Activities in the Chinese Section

- Chinese Language Table: An informal meeting where all students are invited to practice their Chinese with native speakers. It is held every Friday between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the FedEx Institute Café.

- Chinese essay contest: This is held every year at the end of the Fall semesters.

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Confucius Institute

The University of Memphis is home to the Confucius Institute, a non-profit institute with the goal of promoting Chinese language and culture. It is located on the 11th floor of Wilder Tower. It offers, among other things, Chinese proficiency tests (HSK) authorized by the Confucius Institute Headquarters in China. It also offers scholarship opportunities for students who wish to study in China.
For details about the Confucius Institute, visit: www.memphis.edu/cium/about.htm

Asian Studies and International Trade

Chinese can fulfill the language requirement for the major in Asian Studies and International Trade (ASIT). More information on ASIT major can be found at www.memphis.edu/cium/asian_studies.htm

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THE MAJOR
Students majoring in Foreign Languages may choose Chinese as part of a two or three-language concentration. A two-language concentration requires 27 upper-division hours in the department, with at least nine credit hours in each language. A three-language concentration requires at least 33 upper-division hours, with coursework chosen in consultation with the chair of the department.

THE MINOR
Students must take eighteen hours (CHIN 1020, CHIN 2010, CHIN 2020 and nine upper-division hours).

COURSES OFFERED:

CHIN 1010 - Elementary Chinese I (3)
Principles of pronunciation; everyday expressions; basic sentence patterns through oral practice, writing and reading.

CHIN 1020 - Elementary Chinese II (3)
Continued study of sentence patterns through oral and written practice. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 1010 or equivalent.

CHIN 2010 - Intermediate Chinese I (3)
Continued study of sentence patterns through oral and written practice. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 1020 or equivalent.

CHIN 2020 - Intermediate Chinese II (3)
Continued study of sentence patterns through oral and written practice. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 2010 or equivalent.

CHIN 3301 - Conversation and Composition (3)
Conversational practice dealing with various topics on social life, traveling, business; fundamental Chinese grammar for reading and writing. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 2020 or equivalent.

CHIN 3302 - Conversation and Composition (3)
Conversational practice dealing with various topics on Chinese culture, life style, business, education, history, current grammar and slang for conversation and composition. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 3301 or equivalent.

CHIN 3303 - Readings in Chinese Culture (3)
Thematic readings of material written in Chinese related to various topics in Chinese culture. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 3301.

CHIN 4301 - Modern Chinese Fiction (3)
Reading in twentieth century Chinese fiction; themes of modernity, nationalism, class, gender and self. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 3301, 3302 or permission of instructor.

CHIN 4304 - Advanced Chinese I (3)
Composition, reading, conversation; emphasis on vocabulary and grammar. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 3302 or equivalent.

CHIN 4305 - Advanced Chinese II (3)
Composition, reading, conversation; emphasis on vocabulary and grammar. PREREQUISITE: CHIN 4304 or equivalent.

CHIN 4501 - Intro to Chinese Linguistics (3)
A general overview of the basic issues in Chinese linguistics including phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax. Teaching strategies related to these issues will also be briefly discussed.

CHIN 4780 - Individual Studies (1-3)
Directed individual study in selected areas of Chinese chosen in consultation with instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

CHIN 4791-99. Special Topics in Chinese Literature, Language, or Civilization. (3). May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit. PREREQUISITE: permission of instructor.

Summer Program in Wuhan, China
The Chinese program offers an intensive Chinese language study abroad program at Central China Normal University, Wuhan, during the summer. Students receive 6 hours of credit.

Courses offered: All levels of Chinese language courses including Elementary, Intermediate, Conversation and Composition, and Advanced Chinese.

Field trips: The program includes 3 field trips to places of interest and to introduce students to local culture. These include: The Yellow Crane Tower; East Lake and Hubei Provincial Museum, where the students will see a variety of artifacts including an ancient set of bronze bells.

For more information, contact Dr. Zhang.

Semester long study abroad programs are offered through the University of Memphis Study Abroad office and the Confucius Institute.