

CIEE in Shanghai, China

Course name: Chinese – Intermediate I

Course number: CHIN 2001 SCGC

Programs offering course: Shanghai Business, Language and Culture; Shanghai China in Global Context

Language of instruction: Chinese

U.S. Semester Credits: 6 Contact Hours: 90

Term: Fall 2018

Course Description

This course continues to develop students' Chinese skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural skills. Students' linguistic knowledge will be reinforced and expanded through class activities with increased sophistication. Rigorous practice of spoken and written Chinese in communicative activities will be conducted.

Learning Objectives

Through the course, students will be able to comprehend and produce paragraph-level Chinese. Approximately 500 frequently used Chinese characters and 700 lexical items or expressions will be learned.

Course Prerequisites

Students are required to have approximately two semesters of college-level 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

Liu, Xun. New Practical Chinese Reader, vol. 3. Beijing: Beijing Language & Culture University Press, 2003; Supplementary texts.

刘珣.《新实用汉语课本3》.北京:北京语言大学出版社, 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)

Week 1 Orientation Week

Week 2 Chapter 1

Topic of Class 入乡随俗&礼轻情意重

Description of content 1. Expressing one's opinion

- 2. Giving an example
- 3. Comparing
- 4. Presenting and appreciating a gift
- 5. Asking in retort
- 6. Worrying about something

Readings Text book, page 1-35

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



Topic of Class 请多提意见

Description of content 1. Describing things

2. Emphasizing an affirmation

3. Expressing modesty

Readings Text book, page 36-51

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

Test time: 10:00am, Mon.

Week 4 Chapter 3 & Unit Test 2

Topic of Class 他们是练太极剑的

Description of content 1. Describing things

2. Indicating a change

3. Making a summary

Readings Text book, page 52-66

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

Test time: 10:00am, Thurs.

Week 5 Chapter 4

Topic of Class 中国人叫他"母亲河"&了解上海

Description of content 1. Giving encouragement

2. Asking about something

3. Introducing a place

Readings Text book, page 67-83

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

Week 6 Unit Test 3 & Chapter 5

Topic of Class 这样的问题现在也不能问了

Description of content 1. Making someone's acquaintance

2. Making a guess

3. Giving a vague response

Explaining

Readings Text book, page 84-103

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

Test time: 10:00am, Mon.

Week 7 Chapter 6, Review & Midterm Exam

Topic of Class 保护环境就是保护我们自己

Description of content 1. Indicating a possibility

2. Expressing concern



3. Bringing up a topic of conversation

Readings Text book, page 121-137

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

Test time: 10:00am, Thur.

Week 8 Culture Excursion

Week 9 Chapter 7

Topic of Class 神女峰的传说&旅行经历

Description of content 1. Making additional remarks

2. Stressing a point

3. Telling a story

Readings Text book, page 121-137

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

Week 10 Study Break

Week 11 Unit Test 4 & Chapter 8

Topic of Class 汽车我先开着

Description of content 1. Reproaching and questioning

2. Refusing

3. Making an explanation

Readings Text book, page 138-154

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

Test time: 10:00am, Tue.

Week 12 Chapter 9 & Unit Test 5

Topic of Class 北京热起来了

Description of content 1. Talking about the climate

2. Making a suggestion

3. Expressing a possibility

Readings Text book, page 155-170

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

Test time: 10:00am, Thur.

Week 13 Chapter 10

Topic of Class 谁来埋单&请客吃饭

Description of content 1. In a restaurant

2. Expressing surprise

3. Sequence of actions

4. Table manners



Readings Text book, page 171-185

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

Week 14 Unit Test 6 & Chapter 11

Topic of Class 你听,他叫我"太太"

Description of content 1. Congratulating the newly-weds

2. Clarifying a point of view

3. Comforting and consoling

4. Making a decision

Readings Text book, page 186-203

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

Test time: 10:00am, Mon.

Week 15 Review & Final Exam

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.