

# **The Modern Languages and Literatures Department offers the following additional language courses:**

## **Mandarin Chinese**

### **CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES**

**Beginner Level: MLL 101 (Fall), MLL 102 (Winter), MLL 103 (Spring)**- This is a Chinese language and culture course for beginners. It aims to help students to develop communicative competence in the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing the Chinese language. Students will learn basic vocabulary and sentence structures for use in essential everyday situations through various forms of oral practice. Pinyin (a kind of Chinese phonetic system) will be taught as a tool to learn the spoken language. Students will also learn Chinese Characters in order to be able to communicate effectively in real Chinese situations. Approximately 200 words and expressions in both Pinyin and characters will be taught. **While linguistic aspects of the Chinese language are the primary focus, introduction to the social and cultural background of the language will also form an important part of the course.**

**Intermediate Level: MLL 121(Fall), MLL 122(Winter)**- This course is the continuation of Elementary Chinese I. Students will continue to learn more essential skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing for daily communication. A broad variety of expressions and complicated sentence structures will be taught so that students can participate in conversations on various topics related to modern Chinese society. Activities related to the broad spectrum of Chinese culture will be organized to facilitate language learning with knowledge and analysis of cultural background of the language.

### **CHINESE CULTURE COURSE**

**HUM 310 World Culture- Chinese History and Culture (Spring)**- The purpose of this course is to familiar students with the underlining values and practices that shape Chinese to what they are today. Topics covered include history, religion, philosophy, political system, social values, and art. At the end of this course, students will understand how Chinese culture affects Chinese on their every day of life and will achieve a greater perspective on historical and philosophical dimensions of Chinese culture.

## **Italian**

### **ITAL 101, 102, 103 Elementary Italian I, II, III (4 units each)**

Italian for beginners. Class practice in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and basic conversation. Laboratory drill required. Language taught in its cultural context. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.

## **Japanese**

### **JPNS 101, 102, 103 Elementary Japanese I, II, III (4 units each)**

Beginning Japanese class practice in pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, basic conversation, and introduction to Japanese culture. Activity drill required. To be taken in numerical sequence. 3 lectures, 1 activity.