

Mandarin (Chinese) I

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. 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 national Foreign Language standards.

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE LENGTH: Two semesters

REQUIRED SOFTWARE: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1

Introduction to Chinese

- Language
- Writing
- Pronunciation

Greetings

- Hello
- Good morning
- Bye

Numbers

- Numbers: from 1 to 10
- From 11 to 99
- From 100 to 999
- 1,000 and after

My Family

- Family members
- Birthdays
- Housework

School Life

- Classes
- Friends
- Library

Semester 2

- Personal Information
- Communication
- Occupation
- Characteristics

Dress

- Clothing
- Shoes and Hats
- Fashion

Daily Life

- Time
- Agenda
- Daily Routine

Shopping

- Food and drink
- Daily necessities, fruits
- Prices

In the Restaurant

- Menu
- Ordering
- Paying the bill