

Mandarin Program at Concordia

At Concordia, we value students' Mandarin learning and prepare them to be effective communicators and active global citizens. We offer two pathways to enhance language development. Students learn Mandarin, learn about Mandarin, and learn through Mandarin.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE & LITERATURE (CLL)

For: Students with significant exposure to Mandarin and/or those who use Mandarin as a primary language at home.

Focus: Enriching literacy skills and fostering an appreciation for the language's functionality and aesthetics.

Engagement: Students explore a wide range of literary and informational texts across various genres and cultures.

Framework: Inspired by Common Core State Standards and the Chinese National Curriculum.

THE CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE (CLC)

For: Students with diverse levels of exposure to Mandarin.

Focus: Acquiring linguistic skills and cultural awareness through integrated language and cultural activities.

Skills Development: Proficiency in interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational skills.

Framework: Informed by ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages, and the Chinese Proficiency Grading Standards for International Chinese Language Education

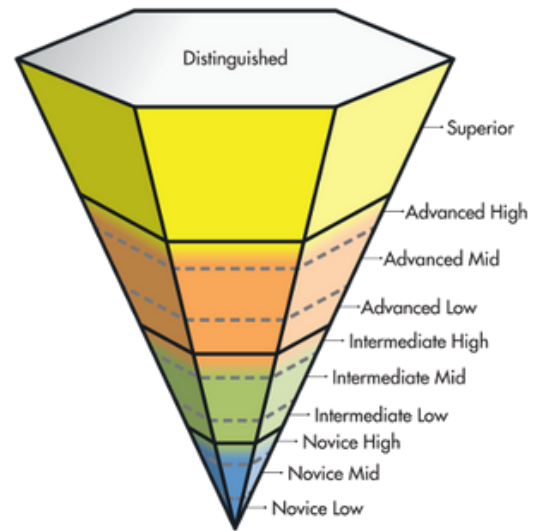
At Concordia, we recognize that language learning is an individualized journey. Students learn languages at different paces and are not always expected to complete a level within a single school year. Course offerings vary each year depending on student needs.





Mandarin Pathways Flow Chart

Acronym	Term
CLL	Chinese Language & Literature
CLC	Chinese Language & Culture
NH	Novice High
IL	Intermediate Low
IM	Intermediate Mid
IH	Intermediate High
Fdn.	Foundation
Int.	Intermediate
Adv.	Advanced



Inverted Pyramid Representing ACTFL Rating Scale with Major Ranges and Sublevels including Distinguished

Early Childhood	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-School Mandarin • Pre-Kindergarten Mandarin • Kindergarten <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ K-CLL ◦ K-CLC-Novice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ G1 CLL ◦ G1 CLC-Novice • Grade 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ G2 CLL ◦ * G2 CLL-Fdn. ◦ G2 CLC-Novice • Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ G3 CLL-Adv. ◦ G3 CLL-Int. ◦ * G3 CLL-Fdn. ◦ G3 CLC-Novice • Grade 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ G4 CLL-Adv. ◦ G4 CLL-Int. ◦ * G4 CLL-Fdn. ◦ G4 CLC-Novice • Grade 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ G5 CLL-Adv. ◦ G5 CLL-Int. ◦ * G5 CLL-Fdn. ◦ G5 CLC-Novice 	<p>CLL Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G6 CLL-Adv. • G6 CLL-Int. • G7/8 CLL-Adv. • G7/8 CLL-Int. <p>CLC Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G6-8 CLC-NH • G6-8 CLC-IL • G6-8 CLC-IM • G6-8 CLC-IH 	<p>G9-12 CLL Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLL-Adv. • CLL-Int. <p>G9-12 CLC Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL 1/2 • CL 3/4 • CL 5/6 • AP Chinese • CL Adv.

COURSES WITH * MAY ONLY BE OFFERED FRO SOME YEARS