Did you know…
- There are about 1.3 billion people in the world who speak Chinese.
- Speakers of Chinese are spread all over the world: China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Europe, Canada, and throughout the United States.
- A recent Bloomberg survey shows that Chinese is the "most useful" business language other than English.
- China now has the world's second largest economy.
- China is one of the top 3 trading partners of the United States.
- Knowing Chinese will open doors to one of the world's oldest, and richest cultures.
- Learning Chinese is a cool thing to do. Not many Americans speak this critical language.

At Birmingham-Southern College, you can take Chinese language courses and China-related courses:

**Language courses:**
- CHN 101 Introductory Chinese 1
- CHN 102 Introductory Chinese 2
- CHN 220 Intermediate Chinese 1
- CHN 221 Intermediate Chinese 2
- CHN 270 Conversational Chinese
- CHN 290 Directive Reading

**China-related Courses:**
- AN 150 Introduction to Chinese Culture
- AN 323 Chinese Philosophies of Leadership and Strategy
- GEN*E299 Explorations of Qi (ch‘i, ‘life-energy‘)
- PL 256 Confucianism and Daoism
- HI 181 East Asian Civilization I: China to 15th Century
- HI 283 Modern China
- HI 385 The People's Republic of China (BSC)
**Additional information:**

Student organizations: Love Asia, Chinese Club at BSC  
Chinese cultural events in town: [Chinese New Year Celebration](#)  
Scholarships and study abroad opportunities: [Critical Language Scholarships](#)  
Internship opportunities: with the [U.S. Commercial Service in China](#)

**China in the news:**

- Mandarin Chinese is also the top language worldwide for business other than English according to [Bloomberg Rankings](#).  
- [Feng-Shui Factor For Super Rich Buyers - CNBC](#)  

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**Now is the time to start!**