

# KMU Chinese Proficiency Requirements and Chinese Language Courses for Undergraduate Freshmen

(applicable for students who enroll in and after Academic Year 2019)

## I. Local students (including Mainland Chinese Students) are required to take:

Basic Chinese Course (2 credits/in the first semester)

- A mandatory course for all undergraduate freshmen
- Using KMU College Chinese Textbook as the main material
- Aim to enhance students' reading and writing skills

Freshmen who score in the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile on **Mandarin Chinese** section of College Entrance Exam-GSAT(大學學測) or AST(大學指考) **AND** score above 85 points on the **KMU Freshmen Chinese Proficiency Test** can **EITHER**

apply for one of **Advanced Chinese Courses (2 credits/ in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)**

**Advanced Chinese Courses** (2 credits/ in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)

- Take an elective Chinese language course under the "Classical Culture" category of Liberal Arts Curriculum offered by Center for General Education (**GE**)
- Official announcement about courses will be posted on the website of General Education Center

Or continue to take **Basic Chinese Course (2 credits /in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)**

**Basic Chinese Course** (2 credits/ in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)

- A mandatory course for all freshmen
- Course instructed using KMU College Chinese Textbook
- Enhance students' reading and writing skills

Freshmen who score lower than the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile on **Mandarin Chinese** section of College Entrance Exam-GSAT(大學學測) or AST(大學指考) or score below 85 points on the **KMU Freshmen Chinese Proficiency Test** should take:

## Regulations and instructions

1. Undergraduate freshmen are required to complete a total of 4 credits in Chinese Language Courses, which are implemented based on the core values "Respect for Life and Human Care", pertaining to life education, classic education and language ability. These courses aim to guide students to read Chinese classics, explore themselves, care for society and improve their writing and expression skills.
2. **KMU** will hold the **Freshmen Chinese Proficiency Test (KMU-FCPT)** before the start of the first (Fall) semester to diagnose students' literacy and difficulties in learning Chinese. The exam consists of reading section, writing section and applied writings. The highest score on **KMU-FCPT** is 100 points.
3. Students' scores from the **KMU-FCPT** are categorized into 4 different levels: Level A-Proficient (scored above 85 points), Level B-Average (scored between 75-84 points), Level C- Average Low (scored between 60-74 points), Level D-Failed (below 60 points).
4. Students who score in the 88<sup>th</sup> percentile on **Mandarin Chinese** section of College Entrance Exam- **GSAT**(大學學測) or **AST**(大學指考) **AND** score above 85 points on the **KMU-FCPT** can apply to take an elective Chinese-language course falling under the "Classical Culture" category of **General Education-Liberal Arts (GE-LA)** curriculum. The course application should be submitted **to the Center of Languages and Culture (CLC)** before the deadline posted on the website of CLC. Once an application is approved, no course withdrawal is permitted unless there are extenuating circumstances. Credits earned will be considered as part of 4 Chinese Language Course credits required for graduation but not as part of 14 **(GE-LA)** elective credits. A course application form can be downloaded from the website of **CLC**.

## II. Chinese Language Courses for Overseas Chinese Students and International Students

### Overseas Chinese Students

Required to take Chinese Course  
(4 credits)

#### Course characteristics

- Adopt appropriate course materials according to student level and needs
- Students who score higher than 60 points on the **KMU Freshmen Chinese Proficiency Test** should take a Chinese Language course intended for local students.

### International Students

Required to take Chinese Course  
(4 credits)

#### Course characteristics

- Focused on Chinese characters, pronunciation, meanings and common vocabulary
- Develop daily conversation skills
- Foster basic reading and writing abilities
- Introduce Chinese culture
- Students who score higher than 60 points on the **KMU Freshmen Chinese Proficiency Test** should take a Chinese Language course intended for local students.

### Regulations and instructions

#### 1. Student status and regulations

**(1) Overseas Chinese Student:** According to "Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan," the term "overseas Chinese student" refers to a student of Chinese descent who was born overseas and has lived there until the present time, or who has been living overseas for six or more consecutive years in the immediate past and obtained permanent or long-term residency status overseas. Note that for those applying to study in the departments of medicine, dentistry, or Chinese medicine at Taiwan universities, the minimum required number of consecutive years of overseas residency is eight years.

#### **(2) International Student:**

refers to an individual of foreign nationality, who has never held nationality status from the Republic of China ("R.O.C.") and who does not possess an overseas Chinese student status at the time of their application. An individual of foreign nationality, pursuant to the following requirements and who has resided overseas continuously for no less than 6 years is also regarded as an international student.

(A) An individual who also is a national of the R.O.C. , but does not hold or has had a household registration in Taiwan.

(B) An individual who also was a national of the R.O.C. but has no R.O.C. nationality at the time of their application shall have an annulled status regarding their R.O.C. nationality for no less than 8 years after an annulment of R.O.C. nationality by the Ministry of the Interior.

(C) Regarding individuals mentioned in both of the above articles (B) & (C), they must not have studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student nor received placement permission during the same year of the application by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students.

However, an individual who plans to apply for study at a department of medicine, dentistry or Chinese medicine must have resided overseas continuously for no less than 8 years.

## **2. For international students who should apply for Chinese language courses intended for local students**

- (1) International students are required to take the KMU-FCPT test held one week before the start of school or in the first week of school (for a makeup test only);
- (2) International students who score higher than 60 points on the KMU-FCPT test should apply for Chinese courses intended for local students. After students have obtained their test results, **the Center of Languages and Culture** will review them and assist students to take a course suitable for their level.

## **3. Regulations for Chinese course credit waiver**

- (1) Students' application for Chinese course waivers will be processed according to **Regulations for GE Course Credit Waivers (stipulated by General Education Center)**.
- (2) International students can apply for credit waivers using their test scores from **the TOCFL Formal Test Schedule in Taiwan** during the period of course adding and dropping. Students who pass Band A-the entry level can waive 2 credits of Chinese Language Courses. Students who pass Band B-the advanced level can waive 4 credits.