

Advanced Chinese Courses at CCSF for 9th and 10th graders

What?

Students with advanced Chinese proficiency may concurrently enroll in Mandarin courses at City College of San Francisco (CCSF) to receive both high school and college credit.

Normally, concurrent enrollment is open only to 11th & 12th graders. For this program, special arrangements permit 14 & 15-year olds to enroll while in 9th and 10th grades.

Who?

Students with Chinese proficiency may participate including:

- ➔ Graduates of K-8 Cantonese or Mandarin Immersion programs
- ➔ Native Chinese speakers (*Cantonese, Mandarin or other dialect*) who have been educated in a Chinese speaking country
- ➔ Students educated in an English speaking country whose primary language is a Chinese dialect
- ➔ Students who have acquired strong proficiency in Chinese as an additional language

BENEFITS OF CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

This Chinese Program has many benefits for students:

- ➔ Maintain and advance your Chinese, so you are fully bilingual and biliterate; halfway to a Chinese minor; receive job offers based on bilingualism.
- ➔ Experience a college environment
- ➔ Earn college credits while in high school. Enter college with credit already accumulated. Most courses are CSU/UC transferrable.
- ➔ Strengthen your college admissions application by demonstrating success in actual college courses.
- ➔ Boosts GPA in 10th, 11th, and 12th with an honors point.

8 college courses

Potential number of UC/CSU transferable Chinese courses if a student starts in 9th grade

When & Where?

Recommended courses for high school students are offered on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

- ➔ **Chinese 14A—Conversational Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects**
Saturday 9:10 am -12:00 noon
Chinatown Center
For Cantonese speakers to learn oral Mandarin. Some written Chinese ability is required.
- ➔ **Chinese 30A—Advanced Intermediate Mandarin**
Thursday 4:10 pm -7:00 pm
Ocean Campus
For proficient Mandarin speakers who have formally studied Mandarin as additional language.
- ➔ **Chinese 31A—Intermediate Mandarin for Native Speakers**
Thursday 4:10 pm -7:00 pm
Ocean Campus
For native Mandarin speakers who have formally studied Mandarin.

Expectation

Students must fully commit to completing the course by attending every session and completing all assignments. Students must also complete all required procedures for enrollment and course registration.

ASSESSMENTS

A SFUSD and/or CCSF placement test may determine which course best fits each student. Taking the AP Chinese course would be optional. Meanwhile, students could take the AP Exam without the course, if offered at the student's high school. Chinese 30A and higher are considered more advanced than AP.

CAUTION

College courses are designed for adults. Students must be prepared to maturely complete their assignments without teacher assistance. Students receive an official college transcript. All grades are reported to universities during the college admissions process. Struggling students are strongly recommended to drop the course BEFORE the drop or withdrawal deadline.

Enrollment Steps

Students must apply for admission to CCSF, then register for courses. Students must act independently and be immediately responsive to email and deadlines.

Key steps include:

1. **Attend a meeting** led by Mandarin Institute, SFUSD and CCSF about the Chinese program.
2. **Apply to CCSF online** during open enrollment period.
3. **Complete an enrollment packet** and get signatures on consent forms.
4. **Register for the course** following CCSF procedures that will be emailed to SFUSD student upon completion of all paperwork, taking appropriate steps and communicating with SFUSD counselor.
5. **Attend a mandatory orientation.** (July/August for SFUSD students only)
6. **Attend first class in August** and all subsequent classes.

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Where to next?

The San Francisco State University (SFSU) Chinese Flagship Program is for undergraduate students seeking careers related to China and the Chinese-speaking world. Intensive language instruction and cultural training at SFSU and overseas facilitates mastery and application of the language for long-term success.

The Concurrent Pathway for Chinese Language Learners is a collaboration between the Mandarin Institute, San Francisco Unified School District, City College of San Francisco and San Francisco State University Chinese Flagship.

