



CIEE Global Institute - Shanghai

Course name:	Survival Chinese
Course number:	NONCR CHIN SHCN
Programs offering course:	Open Campus
Open Campus Track:	Language, Literature and Culture
Language of instruction:	Chinese
U.S. Semester Credits:	0
Contact Hours:	15
Term:	Spring 2020

Course Description

This course is designed for beginning-level Chinese learners to develop practical oral communicative skills in Chinese. The course is function-oriented and task-based. A range of practical topics such as introducing oneself, discussing daily routines, how to make acquaintances, asking about time, shopping, negotiating price, ordering food, etc. will be introduced in class. Through the course, learners will develop their ability to carry out basic conversations in Chinese on a series of topics for daily life.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- be able to read and pronounce Chinese Pinyin
- recognize and use approximately 100 frequently used Chinese lexical items or expressions
- recognize and use approximately 15 frequently used Chinese sentence patterns
- be able to carry on basic conversations on six to seven topics for daily life, so as to facilitate integration with Chinese culture and society

Course Prerequisites

None.

Methods of Instruction

Class instruction emphasizes communication, interaction, performance, and group work. Students will be required to complete small tasks outside the class every day. Those guided co-curricular activities will take place when necessary to have a real linguistic contact with locals and reinforce the structures covered in the classroom.

Course Requirements

Participation

Participation is valued as meaningful contribution in the digital and tangible classroom, utilizing



the resources and materials presented to students as part of the course. Meaningful contribution requires students to be prepared in advance of each class session and to have regular attendance. Students must clearly demonstrate they have engaged with the materials as directed, for example, through classroom discussions, online discussion boards, peer-to-peer feedback (after presentations), interaction with guest speakers, and attentiveness on co-curricular and outside-of-classroom activities.

Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program, and all unexcused absences will result in a lower participation grade for any affected CIEE course. Due to the intensive schedules for Open Campus and Short Term programs, unexcused absences that constitute more than 10% of the total course will result in a written warning.

Students who transfer from one CIEE class to another during the add/drop period will not be considered absent from the first session(s) of their new class, provided they were marked present for the first session(s) of their original class. Otherwise, the absence(s) from the original class carry over to the new class and count against the grade in that class.

For CIEE classes, excessively tardy (over 15 minutes late) students must be marked absent. Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as to Internship, Service Learning, or required field placement. Students who miss class for personal travel, including unforeseen delays that arise as a result of personal travel, will be marked as absent and unexcused. No make-up or re-sit opportunity will be provided.

Attendance policies also apply to any required class excursion, with the exception that some class excursions cannot accommodate any tardiness, and students risk being marked as absent if they fail to be present at the appointed time.

Unexcused absences will lead to the following penalties:

<i>Percentage of Total Course Hours Missed</i>	<i>Equivalent Number of Open Campus Semester classes</i>	<i>Minimum Penalty</i>
Up to 10%	1 content classes, or up to 2 language classes	Participation graded as per class requirements
10 – 20%	2 content classes, or 3-4 language classes	Participation graded as per class requirements; written warning



More than 20%	3 content classes, or 5 language classes	Automatic course failure , and possible expulsion
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Weekly Schedule

Please note this schedule is subject to change if opportunities arise to enhance the curriculum.

Week 1 Introduction to phonetics and Chinese characters: learn Chinese Pinyin system and basic knowledge of Chinese characters

Useful expressions: numbers, basic questions, etc.

Week 2 Greetings: exchange greetings; ask one's status

Personal information: give self-introduction; exchange personal information

Week 3 Dining: order food/drinks at restaurant; make suggestions; talk about preference, permission and ability

Week 4 Neighborhood: use a map and tell about the neighborhood

Ask for directions, preposition of place

Learn to use the public transport services

Week 5 Daily life: hobbies, opinions

Tell the time

Plan a fun day in Shanghai

Week 6 Travel plan: talk about weekend travel plans in China

Make requests; make comments

Final review



Course Materials

All handouts will be provided by CIEE.