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UST Department of Modern and Classical Languages adds Mandarin language course

HOUSTON (Sept. 18, 2006) –The University of St. Thomas Department of Modern and Classical Languages will expand its international language course offerings with the help of Dr. Sarah Tsai who is teaching a Mandarin (Taiwanese version) class in the fall 2006 session.

The courses will educate students on the fundamentals of grammar, vocabulary and cultural insight. As with any language course taught at the University, the course aims for student proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Mandarin with a combination of formal instruction and cultural experiences.

Tsai will have visiting speakers from abroad, local speakers and visits to various cultural sites to enhance the learning experience in and out of the classroom setting. Mandarin will be added to the continuing growth of foreign languages at the University already including French, Spanish, Arabic, German and Vietnamese. Tsai is teaching two courses: Mandarin I that began Aug 28 and continues through Dec 9 and Mandarin Culture II which will begin in the spring semester.

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