

CHINESE (CHIN)

What does it mean to study Cantonese? The study of Cantonese involves learning the words and rules of the language with the purpose of acquiring them with accuracy and using them to communicate with Cantonese speakers worldwide.

Why study Cantonese? The Cantonese Program at COA provides courses that satisfy Foreign Language requirements at 4-year colleges and universities, provides marketable foreign language skills and offers cultural enrichment. This will empower students to:

- Communicate with native speakers at home and worldwide
- Increase employment potential
- Improve memory and cognitive skills
- Enhance travel worldwide
- Expand one's universe

Beyond acquisition, learning languages can expand the heart and mind and help us in our search to understand who we are as human beings.

Cantonese Program Learning Outcomes:

I. Grammatical Proficiency

Speak, write and comprehend Cantonese with accuracy as students advance through the course levels.

II. Language Skill Application

Understand and communicate with native speakers in Cantonese with cultural fluency through the progressive skill levels and in conjunction with course content.

III. Cultural Knowledge

Demonstrate cultural and historical understanding of the societies associated with Cantonese as students advance through the course levels.

CHIN 9A

Spoken and Written Cantonese

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: 3 years of high school study of the Chinese language or equivalent

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Pre-elementary Cantonese enabling skills in: understanding, listening, reading, and writing simple Cantonese Chinese; Acquaintance with culture; Focus on differences between spoken and written forms of Cantonese. 1107.00

CHIN 9B

Spoken and Written Cantonese

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR or P/NP)

Prerequisite: Chin 9A

Acceptable for credit: CSU

Continuation of pre-elementary Cantonese strengthening skills in: understanding, listening, reading, and writing simple Cantonese Chinese; Appreciation of Chinese culture; Focus on differences between spoken and written forms of Cantonese. 1107.00

CHIN 10A

Elementary Cantonese A

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Course is equivalent to two years of high school study.

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Introductory study and practice of basic language skills and related Chinese cultural contexts: Basic vocabulary and structures in cultural contexts. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC Language

CHIN 10B

Elementary Cantonese B

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 10A

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of CHIN 10A with further study and practice of basic language skills and related Chinese cultural contexts: Grammar and vocabulary building. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B/6A

CHIN 11A

Intermediate Cantonese A

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 10B

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Intermediate level study and practice of all basic language skills: Grammar and vocabulary building, exploration of Cantonese structure, and growth in cultural understanding. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B/6A

CHIN 11B**Intermediate Cantonese B**

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 11A

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of CHIN 11B with further study and practice of all basic language skills: Grammar, vocabulary building, language structure and use, and further knowledge of cultural understanding and appreciation. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B/6A

CHIN 12A**Advanced Cantonese Reading and Writing:
Modern and Classical Literature**

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 11B

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to modern and classical poems and other literary forms such as novels, prose, drama and songs: Literary-cultural analysis, theories of literary writing and styles, and writing skills; exploration of Chinese history and art. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B

CHIN 12B**Advanced Cantonese Reading and Writing:
Modern and Classical Literature**

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 12A

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of modern and classical poems and other literary forms such as novels, prose, drama, and song: Literary-cultural analysis, theories of literary writing and styles, and reading and writing skills; exploration of Chinese history and art. 1107.00

AA/AS area 3; CSU area C2; IGETC area 3B

CHIN 30A**Conversational Cantonese A**

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 10B or 3 years of high school study or equivalent

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Introduction to conversational Cantonese: Listening, speaking and grammar skills; systematic practice of everyday topics of conversation; enhancement of cultural awareness. 1107.00

CHIN 30B**Conversational Cantonese B**

5 units, 5 hours lecture (GR)

Prerequisite: Chin 30A

Acceptable for credit: CSU, UC

Continuation of CHIN 30A: Further development of oral comprehension skills as well as additional growth in cultural awareness. 1107.00

