

Chinese Language Course (1)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a beginning course in Chinese language. In this class we will be studying mandarin Chinese(PuTong Hua), the official dialect of China. Students will learn the Chinese Romanization system(pinyin), the character writing system, the most commonly used vocabulary and sentence patterns necessary for everyday communication about various topics. As language loses its meaning without the cultural context, we incorporate into the curriculum a variety of culture-related activities including film screening, Chinese story reading, calligraphy, Chinese holiday celebration, tea culture presentation, food making and tasting. The main instructive goal of this course is to help beginners develop their four communicative skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) while gaining an understanding of Chinese culture.

Topics

- Country and people of China
- Introducing yourself and others
- Numbers
- Identifying people, asking age
- Identifying school objects
- Family and pets
- Countries, language and nationality
- Sports
- Friends
- Food

Grading:

All, or some of the following, will be assessed each week: quizzes, orals, skits, class participation, written work, group work and homework. You will receive an overall grade for tests, quizzes and projects as well as credit toward appropriate skill areas.

The final quarter grade will be calculated in the following way:

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| ➤ Class participation and class work | 25% |
| ➤ Homework | 25% |
| ➤ Quizzes/ Tests | 30% |
| ➤ Projects | 20% |

Homework: It is necessary to practice Chinese daily in order to build a solid foundation for future lessons. In order to accomplish this objective, homework will be assigned at

the end of class period. If you sick or a legal absence, you will have twice the number of days missed to make up work. It is their responsibility to make up any missed assignments. Homework will be posted on the FA website daily.

Class Participation:

Class participation in Chinese is a key component in practicing your communicative skills, which are essential in language proficiency. Participation involves more than just raising your hand. Students have to be attentive, participate in partner activities, speak the target language formally and informally, and come to class prepared. Coming to class unprepared will result in a loss of points.

Materials:

You will need to come to class each day with

- a. Homework and plan book
- b. A pen, pencil, a three-ring binder with some loose-leaf
- c. Workbook
- d. A deck of index card

Extra Help: Extra help is available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 11:15, as well as by appointment. It is better to ask for extra help as soon as there is confusion.

Absence Policy:

Upon returning from an absence, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and hand in make-up work. You will have two days to hand in make-up work for each absence.

Text :

On Ipad -Shumang Fredlein, Paul Fredlein. Ni Hao.2008. ChinaSoft Pty Ltd
Ebook and Ework from www.chinasoft.com.au

Ipad, Ebook and Ework will be a very important resource. Students need to download onto their computer first week and use as study help and homework at home. Students are expected to keep their class materials in an organized manner. Ipad/Notes will often be graded for daily notes as well as for corrected HW/quiz/test.

I am very excited to work with you and I am confident that we are going to have an exciting and fulfilling year. Please be prepared to work hard, to learn a lot and most of all to have some fun!