CIEE Shanghai, China

Course name: Conversational Chinese
Course number: CHIN 1001 SHCH
Programs offering course: Shanghai Business, Language and Culture, Shanghai China in a Global Context
Language of instruction: Chinese
U.S. Semester Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 45
Term: Fall 2019

Course Description
This course is designed for beginning-level Chinese learners to develop practical oral communicative skills in Chinese. The course is function-oriented. A range of practical topics such as introducing oneself, discussing daily routines, how to make acquaintances, entertaining guests, shopping, negotiating price, asking for directions, seeing a doctor, etc. will be introduced in class.

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 400 frequently used Chinese lexical items or expressions will be learned.

Course Prerequisites
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. Participation: 20%
2. Quizzes: 10%
3. Homework: 15%
4. Oral tests: 30%
5. Written tests: 20%
6. 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**

**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 30% of the final grade.

**Written Test**
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 20% 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.

**Weekly Schedule**

**Week 1**
- Orientation Week

**Week 2**
- **Pronunciation**
  - **Topic of Class**
  - **Description of content**
  - **Readings**
  - **Due Dates**

**Week 3**
- **Chapter 1**
  - **Topic of Class**
  - **Description of content**
  - **Readings**
  - **Due Dates**

**Week 4**
- **Unit Test 1 & Chapter 2**
  - **Topic of Class**
  - **Description of content**
  - **Readings**
  - **Due Dates**

**Week 5**
- **Chapter 3**
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<td>I’d like a fried diced chicken with peanuts &amp; What do you do?</td>
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<td>Is Jenny in?</td>
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<td>Where is your new house?</td>
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health
Learning some vocabulary for the human body
Text book, page 104-114

Readings

Daily homework due 10:00 am Tue. & Thur.
Test time: 10:00am Thur.

Due Dates

Week 12

Chapter 8 & Unit Test 3

Topic of Class
Can you repair a computer?

Description of content
Learning how to talk about talents, abilities and leisure activities

Readings
Text book, page 115-139

Due Dates
Daily homework due 10:00 am Tue. & Thur.

Week 13

Chapter 9

Topic of Class
It’s too cold!

Description of content
Learning how to describe the weather and climate

Readings
Text book, page 129-139

Due Dates
Daily homework due 10:00 am Tue. & Thur.

Week 14

Chapter 10

Topic of Class
Please clean the table

Description of content
Learning useful words and phrases for housework

Readings
Text book, page 140-152

Due Dates

Week 15

Due Dates
Test time: 10:00am, Wed. (Oral Test);
& Final Exam 10:00am, Thur. (Written Test)

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

Course Materials

Readings

朱晓星，岳建玲，吕宇红，褚佩如. 《体验汉语》（生活篇）. 北京：高等教育出版社，2006.