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 C^0 Interior Penalty method is an attractive alternative for the numerical approximation of fourth order problems. It is based on C^0 finite element spaces and an interior penalty on the jumps of the normal derivatives over the skeleton of the finite element mesh. In this talk, I will present some theoretical and numerical results related to the numerical approximation of the Cahn-Hilliard equation by a C^0 interior penalty method. This is joint work with Professor Susanne C. Brenner and Professor Li-yeng Sung. (Received September 16, 2008)