

# STARTALK Drexel: Experiential Chinese High School Program

July 14–25, 2025 | Free for Participants



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Drexel University's College of Arts and Sciences, through the [Department of Global Studies and Modern Languages](#), is pleased to offer a free, 2-week experiential Chinese language program, funded through a generous grant from **STARTALK**. Managed and funded by the **NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY**, **STARTALK** supports innovative courses with strong language learning outcomes from K-12 students. Geared toward high school students with little to no Chinese language experience, Drexel's program will feature collaboration with Drexel Chinese language professors and others from prestigious local institutions. The program is also partnered with the local Chinese community in Philadelphia and one of China's premier universities, East China Normal University in Shanghai.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

- DATES** ..... July 14–25, 2025
- LOCATION** ..... Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, 19104
- FORMAT** ..... On-campus, commuter. Optional residential stay available for a limited number of students. Meals included on excursion days. Students are responsible for transportation costs to campus.
- COST** ..... **FREE!** This program is fully funded through a grant from the National Security Agency. Tuition, textbooks, meals during excursions and transportation to off-campus sites are free for all participants.  
*(Note - a \$100 deposit is required to confirm enrollment. This deposit will be returned upon successful completion of the program)*
- ELIGIBILITY** ..... High School Students, grades 9-12.
- CAPACITY** ..... 25 students
- DEADLINE** ..... Application review will begin in October 2024 and continue through May 1, 2025 on a rolling basis until capacity has been reached. We recommend interested students apply early.



# Sample Excursion Day Schedule | July 14–25, 2025

Program content and sequence may change due to weather, staff schedules or other circumstances.  
Total program learning time is 40 hours.

## 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Chinese Language Lecture

- Vocabulary, sentence structures, conversational phrases
- Interactive lecture with multimedia presentations and role-playing exercises

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Drill Sessions

- Practice vocabulary and phrases
- Group drills, pronunciation practice, conversation simulations

## 11:00 - 11:30 AM

One-on-One Tutorials

- Personalized attention to address individual language learning needs
- One-on-one sessions with instructors to practice specific language skills and answer questions

## 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Preparation for Off-Site Excursion

- Learning about Chinese culinary culture and acquiring language skills tailored to proficiency levels
- Discussion on Chinese culinary traditions, key phrases for ordering dishes, and describing flavors

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Travel to Off-Site Experience Location

- Engage in conversations with community members using Chinese
- Interact with community members, practicing conversational skills, and participating in activities

## 1:30 - 2:00 PM

Explore Philadelphia-Area Chinese Cultural Sites

- Immersive experience in Chinese culture and language practice
- Visit grocery stores, bubble tea shops, boutiques, etc.
- Practice using Chinese to order authentic cuisine
- Collect materials and conduct research for culminating project

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