



CIEE Taipei, Taiwan

Course name:	Chinese Language- Beginning
Course number:	CHIN 1005 CTAI
Programs offering course:	Taipei Communications, Business and Political Economy
Language of instruction:	Mandarin Chinese
U.S. Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	90
Term:	Fall 2019

Course Description

This course is designed for students who have completed 2 semesters of Chinese. Students need to improve their language abilities to meet practical needs in listening, speaking, writing and reading. The course focuses on the communication skill training, and also on expressing the completed information or thoughts by using Chinese. Students need to write a paragraph after finishing a lesson. An oral presentation in Chinese as well as a written outline in Chinese is required as the final project for this course.

Learning Objectives

- Able to apply learned words in some daily conversations
- Able to write simple Chinese characters
- Able to interpret some daily conversations
- Able to recognize some Chinese characters

The student's Mandarin Chinese will steadily improve along with the implementation of the program.

The weekly plan includes:
Listening, Speaking Drills -1.5 hours
Vocabulary Practice- 1.5 hour
Grammar Drills-1 hour
Test and homework-0.5 hour
Reading and Activities -1.5 hour

Course Prerequisites

Two semesters of college Chinese language classes taken prior to arrival in Taiwan or equivalent (as indicated by the result of placement test).

Methods of Instruction

Interactive lectures, role plays, small group discussions, games, audio-visual aids, site visits, etc.

Assessment and Final Grade

Participation: 20%
Homework Assignment: 10%
Report: 15%
Midterm Exam: 20%



Final Exam: 25%

Course Requirements

Participation: class contribution, group discussion
Homework Assignment: Grammar exercises for each class
Report: Group report: your country's wedding tradition; Report: Your favorite city
Midterm Exam: Writing: Vocabulary & grammar L1-6, Oral: Dialogues L1-6(Random pick)
Final Exam: Vocabulary & grammar L7-9, Oral: Dialogues L7-9(Random pick)

Attendance

(1) Students are required to sign the attendances sheet upon arrival of each class. Students who arrive 30 minutes during class will be considered absent for one full hour.

Weekly Schedule

- week1 Lesson 1: Excuse Me. How Do You Get to Shida?
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.1- 10

- Week2 Lesson 2: Take the MRT instead!
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.23- 30
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary, grammar and vocabulary drilling
Assignment: Grammar drilling
Homework: Lesson2 grammar practice
Conversation practice on Lesson 2: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

- Week3 Lesson 3: Your Chinese has improved!
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.51-58
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary, grammar and vocabulary drilling
Homework: Lesson3 grammar practice
Conversation practice on Lesson 3: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

- Week4 Lesson 4: I Work Part-time. I Teach French.
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.79-88
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook
Homework: Lesson4 grammar practice
Conversation practice on Lesson 4: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

- Week5 Lesson 4: I Work Part-time. I Teach French.
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A



Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook
Homework: Lesson4&5 grammar practice
Conversation practice on Lesson 5: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

Lesson 5: Attending a Wedding Reception
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.105-116

Week6 Lesson 5: Attending a Wedding Reception
Lesson 6: I Plan to Move Closer to School
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II P. 131-137
Group report: your country's wedding tradition

Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A
Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook
Homework: Lesson5&6 grammar practice
Conversation practice on Lesson 6: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

Week7 Lesson 6: I Plan to Move Closer to School
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.137- 141
Homework: Lesson6 supplementary grammar practice

Week8 Review
Midterm (written test)
(culture activity: watch a movie)

Week9 Lesson 7: The Garbage Truck Is Here!
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p.157-167
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A
Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook
Homework: Lesson 7 grammar practice/ Exercise book
Quizzes: L6 dictation
Conversation practice on Lesson 7: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage
Supplementary reading material

Week10 Lesson 8: Learning Kungfu
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p. 183- 193
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Conversation practice on Lesson 8: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage

Week11 Lesson 8: Learning Kungfu
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p. 193-207
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A
Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook



Homework: Lesson 8 grammar practice/ Exercise book
Quizzes: L7 dictation
Supplementary reading material

- Week12 Lesson 9: That City Is Really Beautiful
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p. 211-221
Field trip to Shengkeng Old street, Tofu D.I.Y.
Warming up: introducing the main topic of the lesson, introducing the vocabulary
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A
Activities: Tofu D.I.Y.
Conversation practice on Lesson 9: dialogue formation; new vocabularies usage
Report: Your favorite city
- Week13 Lesson 9: That City Is Really Beautiful
Reading: A Course in Contemporary Chinese II p. 221-229
Grammar and vocabulary drilling, Q&A Assignment: Grammar drilling, dictation and workbook
Homework: Lesson 9 grammar practice/ Exercise book
Quizzes: L8 dictation
Supplementary reading material
- Week14 Review (practice)
- Week15 Final oral presentation

Course Materials

Readings

Shou-hsin Teng, Hui-Chuan Wang, Yih Fen Sun, Chongren Liu. "A Course in Contemporary Chinese II". Mandarin Training Center National Taiwan Normal University, 2015. Taipei.