

Chinese Language and Culture I CPA

5 Credits

Prerequisite: None

This course provides students with a foundational understanding of Chinese culture as well as developing foundational language skills in Mandarin Chinese. “Chinese culture” includes the history, diverse cultural perspectives, the social practices, and the products of Chinese society. Through a thoughtful integration of culture and language studies, students will gain clearer insights and a better understanding of one of the oldest human civilizations.

Chinese Language and Culture II CPA

5 Credits

Prerequisite: Chinese I

Chinese Language & Culture II CPA is a full year course. This course is designed to further improve the student’s listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the target language, as well as his/her knowledge of and appreciation for the Chinese culture. Both language and culture are presented in real-life context through audio CDs, dialogues, written exercises and authentic reading materials. A communicative environment is fostered through daily exchanges in Chinese with the teacher, in paired and small group activities.

HONORS CHINESE III

5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Chinese II CPA with a minimum grade average of B and Departmental Recommendation

The program of Honors Chinese III will enhance the ability to communicate with proficiency through the development of the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. It will provide the students with a review of important grammatical materials, covered in greater depth, and more complex patterns. Guided and free –style compositions and intensive conversation practice constitute an integral part of the course work. This course provides exposure of adapted authentic text which will complement the interpretive skill of the spoken and written Chinese language. Writing in either traditional or simplified characters will be further developed through increased regular practice. This course engages students in an exploration of both contemporary and historical Chinese culture

Chinese IV Honors

5 Credits

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Chinese III CPA with a B of and Teacher Recommendation

Chinese IV Honors is a full year course. The overall objective of Level IV Honors is to acquire an increased comprehension and fluency in the target language in order to prepare students for the AP Chinese. Students are required to speak, read and write almost exclusively in the target language. They must have a proficient knowledge of the language, culture, history and geography. The emphasis is on an intensive practical review of grammar and its application, and on the literature. Assigned readings and writings of short essays parallel the works dealt with intensively in the classroom. Students will increase and improve their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills.

