLP Sign-Up Form](#)

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Study Abroad

There are many study abroad opportunities, both in mainland China (PRC) and Taiwan, through the CSU International Programs and Sacramento State's Office of International Programs and Global Engagement.

Other Study Abroad Opportunities

- [American Councils Study Abroad Program \(Taiwan\)](#)
- [AASCU China-US Rising Star Study Tour \(China\)](#)
- [AASCU Undergraduate Study \(China\)](#)
- [Critical Language Scholarship \(China & Taiwan\)](#)
- [How Tai! Chinese Language & Culture Camp \(Taiwan\)](#)
- [Taiwan-United States Sister Relations Alliance \(TUSA\) Global Ambassador Scholarship Program](#)



Special Events

- [Festival of the Arts](#)
- [Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities](#)
- [World Language Day](#)

Foreign Language Graduation Requirement

CSUS has a foreign language graduation requirement (**FLGR**). See our updated [FLGR](#) page. You need to show competency at the elementary-level, in a language other than English. A passing grade is C- or better:

- If you have completed (3) years or more of a foreign language in high school with a C- or better, then you have completed the CSUS Foreign Language Requirement.
- If you only had two (2) years or less of a foreign language in high school, then you must complete the requirement at CSUS. You have some options:
- If you have grown up with Mandarin Chinese, you may take and must pass two tests in 2 language skills (one of which must be either reading or writing). A high school or college diploma from a Chinese-speaking country also meets the requirement. Check with the Chinese area head, Dr. Curtis Smith for an appointment.
- If Mandarin Chinese was your high school language (with only 1 or 2 years), you may elect to complete a second semester college level (the 1B level) of Chinese. If not, take both CHIN 1A and CHIN 1B and complete both with a passing grade.
- If you are taking a new language (different from high school), you need to complete the beginning courses (CHIN 1A and CHIN 1B) with a passing grade.
- If you have had 1 college semester of Chinese, CHIN 1A at Sac State, or 2 years of high school Chinese with a strong knowledge base, familiarity with traditional Chinese characters, and a good grade, you may take CHIN 1B (second semester college Chinese).

Intermediate Chinese (CHIN 2A and/or CHIN 2B) or any Advanced upper division course (taught in Chinese) will also complete the graduation requirement. Other language training or testing programs, such as AP scores, CLEP or IB, are also ways to meet the graduation requirement for Chinese. It is very important that you check on your specific graduation requirement with an advisor, read up on the requirement, and check with a Professor of Chinese.

Faculty Bios

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Dr. Curtis Smith received his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin - Madison (East Asian Languages and Literatures: Chinese), M.A. from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (East Asian Languages and Literatures: Chinese; thesis: *A Translation with Commentary of the Second Chapter of the Chuang Tzu*), and Ph.D. from National Taiwan Normal University (Institute of Chinese Language and Literature; dissertation: 蘇軾詩詞中夢的研析 *Dreams in the Poetry and Lyrics of Su Shih*). His current research interests include a book-length study of Northern Song dynasty scholar Su Shi and his philosophical development; religious and philosophical Daoism from the Song and earlier. His most recent publication is *Tra il Cielo e la Terra: Poesie nel cinese classico, in inglese e in italiano / A Voyage Between Heaven and Earth: Poems in Classical Chinese, English and Italian*, with Barbara Carle (Milan: La Vita Felice, 2017).

Dr. Lewis Robinson 羅伯遜 – Advisor

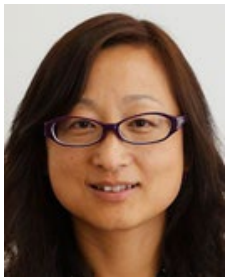
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Emeritus Professor of Chinese Language & Literature, is a product of U.C. Berkeley (B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Oriental Languages Dept., now known as East Asian Languages) whose teaching career has spanned three continents (Asia, Australia and N. America), the last 30 years spent at Sacramento State. A former chair of the Foreign Languages Dept., now known as World Languages & Literatures, he continues to do "spot teaching" for the department in his retirement. He is the author of *Double-Edged Sword: Christianity and 20th Century Chinese Fiction* (Hong Kong, 1986 [English version], Taipei, 1992 [Chinese version]), described as "a stimulating pioneer study of how Christian themes, characters, and institutions have been portrayed in fiction by China's major twentieth-century writers" (*American Asian Review*, winter 1986).

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Xianghua Wu received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University in Canada. She also completed her training of Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (TCFL) at Beijing Language and Culture University. She has taught Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Chinese at the university level in China, Thailand, Canada, and the United States. Dr. Wu's research is focused on second language speech acquisition, experimental phonetics, and second language pedagogy. Her published work can be found in *Applied Psycholinguistics*, *Journal of Phonetics*, *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition* and *Studies in Second Language Acquisition*. [[Publications](#)]