

Syllabus

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7:00-8:25 pm MW
Classroom 237 Bax
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or by appointment

Course Description:

It is a full-year course in modern Chinese designed for students with no previous knowledge of the language. It (L170abc) introduces fundamentals of standard Chinese (Mandarin). Its goal is to lay a good foundation for Chinese further study and strive for an all-round development of communicative skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing Mandarin Chinese. It provides basic training on pronunciation and tones, syntactic structures and usages, commonly used vocabulary for day-to-day life, and character recognition and writing.

Textbooks

New Practical Chinese Reader (Textbook & Workbook) 1 & 2

Audio recording of the Texts and Exercises is available at:

<http://languages.caltech.edu/chinese/>

Recommended on-line resources:

For Chinese character learning and practicing:

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/ealc/chinese/character/>

<http://trc.ucdavis.edu/msjacob/gamelist.htm>

On-line dictionaries:

<http://www.zhongwen.com/>

<http://www.mandarintools.com/>

<http://cjedictionary.com/>

Class requirements:

Attendance and class participation:

Attendance is mandatory. Absences without valid reasons will affect your grade.

All students are expected to participate actively in the day's language practice.

Homework and assignments:

-- Listen to the audio materials available in the assignments page at least one hour a week.

-- Finish the exercises of each lesson in the workbook and turn the workbook once a week. Late homework will be noted.

Quizzes:

Take a vocabulary quiz (pinyin/ character/and meaning) after each new lesson.

No makeup for quizzes. The lowest of the total 7 scores will be dropped.

Orals:

There are 2 oral presentations this term. Group studies are encouraged.

Tests:

There are 6 take-home tests this term, neither books nor discussions allowed.

Extension on request can be one week at most, and 5~10% deduction will apply.

Course Grading

Class participation	15%
Homework	20%
Quizzes	15%
Tests	20%
Orals	10%
Final	20%
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Week	Monday	Wednesday
1	1/5 Review L11 我会说一点儿汉语	1/7 L11
2	1/12 <i>Quiz (L11)</i> <i>Test (L11) due</i> L12 我全身都不舒服	1/14 L12
3	1/19 Holiday	1/21 <i>Quiz (L12)</i> <i>Test (L12) due</i> L13 我认识了一个漂亮姑娘
4	1/26 L13	1/28 L14 祝你圣诞快乐
5	2/2 <i>Quiz (L13)</i> <i>Oral</i> L14	2/4 L15 她去上海了
6	2/9 <i>Quiz (L14)</i> <i>Test (L14) due</i> L15	2/11 L16 我把这事儿忘了
7	2/16 Holiday	2/18 <i>Quiz (L15)</i> <i>Test (L15) due</i> L16
8	2/23 <i>Quiz (L16)</i> <i>Test (L16) due</i> L17 这件旗袍比那件漂亮	2/25 L17
9	3/2 <i>Quiz (L17)</i> <i>Test (L17) due</i> L18 我听懂了，可是记错了	3/4 L18
10	3/9	3/11

	Review	<i>Oral</i>
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