



CIEE in Shanghai, China

Course name:	Chinese – Accelerated Superior I
Course number:	CHIN 1003 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:	Spring 2019

Course Description

The goal of this course is to continue developing students' Chinese language ability through the integration of all five skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural skills. Vocabulary and grammatical patterns are learned through communicative contexts.

Learning Objectives

Through the course, students will expand their ability to carry out conversations in Chinese on a wide range of daily-life topics. Student will also be able to comprehend and produce short Chinese texts. Approximately 400 frequently used Chinese characters and 500 lexical items or expressions will be learned.

Course Prerequisites

Students are required to have approximately one semester 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. Participation:	20%
2. Quizzes:	10%
3. Homework:	15%
4. Oral tests:	20%
5. Written tests:	30%
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

Textbook

Wu, Zhongwei. *Contemporary Chinese, vol. 2*. Beijing: Sinolingua Press, 2003; Supplementary texts. 吴中伟. 《当代中文 2》. 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

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.

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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

Week1	Orientation Week		
Week2	Chapter1		
		Topic of Class	Have You Ever Climbed the Great Wall? & Is Everyone Here?
		Description of content	Expressing past experiences Expressing new changes and recent plans Discussing one’s likes and dislikes Pets Tourist attractions in China Expressing ongoing actions Completion of an action and the realization of an event Expressing speculations and estimations Body and health
		Readings	Text book, page 1-26
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week3	UnitTest1&Chapter 2		
		Topic of Class	When Did They Arrive?
		Description of content	Expressing times, location, manners, etc. of past actions Ways to connect topics Greetings
		Readings	Text book, page 27-40
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Tues.-Thur. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.
Week4	Chapter3& Unit Test2		
		Topic of Class	You’re Dressed So Beautifully Today
		Description of content	Comments on actions and states Expressing compliments and wishes Wishing someone a Happy Birthday The zodiac animals
		Readings	Text book, page 41-54
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.



Week5	Chapter4	Topic of Class	The Weather in My Hometown Is Better Than Here & My Hometown Is in the Northeast
		Description of content	Expressing comparisons Talking about the weather Talking about seasons and the climate Expressing direction and location Talking about one's home and the environment Urban and rural areas
		Readings	Text book, page 55-82
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week6	Unit Test 3 & Chapter5	Topic of Class	I Have Studied Chinese for Half a Year
		Description of content	Expressing duration of time and times/frequency of actions Compliments and criticisms Learning a foreign language
		Readings	Text book, page 83-96
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Tues.-Thur. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.
Week7	Chapter 6, Review & Midterm Exam	Topic of Class	The Train Tickets Are Sold Out
		Description of content	Expressing actions and their result Expressing the continuation of actions or states Adjusting plans and solving problems Narrating a specific sequence of events
		Readings	Text book, page 97-110
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.
Week8	Culture Excursion	Topic of Class	You Can Move in Right Away & I'm Afraid I Don't Understand
Week9	Chapter7	Description of content	Expressing the direction of actions and the movements of objects Expressing complaints, discontent and urging somebody to do something Renting an apartment Expressing actions, behaviors and the potentiality of their result Chinese dramas
		Readings	Text book, page 111-136
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.



Week10	Study Break		
Week11	Unit Test 4 & Chapter 8		
		Topic of Class	I've Left My Wallet in the Car
		Description of content	Expressing disposition of objects Expressing reproach and gratitude Narrating the process of an event
		Readings	Text book, page 137-149
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Tues.-Thur. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.
Week12	Chapter 9 & Unit Test 5		
		Topic of Class	I Was Nearly Hit by a Car
		Description of content	Expressing unhappy experiences Expressing sympathy, condolences and regrets Narrating an unhappy incident
		Readings	Text book, page 150-162
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Wed. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Thur.
Week13	Chapter 10		
		Topic of Class	At the Wedding
		Description of content	Weddings Two Chinese folk songs
		Readings	Text book, page 175-184
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Mon.-Thur.
Week14	Unit Test 6 & Chapter 11		
		Topic of Class	Festivals
		Description of content	Chinese traditional festivals
		Readings	Other material
		Due Dates	Daily homework due time: 10:00am, Tues.-Thur. Test time: 10:00-12:00am, Mon.
Week15	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.

Course Materials

Readings

Instructor developed course reader.