

Course Syllabus

Chinese Language (Beginner)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will provide approximately 60 hours of classroom lectures, which is designed to suits the beginners of Chinese language. This course focuses on training the students to use the simple Chinese in daily communication. It starts from the pinyin, and then goes forward step by step, involving the most frequently used words and sentence patterns in Chinese vocabulary and grammar, and the most fundamental communication activities in daily life. The course gives preference to the topics, functions and language points as training materials which are directly related to the students' activities of daily life.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES

Through the series of lectures, students are expected to demonstrate basic speaking abilities, i.e. create simple sentences, and participate in short conversations related biographical information and everyday survival topics.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course requires students to complete the following:

Class Participation: 30%

Final Exam: 70%

ABOUT CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

The instructor expects active participation from students in class and encourages them to ask questions and share outside knowledge at all times during class. This course requires a minimum of 70% attendance to pass. It means that a student who misses more than 30% of the class will fail no matter how well or poorly he/she does in the class work.

ABOUT FINAL EXAM

Final exam will be divided into two parts: written part and spoken part.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Lecture1: Introduction to the syllabic structure and pronunciation of Modern Standard Chinese (1).

Lecture 2: Introduction to the syllabic structure and pronunciation of Modern Standard Chinese (2).

Lecture 3: Lesson 1: Welcome to Shanghai.

Lecture 4: Lesson 2: Introduction.

Lecture 5: Lesson 3: What are you going to do today?

Lecture 6: Lesson 4: Where are you going?

Lecture 7: Lesson 5: Shopping

Lecture 8: Lesson 6: We are going to the restaurant

Lecture 9: Lesson 7: What's the weather like today?

Lecture 10: Lesson 8: Welcome to my home