Chinese for Beginners 入門華語_01 - Fall 2025 Syllabus (updated 2025/09/04)

Class Time	Mon 1:10 PM-04:00 PM		
Credit Hours	3 credits		
Prerequisites	This course is designed for learners who have NO or LITTLE prior knowledge in Chinese		
	language and culture.		
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1. Course Objectives

After completing the course, students will learn

- 1. the elements of Chinese sounds, including initials, finals and four tones.
- 2. produce accurate rhythm and stress in compound words and short sentences.
- 3. the elements of Chinese characters, including character structures, radicals, phonetic components and semantic components.
- 4. write traditional characters but are required to be able to read both traditional and simplified characters.
- 5. level appropriate vocabulary and sentences for daily use.

2. Course Description

This course will

- 1. introduce Hanyu Pinyin as a learning tool of Chinese pronunciation.
- 2. help beginners build and practice Chinese pronunciation and Chinese characters.
- 3. focus on four language skills, which include listening, reading, speaking and writing.
- 4. build up students' ability to complete communicational tasks.

3. Method of Instruction

- 1. Lecturing
- 2. Individual practice
- 3. Pair and group work
- 4. Class discussion
- 5. Class activities

4. Course Materials

Compiled learning materials

5. Grading

	Grading	Percent
1.	Attendance	30%
2.	Participation	20%
3.	Assignments and Quizzes	20%
4.	Final project	10%
5.	Midterm exam	10%
6.	Final exam	10%

6. Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics	
		Course Introduction	
		Placement Test (REQUIRED)	
		I Chinese Pronunciations	
1	9/8	Lesson 1	
		• Initials: b p m f d t n l g k h	
		• Finals: a o e i u ü ai ei ao ou	
		• Tones 1: 4 lexcial tones & 1 neutral tone	
	9/15	Lesson 2	
2		• Finals: an en ang eng ong	
		• Tones 2: half 3rd tone & Tone change rules	
3	9/22	Lesson 3	
		• Initials: j q x	
		Finals: ia ie iao iu ian in iang ing ü üe üan ün iong	
4	9/29	One-day compensatory holiday for Teachers' Day	
5	10/6	Mid-Autumn Festival	
		• Review L1-L3	
	10/13	• Lesson 4	
6		• Initials: z c s	
		• Finals: -i (after z c s)	
		Dividing mark	
	10/20	Lesson 5	
7		• Initials: z c s / zh ch sh r	
		• Finals: -i (after zh ch sh r)	
	10/27	Lesson 6	
8		• Word stressed	
		• The modulations of —	
9	11/3	Mid-term Exam	
	11/10	II Chinese Characters	
		Lesson 7	
10		Formation of characters 1	
		Lesson 8	
		Formation of characters 2	
11	11/17	Lesson 9	
		• Strokes, stroke orders 1	
		Lesson 10	
		• Strokes, stroke orders 2	
	11/24	Lesson 11	
12		• Radicals 1	
		Lesson 12 • Radicals 2	
	12/1	Lesson 13	
		• Phonetic components	
13		Lesson 14	
		Semantic components	
14	12/8	Review: Lesson 7-14	
		Chinese Proficiency Test (TOCFL Speedy Screening Listening Test)	
15	12/15	Final Presentation	
16	12/22	Final Exam	
10	14/44	I mai Laam	

^{*}Adjustments may be made in the syllabus to meet students' needs and course requirements.

7. Available Support Service

Dictionary MDBG Chinese-English Dictionary

https://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary

Stroke Order Learning Program for Stoke Order of Chinese Characters

http://stroke-order.learningweb.moe.edu.tw/

Punctuation Chinese Punctuation || The Complete Guide

https://www.ltl-shanghai.com/chinese-punctuation/

Speaking Speak Chinese

http://www.china.org.cn/learning chinese/index.htm

Reading Read Chinese

http://readchinese.nflc.org/contents/menu-welcome.html

Grammar Chinese Grammar Wiki

https://resources.allsetlearning.com/chinese/grammar/

8. Course Policies and Requirements

- 1. Placement test: Every student who would to take Chinese courses MUST participate in a placement test in the first class.
- 2. Attendance: Attend classes regularly and participate in class discussion and activities. You will fail this course if you are absent without notice 3 or more times per semester.
- 3. Absence: Penalties may be applicable for failure to maintain a satisfactory level of attendance.
 - 1) You should inform the instructor with notice in advance if you need to ask a leave. The notice should be sent as attachment by email.
 - 2) Sick leave: Absence notice should be sent on the absence date, but you are encouraged to send this notice one hour before the class session.
 - 3) Personal affair leaves: Absence notice should be sent one hour before the class session.
 - 4) Penalties: 5 points will be deducted from Attendance for each absence with notice. 10 points will be deducted from A&P for each absence without notice.
 - 5) ONE absence without excuse will be accepted without penalty.
 - 6) Turn in your late assignment within one week.
 - 7) No make-up quizzes will be given.

4. Assignments:

- 1) Turn in your assignment on time.
- 2) Points will be deducted for late assignment.
- 3) You will be asked to turn in the late assignment within one week.
- 5. Weekly Quizzes:
 - 1) A quiz will be given in class meeting.
 - 2) No make-up quizzes will be given for an absence.
- 6. Academic Honesty: If you plagiarize or cheat, you will without doubt fail this course and you will be punished according to the regulations of the university.
- 7. Intellectual Property Right: Use only copyrighted textbook in class.