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Study Center in Shanghai, China

Course name: Chinese Beginning I
Course number: CHIN 1001 SCGC
Programs offering course: Business, Language and Culture; China in Global Context
Language of instruction: Chinese
US Semester Credits: 6
Contact Hours: 90
Term: Fall 2016

Course Description

The goal of the course is to establish a solid foundation in modern standard Mandarin Chinese language through the integration of all 5 skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural skills. Characters, vocabulary and grammatical patterns are learned through communicative contexts.

Learning Objectives

Through the course, students will be able to carry out conversations in Chinese on a range of topics, such as introducing oneself, discussing daily routines, shopping, talking on the phone, reading and writing notes, letters, etc. Approximately 300 frequently used Chinese characters and 400 lexical items or expressions will be learned.

Course Prerequisites

There is no prerequisite for the course. The course is designed for learners with no previous Chinese language study.

Methods of Instruction

Class instruction emphasizes communication, interaction, performance, and group work. Language meals, language clinic, peer tutors, and trips outside of class support this learning system.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Attendance:	10%
2. Participation:	10%
3. Quizzes:	10%
4. Homework:	15%
5. Oral tests:	20%
6. Written tests:	30%
7. Language commitment:	5%

All coursework must be submitted directly to the instructor of record, unless the student has received other explicit, documented instructions to the contrary. You are required to keep hard copies of all assignments for up to one year after the completion of the program, in addition to any digital copies required by the instructor. It is your responsibility to make sure the instructor has received all your required work. Failure to do so may result in zero credit for lost assignments.

Neither individual instructors, the Language Director nor the Center Director have final authority to extend deadlines past the end of the semester, make special arrangements for students to submit late work, or otherwise modify CIEE academic policies. The CIEE Chief Academic Officer is the only person authorized to approve exceptions to these policies.



Course Requirements

Textbook

Wu, Zhongwei. *Contemporary Chinese, vol. 1*. Beijing: Sinolingua Press, 2003; Supplementary texts.
吴中伟. 《当代中文 1》. 北京: 华语教学出版社, 2003; 补充教材

Quizzes

Quizzes are given nearly every day except the exam days, and typically take the form of dictations, in which you are asked to write Chinese characters, Pinyin, and/or English for words or sentences. No make-up quizzes are allowed.

Homework

Homework is assigned on a daily basis, and it is important that you hand in your homework on time. Late homework is accepted up to one week after the deadline and will be marked down 1 point (out of 10) on each assignment grade. Missing homework will reduce your final course grade by 0.5% per assignment, up to 15% of your final grade.

Oral tests

There is an oral test at the end of every two to three chapters, in the form of individual, pair, or group work. Instructions will be given to you prior to the tests. There are also midterm and final oral exams. The oral tests are worth of 20% of the final grade.

Written tests

Tests are given at the end of every two to three chapters, consisting of listening, reading, and writing tests. There are also midterm and final written exams. The written tests are worth of 30% of the final grade.

Language commitment

Language commitment is worth 5% of the final grade. Speaking Chinese is required in the Chinese classroom building and the Chinese-Language-Only Areas in the CIEE Study Center building, offices, conference rooms, and other CIEE-affiliated areas. Speaking Chinese is also required when interacting with CIEE staff, host family or Chinese roommate, with other CIEE students in the campus residence hall, and in any other environment whenever possible. Speaking language other than Mandarin Chinese in these areas or environments may reduce the final grade in Chinese class by 1 - 5% points.

Attendance and Class Participation

Your attendance and active participation in each class session is essential for a successful language course. It is important that you come to class well-prepared. Attendance is worth 10% and participation is worth another 10% of your final grade. Participation means both physical attendance and active engagement in class. Your final grade will be reduced 1% per day of unexcused absences in language classes, or 0.5% per class hour, up to 10%. Absences may be excused in the event of a medical necessity or family emergency. In such cases, you may request an Excused Absence Form from the CIEE office. First submit the form to the head language instructor for her or his approval and signature, prior to submitting the completed form, together with a note from the attending physician or other supporting documentation, for approval from the Language Director. The Excused Absence Form may not be used more than two times per semester. Absence for three weeks of Chinese classes or more may result in failure of the course.



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Weekly Schedule (Subject to change)

Week 1	Orientation Week
Week 2	Pronunciation
Week 3	Chapter 1 & Chapter 2
Week 4	Unit Test 1 & Chapter 3
Week 5	Study Break
Week 6	Chapter 4 & Unit Test 2
Week 7	Chapter 5 & Chapter 6
Week 8	Chapter 7, Review & Midterm Exam
Week 9	Weeklong Fieldtrip
Week 10	Chapter 8 & Chapter 9
Week 11	Chapter 9 & Unit Test 3
Week 12	Chapter 10 & Chapter 11
Week 13	Unit Test 4 & Chapter 12
Week 14	Chapter 13 & Chapter 14
Week 15	Review & Final Exam

Note: Detailed weekly plans will be distributed to students each Thursday for the following week of classes.