

Syllabus - Mandarin Chinese I

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Room 305

Welcome to Mandarin Chinese I for the 2016-2017 school year. Be prepared for a fun yet challenging journey ahead to explore the beauty of the Chinese language and culture.

Course Description

This is a course in standard Mandarin Chinese, the official language of the People's Republic of China. It is designed for beginners who have no prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. The course focuses on the Mandarin pronunciation system, basic speaking, listening skill as well as the fundamental reading and character writing skills. Students will not only learn how to communication in Chinese orally and in writing but also explore the Chinese culture with thousands of years of history. Class work involves communicative activities, dialogues, and paired/group practice. A variety of materials are used to reinforce language skills.

Textbook

Integrated Chinese Level 1 Part 1, 3rd Edition (Simplified)
Publisher: Cheng & Tsui
ISBN: 9780887276446

Workbook

Integrated Chinese Level 1 Part 1, 3rd Edition (Simplified)
Publisher: Cheng & Tsui
ISBN: 9780887276408
(The school provides a class set of workbooks for students to review in class.)

Online Resources

http://www.chinese.cn/onlinelearning/learningchinese/pinyin_basics/
<http://www.yellowbridge.com/>
<http://www.iciba.com/>
<http://quizlet.com/subject/integrated-chinese-level-1/>
http://edu.chinese.cn/en-us/onlinelearning/node_23188.htm

Supplies

- Set of #2 Pencils & color pencils (for writing practice and projects)
- Glue & tape (for projects)
- USB/Flash Drive (for recordings & projects)
- 1 notebook (for note taking in class)
- 1 pkg. 3x5 index cards (for vocabulary buildup)
- Ear Phone

Classroom Rules

Students are expected to know and to follow the school guidelines and policies as they have been stated in the Student Handbook.

A nurturing environment for everyone is a significant part in this course. Every student is expected to respect the teacher and observe the following rules:

- Bringing necessary school supplies and being engaged in class activities;
- Using appropriate language & treating all people and property with respect at all times;
- Cell phones must be turned off and off sight;
- Food and drink must be off sight at the beginning of each class. However, it is teacher's sole discretion to allow food and drink during silent seat work time in the 2nd half of the class on the condition that nobody litters or disturb other when exercising this privilege;
- Bathroom visits shall be kept to minimum. No visit to the bathroom in the first and last 10 minutes of the class period. Students are NOT allowed to bring their cell phones with them during bathroom visit. Students need to fill out a Sign-in/Sign-out sheet for bathroom visit.

Assessments

Various types of assessments in listening, reading, speaking, and writing will be used to measure your individual progress and learning. You are expected to complete all required assignments, including homework. Wednesdays & Thursdays are the designated test days. However, you may still have unannounced quizzes on any other day of the week.

Missed Assignments due to excused absence

All assignments are expected for submission by due date. It is students' responsibility to contact the teacher to make arrangement for makeup for missed assignment(s) due to excused absence. Students have three working days to complete the missed assignment(s). No late submission will be accepted.

I am very glad that you have chosen Chinese as your foreign language elective. I'd like to see each one of you to be successful in learning. Please remember the following:

I am here to help you to be successful!

Everyone of you has the potential to excel as long as you engage yourself in learning!

I do NOT give you your grades; you EARN them YOURSELF!

Good luck and have fun in the course!

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Pacing Guide

The following is unit pacing guide with reference to lessons, themes & objectives. Each unit shall take about 5 weeks to complete.

lesson	theme	objectives
1	Greetings & Self introduction	1. exchange of basic greetings
		2. request a person's last name and full name
		3. Determine someone's identity
		4. ascertain someone's nationality
2	Family Members	1. employ basic kinship terms
		2. describe a family photo
		3. ask about someone's profession
		4. know some common professions
3	dates and time	1. tell and speak about time and dates
		2. talk about someone's age and birthday
		3. invite someone to dinner
		4. arrange a dinner date
4	Hobbies	1. say and write the terms for basic hobbies
		2. ask about someone's hobbies
		3. ask friend out to see a movie
		4. set up plans for weekend
5	visiting friends	1. welcome a visitor
		2. introduce one person to another
		3. ask for beverages preferences
		4. briefly describe a visit to a friend's place