

Chinese I/Block – High School

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a beginning level course that will introduce the student to a variety of areas of Mandarin Chinese (Simplified). In this course, the student will learn listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through activities that are based on pedagogically proven methods of foreign language instruction. Throughout the five units of material (Introduction to Chinese, Greetings, Calendar, Weather, and Time), students learn to express themselves using an ever increasing vocabulary. Grammar is introduced and practiced in innovative and interesting ways with a variety of learning styles in mind. Culture is sprinkled throughout the course in an attempt to help the learner focus on the Chinese speaking world and their culture, people, geographical locations and histories. The course is aligned to the national Foreign Language standards.

Course Policies and Procedures

In order for a student to be successful in Chinese 1, Semester 1, the student must:

- Study vocabulary at least fifteen minutes daily.
- Do all activities in the course--those for a grade as well as those that are for student enrichment only.
- Take notes that can be used to study Chinese outside of class.
- Be motivated to work independently.
- Stay in frequent, close communication with the online Chinese teacher.

The course must be worked through in order and all activities must be done. Many of the self-check activities can be done over and over again which will serve very beneficial to the student who is motivated to use this course as an effective delivery system.

It is imperative that the student read all of the information in the Course Home area of this course before getting started. There is vital information in the "Welcome!" "Standards," and "Getting Started" sections.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Learn to appreciate other cultures.
- Familiar with the Chinese phonological system.
- Familiar with greetings in Chinese.
- Know Chinese numbers.
- Express likes and dislikes.
- Talk about themselves.

- Talk about calendar.
- Talk about the weather.
- Talk about the time.
- Ask and respond to simple questions on basic topics.
- Write and type words in Chinese and pronounce words appropriately.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: One Semester

REQUIRED TEXT: No required textbook for this course

MATERIALS LIST: No required materials for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Unit 1: Chinese

- Learn how to write in Chinese
- Learn how to type Chinese characters
- Learn the Chinese phonological system-Pinyin: initials, finals and tones

Unit 2: Greetings

- Introduce yourself to someone and ask their name
- Ask how someone is
- Ask where someone lives

Unit 3: Calendar

- Talk about the day of the week
- Learn the numbers 0-31
- Talk about the date

Unit 4: Weather

- Talk about the weather and seasons
- Express possession
- Learn some verbs
- Talk about what you wear in various situations

- Learn colors

Unit 5: Time

- Talk about places in a town
- Talk about things to do in school
- Talk about things you do at different places in a town
- Manipulate some verbs

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Unit 6: Places

- Describe where things are in relation to other things in your town
- Talk about things you do, like to do, need to do, want to do or have to do
- Learn choices in questions
- Learn how to express present and past tense in Chinese

Unit 7: Family

- Talk about your family members
- Talk about your family members birthdays and ages
- Review dates and numbers

Unit 8: Food

- Talk about foods, beverages, and meals
- Learn to order food and converse in a restaurant
- Learn about dining habits in the Chinese speaking world

Unit 9: Activities

- Talk about sports and leisure time activities in the China
- Learn how to talk about what you like to do
- Learn how to invite other people
- Learn how to accept and refuse an invitation

Unit 10: School

- Talk about schools and school activities in China

- Learn to talk about your school day in more detail
- Learn to talk about your house
- Learn to talk about chores and responsibilities you have at home

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