University of Washington
Chinese Flagship Program
Information Session
The Language Flagship is a national effort to change the way Americans learn languages. It offers language programs at schools across the United States for undergraduate students in critical languages such as Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. It seeks to graduate students who will take their place among the next generation of global professionals, commanding a superior level of proficiency in one of many languages critical to U.S. competitiveness and security.

https://www.thelanguageflagship.org/
What is “superior level of proficiency”?

> American Councils on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

> ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines (2012)
  - Speaking
  - Listening
  - Reading
  - Writing
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How do UW Chinese courses align with ACTFL Guidelines?

- **AH or higher**
  - Chinese in Social Science*

- **AL - AM**
  - Fourth year Chinese
  - Chinese in Humanities*

- **IH - AL**
  - Third year Chinese
  - Extensive Reading*

- **IL - IM**
  - Second year Chinese

- **NH - IL**
  - First year Chinese
Other UW courses that highly relevant

> In the Department of Asian Languages and Literature
  – Under course title CHIN
  – E.g., CHIN 451/2 Classical Chinese; CHIN 461 History of Chinese Literature; CHIN 373 Chinese Poetry etc.

> Offered in other departments
  – China Studies
  – Taiwan Studies
  – E.g., Government and Politics of China; History of Modern Taiwan
UW Chinese Flagship: Funding and program features

On campus
- Credit bearing classes
- Tutoring
- Extracurricular activities

Summer
- Domestic intensive study
- Study abroad

Capstone Year
- One semester of study (direct enroll)
- Internship
UW Chinese Flagship: Eligibility

> U.S. Citizens or permanent residents
  - Non-citizens or permanent residents can apply but are not eligible for Flagship funding

> For current UW students:
  - have at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA
  - be committed to achieving Superior level Chinese through completing necessary coursework, fulfilling program extracurricular requirements, staying in good academic standing, and completing a Capstone year abroad in China
Eligibility and options for summer domestic study and study abroad

> Eligibility: At least Intermediate-Mid level proficiency in speaking and in reading and/or listening

> Flagship Chinese Institute:
  – Indiana University (Flagship Chinese Institute)
  – University of Rhode Island (Chinese Flagship Immersion Program)

> Flagship-approved programs abroad:
  – Princeton in Beijing
  – CIEE (Shanghai)
  – CET (Harbin)
  – CET (Beijing)
  – ICLP (Taipei)
Eligibility and options for the Capstone year

> At least in their junior year
> Demonstrate at least Advanced-Low proficiency in speaking and in reading and/or listening
> Complete the Flagship Program requirements leading up to the Capstone year (more information forthcoming)
> Nanjing University (Nanjing)
> Yang Ming University (Taipei)
UW Chinese Flagship: How to apply

> Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
> Apply online (forthcoming)
  > Application form
  > Resume and unofficial transcript
  > Personal statement
  > Names of references
> Email: Dr. Chan Lü chanlu@uw.edu
> Incoming UW freshmen (high school seniors) and current UW students are all welcome to apply
Questions?
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