

Chinese

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A Chinese language major is available under the Asian Studies Major, Track 1: Chinese Language Track (see “Asian Studies”). The major includes eight Chinese language courses and four culture courses.

There are two possible minors available, namely the Chinese language minor and the Chinese Study Group Minor.

Students can fulfill the two-year language requirement by taking Chinese 101 through Chinese 202.

During fall semester of each year, Calvin offers its own full-time Chinese language and history program in Beijing, China at Beijing Institute of Technology. The program in Beijing is for students with or without prior knowledge of Chinese. The advisor for the program is D. Bays of the History Department.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE MINOR

The minor consists of seven Chinese language courses including Chinese 101, 102, 201, 202, 215, 216, and either 217 or 218.

THE CHINESE STUDY GROUP MINOR

The minor consists of Chinese 101, 102, 201, 202, and three courses chosen from Art 241, History 245, 246, 346, 371, or Semester in China 210, Philosophy 225, Political Science 277, Religion 255 or 355, or any one interim course on China including a Calvin-approved interim trip to China.

COURSES

101 Elementary Chinese (4). F An introduction to Chinese language and culture, stressing both spoken and written Chinese. After one-semester students will be able to carry on simple conversations in (Mandarin) Chinese, read dialogues written in Chinese, and understand some fundamentals of Chinese social values and ways of thinking. Approximately 300 Chinese characters will be introduced.

102 Elementary Chinese (4). F A continuation of Chinese 101. Continued study of Chinese grammar, with equal emphasis on improving conversational proficiency and on reading and writing Chinese. Another 300 Chinese Characters will be introduced for reading and writing and as a medium for gaining insight into Chinese culture. Prerequisite: Chinese 101 or permission of the instructor.

201 Intermediate Chinese (4). F A continuation of Chinese 101. Continued study of Chinese grammar, with equal emphasis on improving conversational proficiency and on reading and writing Chinese. Another 300 Chinese Characters will be introduced for reading and writing and as a medium for gaining insight into Chinese culture. Prerequisite: Chinese 101 or permission of the instructor.

202 Intermediate Chinese (4). S. A continuation of Chinese 201. Completion of the study of basic Chinese grammar and further study of the Chinese writing system, with continued emphasis on both speaking and reading. Two hundred more Characters are taught for reading comprehension and cultural understanding.

215 Advanced Conversation (4). F This course is designed to develop advanced aural comprehension skills as well as advanced competence in spoken Chinese through exercises, drills, and conversation in class. Students will also continue their study of the written language by learning many new Chinese Characters or pictographs. Prerequisite: Chinese 202 or permission of the instructor.

216 Advanced Grammar and Composition (4). S. The systematic study of advanced grammar and composition. Students will learn many new Chinese Characters as they improve their skills in written Chinese. Conversation practice will also be emphasized. Prerequisite: Chinese 215 or permission of the instructor.