Frequently Asked Questions
Regents’ Chinese Academy
Chinese Language Program
Miami University, Ohio State University, and Washington State Community College

Who sponsors the Academy?

The Regents’ Chinese Academy is sponsored by the Ohio Board of Regents and is a cooperative venture of Miami University Hamilton (MUH), Ohio State University (OSU), and Washington State Community College (WSCC).

How is the Academy organized?

The Academy is designed to give you one quarter or semester of college credit for Chinese (and/or one unit of high school credit). To accomplish this, the Academy has three parts: the three-week intensive in the summer which gives you part of the credit, Follow-up 1 instruction in the summer, and Follow-up 2 in the fall and winter (Follow-up 2 consists of two appointments/classes in fall and two in winter). Follow-up 1 instruction is offered through OSU's online, individualized instruction program, which allows you to work independently and connect via the Internet with an instructor and allows you to schedule online appointments on a flexible time schedule with your instructor at OSU. You must commit to completing all three parts of the course to receive the full stipend. Students who complete the first two sections (Intensive three-week study and Follow-up 1) of the course will receive a stipend of $800. At the successful completion of the third part to the course (Follow-up 2) students will receive a stipend of $200.

What are the dates of the Academy?

The first part of the Academy, the three-week intensive course, meets from Wednesday, June 17 to Friday, July 10 (week days only). The follow-up portion of the Academy includes a limited amount of additional course work to be completed through OSU’s online, individualized instruction course. Students are expected to complete the follow-up instruction before the end of the summer. There will also be a brief orientation to the program for students and parents and/or guardian on Tuesday, June 16. No classes July 3.

Where will classes take place?

All students will take the same course but in three different locations: Washington State Community College, Miami University Hamilton, and Ohio State University.

How is instruction organized since classes take place in three different locations?

The Regents’ Chinese Academy will use technologies (videoconferencing, Internet) to connect the three locations so that instruction can be shared and so that students at each of the three sites can get to know each other. A master teacher at OSU will offer FACT sessions (information about Chinese language and culture) to all students via videoconferencing with WSCC and MUH; a local teacher will work with students to develop their oral proficiency skills at each of the three locations (ACT sessions). There will be special sessions on different cultural topics (martial arts, Chinese television, Chinese teenagers, calligraphy, etc.) during the three-week academy.

How much does the Academy cost?

Nothing. Fees and tuition are paid. Students receive free of charge books/materials for the course. Students may keep the materials if they finish the program. Lunch is provided during the academy. Students (or their parents or guardians) are expected to provide transportation to and from campus each day.
How much time can I expect to spend learning Chinese during the three-week intensive course during the summer?

Classes meet from 8:30-3:30 (including lunch) with several hours of homework in the evening. Hours will vary during the follow-up of the Academy.

Who is eligible?

Incoming 11th- and 12th- grade students in Ohio high schools. Students must be residents of Ohio.

What course will I get credit for?

Students who successfully complete the course will get credit for one quarter (or semester) of elementary Chinese and/or one unit of high school credit. A portion of those hours will be earned during the three-week intensive program; the remaining hours later in the summer or fall.

Is this a residential program?

No, the Regents’ Chinese Academy is not a residential program; students must live close enough to be able to commute each day to their classroom at WSCC, MUH, or OSU.

Can I work while attending the three-week intensive portion of the Regents’ Chinese Academy?

No, students in the academy are expected to devote full time to their studies during the three-week intensive portion of the Academy. Because students cannot have a job during this period of time, we will offer a student stipend. Students who complete the first two sections (intensive three-week study and Follow-up 1) of the course will receive a stipend of $800. At the successful completion of the third part to the course (Follow-up 2) students will receive a stipend of $200.

Can I continue studying Chinese at MUH, OSU, or WSCC after completing the Academy course?

Yes, students are encouraged to continue their study at OSU or MUH. At this time, WSCC does not offer Chinese.

Am I eligible for the Academy if I already know Chinese?

No, the Regents’ Chinese Academy is designed for students who do not know Mandarin Chinese and participants are expected to be true beginners. Students who know another Chinese language or dialect are not eligible for the Academy. If you have advanced skills in Mandarin Chinese, you may be eligible to participate as a Peer Mentor in the Academy (see Peer Mentor FAQs).

I’m interested. How do I sign up?

Please visit our website (http://chineseacademy.osu.edu) for an application and reference forms. Applicants need two letters of reference from adults who know them well (teachers, employers, religious leaders). For specific questions, please email Chinese_academy@osu.edu.

What is the deadline for submission of my application?

Priority will be given to students who submit their applications on or before May 15, 2009.

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