

CONNECTIONS

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LEARN TO SPEAK CHINESE!

“One out of every five people on this earth speaks Chinese. As Christians, we have a responsibility to share the Good News with others, and knowing the language you are half way in with another culture!” Professor Hongna Bystrom (pictured left) enthusiastically provides many reasons for learning this language. As more Chinese speakers study and work in the United States, including the Twin Cities, it is increasingly important to learn how to better communicate with each other and understand cultural differences.



Natalie Winkelman (pictured center), a May 2019 University of Northwestern (UNW) graduate, studied Chinese for two years. As a result, she enjoyed communicating with others

during her month-long trip to China and firmly believes that “it is a language which people are fully capable of learning.”

Professor Bystrom has taught Chinese for more than a decade and knows exactly what to highlight to ensure that her students are able to build relationships with this language.

As part of Northwestern’s goals to reach the nations for Christ and prepare students to be effective leaders, we invite you to take part in the fall 2020 Beginning Chinese class, which is the first course in the two year rotation of Chinese courses offered at UNW. Through this program, students will be able to gain a firm basis of communication and cultural skills, including the basics of the writing system. Students will learn in a classroom setting and also enjoy field trips to local Chinese stores, restaurants, and cultural events. Course participants will encounter people from a variety of backgrounds, while learning this beautiful language!

UNW GRAD RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT AWARD

The Fulbright Program provides highly valued cultural exchange opportunities for participants to live in one of many countries and promote positive intercultural relationships. Hayley Loehlein, a May 2019 graduate with majors in English as a Second Language Education, Spanish Education, and Bible, recently received this award. She serves as an English Teaching Assistant at a vocational school in northern Spain and teaches students on a wide variety of conversational topics, such as entrepreneurship and first aid.

As a Fulbright ambassador, Hayley continues to learn about the languages and cultures of Spain. She is sharpening her Spanish skills and learning Galician, a local language.

Through Hayley’s time at Northwestern, she was equipped to take on this role: she was prepared both professionally and personally. Hayley explains, “I discovered the beauty of developing relationships that would not have been possible without the use of Spanish.”

In Spain, Hayley has also enjoyed opportunities to participate in a local evangelical church and take traditional dance lessons. Her daily life has clearly been enriched by the investment that she made to study Spanish at Northwestern.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spanish Praise Chapels – Jan. 16, Feb. 5, Mar. 20, Apr. 16, 2020
- Spanish Senior Capstone Presentations – May 2020 (date TBD)
- World Language Day: Chinese – Feb. 6, 2020
- World Language Day: Russian – Feb. 27, 2020
- World Language Day: American Sign Language (ASL) – March 19, 2020
- World Language Day: Spanish – Nov. 2020 (date TBD)

UPCOMING CLASSES (FALL 2020 & SPRING 2021)

- CHN 1001 & CHN 1002 Beginning Chinese
- SPA 1001 & SPA 1002 Beginning Spanish
- SPA 2101 & SPA 2102 Intermediate Spanish