

**Notice of Change for B.A. Chinese**  
**Date: 6/28/2016**

**A. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**1. Name of institution**

University of Rhode Island

**2. Name of department, division, school or college**

Department: : Languages

College: A&S

**3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

Initiation date: Fall 2016

First degree date:

**4. Intended location of the program**

URI Kingston

**5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**

We propose the following change (in red, underlined) in catalog language for the B.A. in Chinese:

Chinese

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures offers the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a major in Chinese.

Faculty: Professor Wayne He, section head, Assistant Professor Yu Wu

Students selecting the Chinese major are required to complete at least 30 credits (maximum 45) in Chinese, not including CHN 101, 102, 111 or equivalent. Students must complete six credits in Chinese literature and civilization, at least three of which must be taken at the 400 level. At least six CHN credits must be at the 400 level.

In addition, students must take six credits in Chinese/Asian culture such as Chinese/Asian politics, history, philosophy, arts, etc. offered through other departments. Students must choose these six credits from

the courses listed below, which can be counted towards the General Education requirement, or from other courses on Chinese culture and civilization as approved by the section head: HIS 171, 374; PHL 331; PSC 116, 377; RLS 131; THE 382.

Students in the Chinese Language Flagship Program may take CHN 315 and 316 or CHN 315H or 316H in lieu of the 6 credits at the 400 level and six credits in literature and civilization requirement.

Rationale:

Chinese Language Flagship students meet five hours per week from their first year on, so after three years of instruction, they will have had more contact hours than students completing the regular four-year curriculum with two 400 level courses. Flagship students usually earn about 50 credits of Chinese prior to graduation due to their one-year capstone study in China.

The content of our 400 level courses (Chinese Literature and Topics in Chinese Civilization) is fully covered in CHN 315/316, the two courses required for Flagship students prior to their year in China. Because the Flagship program is extremely rigorous, students in the 315/316 course sequence, the preparatory course for the capstone year, are working with material more advanced than that of the 400 level courses taken by non-Flagship students.

**If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.**

**6. Signature of the President**

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