



CIEE in Shanghai, China

Course name:	Communicative Chinese I
Course number:	CHIN 0001 SHCH
Programs offering course:	Shanghai Business and Culture Program
Language of instruction:	Chinese
U.S. Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	15
Term:	Summer 2019

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 successfully completing the Communicative Chinese I language course, students will:

- develop a foundation in Chinese pronunciation;
- learn approximately 100 frequently used Chinese lexical items or expressions;
- learn approximately 15 frequently used Chinese sentence patterns;
- be able to carry out basic conversations on six to seven topics for daily life.

Course Prerequisites

The course is designed for learners with no previous Chinese language study.

Methods of Instruction

Class instruction emphasizes communication, interaction, and performance. Interactive classroom activities, such as role-plays, interviews, group activities, and trips outside the classroom, will be used to encourage students to communicate in Chinese in meaningful contexts. Learners will complete various kinds of speaking tasks, including in-class oral activities, regular oral assignments, oral exams, as well as occasional real-life speaking activities during fieldtrips outside the classroom.

Assessment and Final Grade

1. Participation:	20%
2. Quizzes:	10%
3. Homework:	15%
4. Oral tests:	30%
5. Written tests:	20%



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

Material developed by Chinese language team.

Quizzes

Quizzes are given nearly every class except the exam days, and typically take the form of dictations, in which you are asked to write Hanyu Pinyin, and/or English for words or sentences. No make-up quizzes are allowed.

Homework

Homework is assigned for each class session, and it is important that you hand in your homework on time. Late homework is accepted up to two days 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 1% per assignment, up to 15% of your final grade.



Oral tests

There is one midterm and one final oral test. Oral tests will be conducted in the form of individual, pair, or group work. Instructions will be given to you prior to the tests. The oral tests are worth of 30% of the final grade.

Written tests

There is one midterm and one final written test. final written test. Written tests consist of listening, reading, and writing tests using Pinyin. The written tests are worth of 20% of the final grade.

Language commitment

Language commitment is worth 5% of the final grade. Speaking Chinese is required in the Chinese classroom and 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. Speaking language other than Mandarin Chinese in these areas or contexts may reduce the final course grade 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 1.5% per day of unexcused absences in language classes, or 0.75% per class hour, up to 10%. Absence 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 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 can only be used once each term. Absence for 4 class hours or more may result in failure of the course.

Weekly Schedule

List your schedule of classes below for the full term, including orientation, holidays and scheduled program trips. Ask the Resident Director for program dates before scheduling classes. If there are required course related fieldtrips in addition to regularly scheduled classes, be sure to indicate that these are required. These should be listed **by week and by course session**. Ensure that all exams, assignments, and readings are also included on the dates they are due.

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

Useful expressions: numbers, basic questions, etc.



Greetings: exchange greetings; ask one's status

Personal information: give self-introduction; exchange personal information

Week 2 Dining: order food/drinks at restaurant; make suggestions; talk about preference, permission and ability

Neighborhood: use a map and tell about the neighborhood

Ask for directions, preposition of place

Learn to use the public transport services

Mid-term exam

Week 3 Daily life: hobbies, opinions

Tell the time

Plan a fun day in Shanghai

Week 4 Travel plan: talk about weekend travel plans in China

Make requests; make comments

Final exam

Note: Each class session contains two class hours. Detailed weekly plans will be distributed to students each Friday for the following week of classes.

Course Materials

Readings

All handouts will be provided by CIEE.