

## Chinese for Beginners 入門華語\_02 - Fall 2025 Syllabus (updated 2025/05/09)

Class Time	<b>Tue 1:10 PM-04:00 PM</b>
Credit Hours	<b>3 credits</b>
Prerequisites	This course is designed for learners <b>who have NO or LITTLE prior knowledge in Chinese language and culture.</b>
Instructor	Instructor: Hsin-Hui Chen Email: clchenhh@ccu.edu.tw Office hours: Wed. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM or by appointment

### 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
1	9/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Course Introduction</li> <li><b>Placement Test (REQUIRED)</b></li> <li>● <i>I Chinese Pronunciations</i></li> </ul> Lesson 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initials: b p m f d t n l g k h</li> <li>• Finals: a o e i u ü ai ei ao ou</li> <li>• Tones 1: 4 lexical tones &amp; 1 neutral tone</li> </ul>
2	9/16	Lesson 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finals: an en ang eng ong</li> <li>• Tones 2: half 3rd tone &amp; Tone change rules</li> </ul>
3	9/23	Lesson 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initials: j q x</li> <li>• Finals: ia ie iao iu ian in iang ing ü üe üan ün iong</li> </ul>
4	9/30	Review: Lesson 1 ~ Lesson 3
5	10/7	Lesson 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initials: z c s</li> <li>• Finals: -i (after z c s)</li> <li>• Dividing mark</li> </ul>
6	10/14	Lesson 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initials: z c s / zh ch sh r</li> <li>• Finals: -i (after zh ch sh r)</li> </ul>
7	10/21	Lesson 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word stressed</li> <li>• The modulations of —</li> </ul>
8	10/28	Review: Lesson 1 ~ Lesson 6
9	11/4	<b>Mid-term Exam</b>
10	11/11	<i>II Chinese Characters</i> Lesson 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of characters 1</li> </ul> Lesson 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of characters 2</li> </ul>
11	11/18	Lesson 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strokes, stroke orders 1</li> </ul> Lesson 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strokes, stroke orders 2</li> </ul>
12	11/25	Lesson 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radicals 1</li> </ul> Lesson 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radicals 2</li> </ul>
13	12/2	Lesson 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonetic components</li> </ul> Lesson 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semantic components</li> </ul>
14	12/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review: Lesson 7-14</li> <li>● Chinese Proficiency Test (TOCFL Speedy Screening Listening Test)</li> </ul>
15	12/16	<b>Final Presentation</b>
16	12/23	<b>Final Exam</b>

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

## 7. Available Support Service

Dictionary	MDBG Chinese-English Dictionary <a href="https://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary">https://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary</a>
Stroke Order	Learning Program for Stoke Order of Chinese Characters <a href="http://stroke-order.learningweb.moe.edu.tw/">http://stroke-order.learningweb.moe.edu.tw/</a>
Punctuation	Chinese Punctuation    The Complete Guide <a href="https://www.ltl-shanghai.com/chinese-punctuation/">https://www.ltl-shanghai.com/chinese-punctuation/</a>
Speaking	Speak Chinese <a href="http://www.china.org.cn/learning_chinese/index.htm">http://www.china.org.cn/learning_chinese/index.htm</a>
Reading	Read Chinese <a href="http://readchinese.nflc.org/contents/menu-welcome.html">http://readchinese.nflc.org/contents/menu-welcome.html</a>
Grammar	Chinese Grammar Wiki <a href="https://resources.allsetlearning.com/chinese/grammar/">https://resources.allsetlearning.com/chinese/grammar/</a>

## 8. Course Policies and Requirements

1. <b>Placement test:</b> Every student who would to take Chinese courses <b>MUST</b> participate in a <b>placement test in the first class.</b>
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.