

Chinese for Beginners (II) 入門華語(二) - Spring 2026 Syllabus (updated 12/27/2025)

Class Time	Tue 01:10 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.
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	2/24	Course Introduction Placement test (REQUIRED)
		<i>I Chinese Pronunciations (Pinyin & MPS)</i> Introduction • Pinyin & MPS (ㄅㄆㄇㄉ system) • Topic: 1.Where are you from? 2.Classroom Phrases

2	3/3	<p>Lesson 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initials: b p m f d t n l g k h / ㄅ ㄆ ㄇ ㄉ ㄊ ㄋ ㄌ ㄍ ㄎ ㄏ • Finals: a o e i u ü ai ei ao ou / ㄚ ㄛ ㄜ ㄝ ㄞ ㄟ ㄠ ㄡ • Tones 1: 4 lexical tones & 1 neutral tone • Dialogue: Wǒ jiào Wáng Fāngyǒu • Topic: Self-introduction
3	3/10	<p>Lesson 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finals: an en ang eng ong / ㄢ ㄣ ㄤ ㄥ ㄨㄥ • Tones 2: half 3rd tone & Tone change rules • Dialogue: Nǐ bàba māma hǎo ma ? • Topic: Greetings in different contexts
4	3/17	<p>Lesson 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initials: j q x / ㄐ ㄑ ㄒ • Finals: ia ie iao iu ian in iang ing ü üe üan ün iong 一 ㄚ 一 ㄝ 一 ㄠ 一 ㄨ 一 ㄢ 一 ㄣ 一 ㄤ 一 ㄨㄥ ㄩ ㄩㄝ ㄩㄢ ㄩㄣ ㄩㄥ • Dialogue: Jīntiān xīngqí yī • Topic: Time
5	3/24	<p>Lesson 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initials: z c s / ㄗ ㄘ ㄙ • Finals: -i (after z c s) • Dividing mark • Dialogue: Yī bēi duōshǎo qián ? • Topic: Buying things
6	3/31	<p>Lesson 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initials: z c s ㄗ ㄘ ㄙ / zh ch sh r ㄓ ㄔ ㄕ ㄖ • Finals: -i (after zh ch sh r) • Dialogue: Nǐ qù nǎlǐ ? • Topic: My daily life in CCU
7	4/7	No class (Reschedule the class for a later time.)
8	4/14	<p>Lesson 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word stressed • The modulations of 一 & 不 • Topic: Hobbies
9	4/21	Mid-term Exam
10	4/28	<p>II Chinese Characters</p> <p>Lesson 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of characters
11	5/5	<p>Lesson 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strokes, stroke orders
12	5/12	<p>Lesson 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radical 1
13	5/19	<p>Lesson 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radical 2
14	5/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review: Lesson 7-10 • Chinese Proficiency Test
15	6/2	Final Presentation
16	6/9	Final Exam

*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 Stroke 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.