

Course Syllabus

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Course Description

Basic Chinese is designed to introduce the correct pronunciation and intonation of Chinese to the students and guide them to initiatively grasp the writing of Chinese characters. Elementary Chinese grammar will also be introduced in this course. The students will be equipped with the basic phrases and sentences to communicate situationally in Chinese, such as greeting, shopping, bus-taking, and flight-taking, and so on.

It will also introduce Chinese culture, traditions, customs, and Chinese arts through videos, students' research and presentations.

Goals and Expectations of the Course

1. The students are expected to master the phonetic system of Chinese, including the sounds, the tones and the intonation;
2. The students are expected to have an understanding of the elementary Chinese grammar and Chinese characters. The students will be able to recognize about 150 Chinese characters and 50 Chinese phrases and expression after the course.

Web Address for Chinese Learning

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

Course Outline:

Note: 1 contact hours equals to 50 minutes (1 class hour) in this course.

Date	Lecture Topics	Contact Hours
05/30 2:00-5:00pm.	Lesson 1, Lesson 2	3
05/31 9:00-12:00am.	Lesson 3, Lesson 4 <i>Learning a Chinese song</i>	3
06/06 2:00-5:00pm.	Lesson 5, Lesson 6	3
06/07 9:00-12:00am.	Lesson 7, Lesson 8 <i>Meeting Chinese Calligraphy</i>	3
06/14 9:00-12:00am.	Lesson 9 Examination	3

Methods of Students' Evaluation

Students will have a written test, an oral test and a listening test at the end of the course. They will also have dictionary and the vocabulary quizzes at the end of each lecture. The written tests will be 25%. The listening and oral tests will be 25%. The dictionary and the vocabulary quizzes will be 15%. The homework, class participation, and attendance will be 35%.

The grading scale is A (95-100%), A- (90-94%), B+ (87-89%), B (84-86%), B- (80-83%), C+ (77-79%), C (74-76%), C- (70-73%), D+ (67-69%), D (64-66%), D- (60-63%), E* (below 60%, Incomplete).

Homework

Homework will be assigned almost everyday. It should be submitted by the end of next class time. Two points will be given for every assignment that is completed. If an assignment is turned in late, I will accept it only if the student gives a legitimate reason for his/her failure to submit it on time.

Quizzes/Tests/Assignments

If the student misses a quiz, a test, or an assignment due to an excused absence, s/he must arrange with the instructor to make it up no more than three days after the quiz/test/assignment is due. Exceptions will be made in the event of a serious illness or a special situation. No make-ups will be given for unexcused absences on test/quiz days. No credits will be given to any late assignment that is not excused by the school policy and instructor. Missing a class (excused or unexcused) on the day before a quiz or a test, or before a major assignment is due will not exempt the student from preparing for and taking the test/quiz with the rest of the class. Exceptions may be granted in advance of class in special cases.

Class Attendance Policy

It is expected that every student attends each class. Punctual attendance is also mandatory. Any unexcused tardy greater than ten minutes is considered an unexcused absence. The student who has an excused absence needs to come to my office to make up for the class within three days.

Happy learning, Happy Reading, Happy thinking!