



## **CIEE in Shanghai, China**

<b>Course name:</b>	Chinese – Beginning I
<b>Course number:</b>	CHIN 1001 SCGC
<b>Programs offering course:</b>	Shanghai Business, Language and Culture; Shanghai China in Global Context
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	Chinese
<b>U.S. Semester Credits:</b>	6
<b>Contact Hours:</b>	90
<b>Term:</b>	Fall 2018

### **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%



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| 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.

**Weekly Schedule** (Subject to change)

Week1    Orientation Week

Week2    Pronunciation

Topic of Class    Introduction of Pinyin

Description of content    Learning Chinese pinyin system

Learning basic knowledge of Chinese characters

Readings    Text book, page 1-31

Due Dates    Daily homework due time:

10:00am, Mon.-Thur.

Week3    Chapter1



	Topic of Class	Hello! & Glad to Meet You!
	Description of content	Identifying one's name Identifying one's nationality Identifying one's language Exchanging personal information Making comments Receiving guests
	Readings	Text book, page 33-58
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week4	<b>UnitTest1&amp;Chapter 2</b>	
	Topic of Class	How Many People Are There in Your Family?
	Description of content	Chatting about family and school Identifying numbers Intentions and reasons
	Readings	Text book, page 59-72
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Tues.-Thur. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.
Week5	<b>Chapter3 &amp; Unit Test2</b>	
	Topic of Class	I Want to Go to China
	Description of content	Making requests Making comments Identifying possessions Talking about school things
	Readings	Text book, page 73-86
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.
Week6	<b>Chapter4</b>	
	Topic of Class	Can You Make It Cheaper? & What Are You Going to Do Tomorrow?
	Description of content	Shopping Dining Making suggestions Preference, permission and ability



		Inviting
		Plans and preference
		Identifying when and where
	Readings	Text book, page 87-112
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week7	<b>Chapter5,Review&amp;MidtermExam</b>	
	Topic of Class	When Will You Come Back?
	Description of content	Plans and arrangements Identifying dates Worries and reassurance Describing people's appearance
	Readings	Text book, page 113-128
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.
Week8	Culture Excursion	
Week9	Chapter6	
	Topic of Class	Is There a Bank Nearby? & Panda
	Description of content	Asking the way Identifying direction Identifying location
	Readings	Text book, page 129-147
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week10	<b>StudyBreak</b>	
Week11	<b>Chapter7&amp;UnitTest3</b>	
	Topic of Class	Panda
	Description of content	Leaning new words and expressions Learning two Chinese Folk Songs
	Readings	Text book, page 148-152
	Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.
Week12	Chapter8	
	Topic of Class	Chinese Characters I & II



Description of content Learning structure of Chinese characters  
Learning fundamental strokes of Chinese characters  
Learning and recognizing common radicals of Chinese characters

Readings Character book, page 1-30

Due Dates Daily homework due time:  
10:00am, Mon.-Thur.

Week13 **UnitTest4&Chapter 9**

Topic of Class I Feel Uncomfortable

Description of content Talking about health condition  
Describing feelings  
Asking for suggestions

Readings Supplementary text book, page 32-39

Due Dates Daily homework due time:  
10:00am, Tues.-Thur.  
Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.

Week14 Chapter10

Topic of Class I Met a Beautiful Girl & School Life

Description of content Making appointment  
Talking about school life  
Learning the format of letters

Readings Supplementary text book, page 40-56

Due Dates Daily homework due time:  
10:00am, Mon.-Thur.

Week15 **Review&FinalExam**

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

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