

Higher Education Heritage Language Program Profile University of Pennsylvania

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Type of institution – Research university

Languages/dialects taught: **Chinese, Cantonese, and Taiwanese**

Undergraduate and graduate level courses

Course sequence: 12 courses each semester, beginning to intermediate level

Type of program;

- A heritage track within a foreign language program
- Language for special purposes: Business Chinese

The program was founded in the 1940

Students:

- American students
- First generation immigrants
- Second-generation immigrants
- Third generation immigrants
- Children of interethnic marriages

Total student enrollment: 450

Age of students: 18-28

The program identifies heritage speakers with a placement test and oral interview. In addition, in order to evaluate the students' language background and language proficiency, the program uses a background questionnaire.

Faculty:

- Total number of faculty teaching in the program: 9
- Number of full-time instructors: 9
- Number of teaching assistants: 5

Credentials –MA and Doctorate degrees

Assessment

The students are grouped according to level and are assessed by weekly quizzes, chapter tests, mid-term tests, and final exams.

Standardized test used: Hanyu shuiping kaoshi (HSK)

The heritage program is part of the institution's regular foreign language courses.