All PCC Chinese courses are taught using an immersion method. The objective of all Chinese courses at PCC is to help students to develop communicative competence and proficiency in comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese as well as cultural awareness. Students will learn traditional Chinese characters during their First Year Chinese courses and simplified characters during Second Year Chinese courses. Students who complete first and second year Chinese courses at PCC are strongly encouraged to continue their Chinese studies in 300 level courses. Assessment is based on consistent attendance, active participation, and written and oral assignments.

There are no requirements or prerequisites for entry into the first term of first year Chinese. However, the student should read the Chinese course descriptions for other Chinese courses. Students who have studied a language before and are unsure of their placement are encouraged to consult with a world language teacher since they will not be admitted to a course if their skill level is too advanced for that course.

All students who enroll in world language classes (including those on the waiting list) are expected to attend class the first day when material essential for completion of the course will be presented. Students who do not attend the first class session may be replaced by those who do attend.

CHN 101. First Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
The first course of a three-course sequence in introductory Mandarin Chinese language and culture class, with a well-balanced emphasis on effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of native Chinese culture. Helps the early beginning learners to acquire language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. Audit available.

CHN 102. First Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
The second course of a three-course sequence in introductory Mandarin Chinese language and culture class, with the expansion on effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of native Chinese culture. Expands beginning learners’ language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. Recommended: CHN 101 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CHN 103. First Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
The third course of three-course sequence in introductory Mandarin Chinese language and culture class, with the expansion on effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of native Chinese culture. Expands beginning learners’ language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. Recommended: CHN 102 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CHN 201. Second Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
Reviews and expands learners’ language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. The first course of a three-course sequence of second-year Mandarin Chinese language and culture, with a great emphasis given to improving effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of Chinese culture. Prerequisite: CHN 202 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CHN 202. Second Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
Expands learners’ language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. The second course of a three-course sequence of second-year Mandarin Chinese language and culture, with a great emphasis given to improving effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of Chinese culture. Prerequisite: CHN 201 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CHN 203. Second Year Chinese. 5 Credits.
Practices and expands learners’ language proficiency as well as cultural awareness and understanding. The third course of a three-course sequence of second year Mandarin Chinese language and culture, with a great emphasis given to improving effective communicative skills in both the written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices and products of Chinese culture. Prerequisite: CHN 202 or instructor permission. Audit available.

CHN 260. Chinese Culture. 3 Credits.
Chinese culture through films and music. Increase understanding of Chinese traditional and modern culture and society through analysis of cultural, historical and social issues by mass media and products. Explore concepts such as families, social roles, friendship, social values, morality, philosophies, economics, and more. Course conducted in English. Chinese materials presented in class will be subtitled in English. Prerequisite: (WR 115 and RD 115) or IRW 115 and MTH 20 or equivalent placement. Audit available.