

# CHINESE LANGUAGE

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Mandarin Chinese is the most widely spoken variety of Chinese. It is the official language of Mainland China, Taiwan, and Singapore, and is spoken natively by approximately 900 million people, making it the language with the most native speakers worldwide. The Chinese Language Certificate offers students specializing in all professional and academic fields a valuable credential for their proficiency in Mandarin Chinese and their knowledge of Chinese cultures, expanding their horizons to the Chinese-speaking world.

Whether learners are job seekers interested in working for an international corporation or organization; world travelers who want richer, more immersive experiences; or are interested in exploring the customs and traditions of the Chinese-speaking world, the Chinese Language Certificate gives them the tools to be able to communicate in Chinese in non-specialized settings, while also becoming familiar with elements embedded in the Chinese culture.

The program's Northwestern University curriculum is practical and learner-centered, taught by current faculty from Northwestern's foreign language departments. All courses are offered weekday evenings in the fall, winter, and spring quarters on the Northwestern University campus. Students in the program acquire language and cultural competence through dynamic courses that incorporate multimedia and online teaching tools and real-time classroom interactions. All courses offer one unit of undergraduate credit.

## Certificate Offered

- Chinese Language, Certificate (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/sps/certificates/post-baccalaureate/chinese-language/chinese-language-certificate/>)

## Chinese Language Courses

### CHINESE 111-A Chinese I (1 Unit)

First-quarter course of the beginning college-level sequence to develop basic literacy and oral proficiency in Chinese.

### CHINESE 111-B Chinese I (1 Unit)

Second-quarter course of the beginning college-level sequence to develop basic literacy and oral proficiency in Chinese.

**Prerequisite:** CHINESE 111-A or equivalent.

### CHINESE 111-C Chinese I (1 Unit)

Third-quarter course of the beginning college-level sequence to develop basic literacy and oral proficiency in Chinese.

**Prerequisite:** CHINESE 111-A, CHINESE 111-B or equivalent.

### CHINESE 121-A Chinese II (1 Unit)

First-quarter course of the second-year Chinese sequence to further develop basic literacy and oral proficiency.

**Prerequisite:** CHINESE 111-A, CHINESE 111-B, CHINESE 111-C or equivalent.

### CHINESE 121-B Chinese II (1 Unit)

Second-quarter course of the second-year Chinese sequence to further develop basic literacy and oral proficiency.

**Prerequisite:** CHINESE 121-A or equivalent.

### CHINESE 121-C Chinese II (1 Unit)

Third-quarter course of the second-year Chinese sequence to further develop basic literacy and oral proficiency.

**Prerequisite:** CHINESE 121-A, CHINESE 121-B or equivalent.