
Syllabus

ELEMENTARY CHINESE

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Course Description:

It is a full-year course in modern Chinese, designed for students with some language background, namely the listening and speaking abilities of daily Chinese, acquired at home or after taking L170c. We place emphasis on all four skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing). The 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.

TextbooksRequired: *Integrated Chinese* (Textbook & Workbook) Level 1, Part 1Recommended: *Integrated Chinese* (Character-workbook) Level 1, Part 1

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/> (traditional version)

<http://eastasia.hawaii.edu/yao/icVocPP/default.htm> (simplified version)

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

For sentence pattern practicing:

<http://trc.ucdavis.edu/msjacob/ppts/default.htm>

On-line dictionaries:

<http://www.zhongwen.com>

<http://www.chinese-tools.com/tools/>

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:

--Listen to the audio materials available in the assignment page.

--Finish the exercises of each lesson in your workbook (*You don't have to write down the Speaking Exercises [Part II of each lesson] in the Workbook. *Use your Character Workbook to practice writing characters, though CWB is not to be graded).

--The workbook is due once a week.

Quizzes:

Take a vocabulary quiz (pinyin/ character/ meaning) once a week.

The lowest score will be dropped.

Oral:

Group studies are encouraged.

Tests:

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

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

Final:

--An oral presentation on 4 Dec.

--A close-book written exam that is due no later than 11 Dec. 5 pm.

Course Grading:

Class participation	15%
Homework	20%
Quizzes	15%
Oral	5%
Tests	25%
<u>Final</u>	<u>20%</u>
Course grade	100%

SCHEDULE (subject to change)			
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
I	9/29 Intr. to course Pinyin	9/30 Pinyin	10/2 L 1- dialog I& II
II	10/6 <i>quiz (pinyin)</i> L 2- dialog I	10/7 L 2- dialog II	10/9 L 3- dialog I
III	10/13 <i>quiz (L1-2)</i> <i>Test (L1-2) due</i> L 3- dialog II	10/14 L 4- dialog I	10/16 L 4- dialog II
IV	10/20 <i>quiz (L3-4)</i> <i>Test (L3-4) due</i> L 5- dialog I	10/21 L 5- dialog II	10/23 L 6- dialog I
V	10/27 <i>quiz (L4-5)</i> <i>Test (L4-5) due</i> L 6- dialog II	10/28 L 6- Exercises	10/30 Oral
VI	11/3 L7- dialog I	11/4 L 7- dialog II	11/6 L 7- Exercises
VII	11/10 <i>quiz (L7)</i> <i>Test (L7) due</i> L 8- dialog I	11/11 L 8- dialog II	11/13 L 8- Exercises
VIII	11/17 <i>quiz (L8)</i> <i>Test (L8) due</i> L 9- dialog I	11/18 L 9- dialog II	11/20 L 9- Exercises
IX	11/24 <i>quiz (L9)</i> <i>Test (L9) due</i> L 11- dialog I	11/25 L 11- dialog II	11/27 Thanksgiving
X	12/1 L 11- Exercises	12/2 Review Prepare for Skit	12/4 <i>Skit presentation</i>