



Course CHIN-1311-502, Beginning Chinese I
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Meetings Tuesday, Thursday, 5:30 – 6:45 pm, SLC 2.202

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General Course Information

Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, & other restrictions No pre-requisites required

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Mandarin Chinese Language, which is spoken not only in Mainland China, but also in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and many overseas Chinese communities throughout the world. Although the main emphasis of the course will be laid on verbal communication skills in listening and speaking, reading and writing skills will also be integrated in the learning. Students will be introduced to the basic grammar, and elements of the writing system – Chinese characters, as well as aspects of Chinese culture and civilization.

Learning Outcomes

Students will demonstrate the ability to begin to speak Chinese with correct pronunciation and to use *pinyin* system fluently to facilitate their listening and speaking skills.
Students will write basic radicals and 200 characters and be able to read and understand them in meaningful sentences and short dialogues.
Students will begin to develop an awareness of aspects of Chinese culture.

Required Texts & Materials

3rd edition of the following books:
中文听说读写 *3rd Edition*
1. **Integrated Chinese, Textbook**, Level One, Part One
2. **Integrated Chinese, Character Workbook**, Level One, Part One
3. **Integrated Chinese, Workbook, Level One**, Part One
4. **Audio CD attached to the Workbook**
Author: Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu
Publisher: Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company

Suggested Texts, Readings, & Materials

Concise English-Chinese Chinese-English Dictionary
The Commercial Press and Oxford University Press ISBN 0195840488

Assignments & Academic Calendar

DATES	Course Outline
Aug. 25, 30, Sep.1, 6	--- Introduction --- Pronunciation, Pinyin, Initials and Finals --- Chinese writing system, Radicals --- Useful expressions TB p.1 – 17; WB p.1 – 14; CW p.1 – 16; <i>Quiz One on Sept.1 (Thu)</i>
Sep. 8, 13, 15, 20	Lesson One Greetings <i>Quiz Two on Sep.8 (Thu)</i> --- Vocabulary and Text 问好 --- Grammar and Language Practice <i>Quiz Three on Sept.15(Thu)</i> TB. P.20 – 40; WB p 15 – 27; CW p 17 - 26
Sept. 22 (Thursday)	Test One on Introduction and Lesson One
Sept. 27, 29, Oct. 4, 6	Lesson Two Family --- Vocabulary and Text 家庭 <i>Quiz Four on Oct. 6 (Thu)</i> --- Grammar and Language Practice TB p. 41 – 63; WB p. 29 – 42; CW p. 27 - 36
Oct. 11, 13, 18, 20	Lesson Three Dates and Time --- Vocabulary and Text 时间 <i>Quiz Five on Oct. 20 (Thu)</i> --- Grammar and Language Practice TB p.65 – 95; WB p. 43 – 57; CW p. 37 - 47
Oct. 25, (Tuesday)	Test Two On Lesson Two and Three
Oct. 27, Nov. 1, 3, 8	Lesson Four Hobbies --- Vocabulary and Text 爱好 <i>Quiz Six on Nov 8, (Tues)</i> --- Grammar and Language Practice TB p.97 – 120; WB p, 59 – 74; CW p. 49 - 58
Nov. 10, 15, 17, 22	Lesson Five Visiting Friends --- Vocabulary and Text 看朋友 <i>Quiz. Seven on Nov.22(Tues)</i> --- Grammar and Language Practice CW p. 59 – 66; WB p.75 – 88; CW p. 59 - 66
Nov. 29	Review <i>(Final project draft due)</i> TB p. 144 – 147; WB p.89 - 91
Dec. 1, (Thursday)	Test Three on Lesson Four and Lesson Five
Dec. 6	Group Project
Dec. 8	No class, instructor available for tutoring
Dec. 10, Saturday 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Final Exam

Course Policies

Grading (credit) Criteria	Attendance and class participation	10%
	Assignments	20%
	Quizzes	25%
	Tests (3)	30%
	Final Exam	15%

Make-up Exams	No make-up exams or tests except for unusual circumstances, in which case students must arrange with the instructor before hand. Only one lowest quiz grade can be dropped on condition that all quizzes are taken.
Extra Credit	Extra credit may be granted for students' special, creative work
Late Work	Students have to hand in their assignments in a timely manner. Late work will result in a 10% reduction of each total grade.
Class Attendance	Regular attendance is required. Be puncture and consult with the instructor when an absence is necessary. More than 3 hours of unexcused absence will result in deduction on final attendance grade.
Classroom Citizenship	All cell phones and pagers must be turned off in the classroom. Students are expected and encouraged to participate in group work and speak and talk to their partners. At other times, refrain from personal and private conversation during class time.

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(<http://provost.utdallas.edu/home/syllabus-policies-and-procedures-text>)

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