CHINESE LANGUAGE (ASTC)

ASTC 1010  Beginning Chinese I (4 Credit Hours)
Designed for students to acquire a knowledge of the fundamentals of the Chinese language to be demonstrated in four areas of basic language skills: oral and listening comprehension, speaking, writing (Chinese characters), and some reading ability.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1010 Placement'.

ASTC 1020  Beginning Chinese II (4 Credit Hours)
A continuation of the objectives presented in Beginning Chinese I. Attention is given to practical and topics-oriented conversational skills, moods of speech, and complex level of syntax.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1020 Placement' or ASTC 1010.

ASTC 1030  Beg Chin I: Heritage Learners (4 Credit Hours)
This course is tailored to accommodate students who grew up in an environment in which Chinese is spoken by parents or guardians at home and for those who are familiar with the language and possess native-like abilities in comprehension and speaking. The class, conducted in Chinese, meets four times a week with a focus on reading and writing, including the correct use of grammar. The general program policy at Tulane is to teach simplified characters; yet students with traditional character background may choose to write in traditional characters in their works, but should be able to read simplified characters in which most class materials are written. Only those students who are placed in ASTC 1030 by the language learning center and who have received instructor's approval are able to take ASTC 1030.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1030 Placement'.

ASTC 1040  Beg Chin II: Heritage Learners (4 Credit Hours)
ASTC 1040 is tailored to accommodate students who grew up in an environment in which Chinese is spoken by parents or guardians at home and for those who are familiar with the language and possess native-like abilities in comprehension and speaking. Only those students who have taken ASTC 1030 or those who are placed in ASTC 1040 by the language learning center and who have received approval from the instructor are able to take ASTC 1040. ASTC1040 prepares students for ASTC3060.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 1040 Placement' or ASTC 1030.

ASTC 1890  Service Learning: ASTC 1020 (0-1 Credit Hours)
Service learning.

ASTC 2030  Intermediate Chinese I (4 Credit Hours)
An intensive study of conventional Chinese characters, additional grammar, and an exposure to simplified Chinese characters. Continued emphasis on reading, writing, listening, and speaking abilities.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 2030 Placement' or ASTC 1020.

ASTC 2040  Intermediate Chinese II (4 Credit Hours)
A continuation of the objectives presented in Intermediate Chinese I. Attention is given to improvement of the student's ability to read and write in modern Chinese.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 2040 Placement' or ASTC 2030.

ASTC 2890  Service Learning: ASTC 2040 (0-1 Credit Hours)
Service learning.

ASTC 2990  Foreign Language Exempt (0 Credit Hours)
Foreign language exempt.

ASTC 3050  Adv Chinese Language I (4 Credit Hours)
First semester advanced instruction in the Chinese language, including conversation, reading, and writing.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3000 Placement', minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3050 Placement' or ASTC 2040.
ASTC 3060 Adv Chinese Language II (4 Credit Hours)
This course is designed for students who have prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, preferably with the equivalent of two and a half years' Chinese learning experience. The course is to advance students' Chinese social-cultural awareness and their oral proficiency while developing reading and writing skills. Students will read a variety of viewpoints on current issues of population, education, family, gender, environment, business and technology in the rapidly changing China. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to read Chinese with fluency and accuracy; students are expected to be able to skim for the main idea of texts; students are expected to be able to look for specific information in each text; students are expected to analyze and express themselves, and give opinions in oral presentations and writing tasks on covered topics. Only those students who have taken ASTC 3050, ASTC1030, or ASTC 1040 at Tulane or those who are placed in ASTC 3060 by language learning center can take ASTC 3060.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 3060 Placement' or ASTC 3050.

ASTC 3070 Business Chinese (3 Credit Hours)
This course is for students who have achieved intermediate-low/mid Chinese language proficiency. The goal is for students to acquire the necessary linguistic competence and understand the business culture in China to function effectively in a business setting. At the end of the semester, students are expected to the proficiency level of intermediate-mid to advanced low in listening, speaking, reading and writing (based on ACTFL foreign language proficiency guidelines).

Prerequisite(s): ASTC 3050 or 1040.

ASTC 3910 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)
Special topics in Asian studies

ASTC 4070 Adv Chinese Read & Write (3 Credit Hours)
ASTC 4070 is designed for students who have completed three years of mandarin Chinese learning or equivalent. The course will continue improving students' proficiency in mandarin Chinese and knowledge of Chinese culture and society. The registration of the course requires permission of the instructor.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 4000 Level Placement' or ASTC 3060.

ASTC 4080 Chinese Media Literacy (3 Credit Hours)
ASTC 4080 Chinese Media Literacy is designed for students who have completed ASTC 4070 (with a grade of B- or above) or permission from the instructor. It will focus on developing students' advanced language skills in Mandarin Chinese as well as knowledge of contemporary Chinese culture and society. Students will be listening to, watching or reading multi-media materials from the media on modern Chinese society, including news reports on nation, business, crime, education, lifestyle, sports and entertainment and expatriate. By the end of the semester, students are expected to gain the vocabulary that will help to improve Chinese media literacy and become comfortable in understanding media Chinese in text and in audio/video format, share news stories and one's opinion on a given piece of news, discuss the content and analyze the social impact and cultural meaning of an event reported by the media.

Prerequisite(s): ASTC 4070 or minimum score of PASS in 'ASTC 4000 Level Placement'.

ASTC 4920 Independent Studies (3-4 Credit Hours)
Independent study in Asian studies.