CIEE Shanghai, China

Course title: Survival Chinese
Course code: NONCR CHIN SHCN
Programs offering course: Shanghai Open Campus Block
Language of instruction: Chinese
U.S. semester credits: 0.00
Contact hours: 15.00
Term: Spring Block II 2021

Course Description
This course is designed for beginning-level Chinese learners to develop practical oral communicative skills in Chinese. The course is function-oriented and task-based. A range of practical topics such as introducing oneself, discussing daily routines, asking about time, shopping, ordering food, etc. will be introduced in class. Through the course, learners will develop their ability to carry out basic conversations in Chinese on a series of topics for daily life.

Learning Objectives
By completing this course, students will:

- Read and pronounce Chinese Pinyin.
- Recognize and use approximately 100 frequently used Chinese lexical items or expressions and recognize and use approximately 15 frequently used Chinese sentence patterns.
- Converse on six to seven topics for daily life, so as to facilitate integration with Chinese culture and society

Course Prerequisites
None

Methods of Instruction
Class instruction emphasizes communication, interaction, performance, and group work. Students will be required to complete small tasks outside the class every day. Those guided co-curricular activities will take place when necessary to have a real linguistic contact with locals and reinforce the structures covered in the classroom.

Attendance
Regular class attendance is required throughout the program, and all unexcused absences will result in a lower participation grade for any affected CIEE course. Due to the intensive schedules for Open Campus and Short Term programs, unexcused absences that constitute more than 10% of the total course will result in a written warning.

Students who transfer from one CIEE class to another during the add/drop period will not be considered absent from the first session(s) of their new class, provided they were marked present for the first session(s) of their original class. Otherwise, the absence(s) from the original class carry over to the new class and count against the grade in that class.

For CIEE classes, excessively tardy (over 15 minutes late) students must be marked absent. Attendance policies also apply to any required co-curricular class excursion or event, as well as to Internship, Service Learning, or required field placement. Students who miss class for personal travel, including unforeseen delays that arise as a result of personal travel, will be marked as absent and unexcused. No make-up or re-sit opportunity will be provided.

Attendance policies also apply to any required class excursion, with the exception that some class excursions cannot accommodate any tardiness, and students risk being marked as absent if they fail to be present at the appointed time.

Unexcused absences will lead to the following penalties:
N.B. Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, or local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1
Class: 1.1 Introduction to phonetics and Chinese characters
- Learn Chinese Pinyin system and basic knowledge of Chinese characters
- Useful expressions: numbers, basic questions, etc.

Week 2
Class: 2.1 Greetings: exchange greetings; ask one’s status
Personal information: give self-introduction; exchange personal information

Week 3
Class: 3.1 Dining
- order food/drinks at restaurant
- make suggestions
- talk about preference, permission and ability

Week 4
Class: 4.1 Neighborhood
- Use a map and tell about the neighborhood
- Ask for directions, preposition of place
- Learn to use the public transport services

Week 5
Class: 5.1 Daily life
- Hobbies, opinions
- Tell the time
- Plan a fun day in Shanghai
Week 6
Class: 6.1 Travel plan

- Talk about weekend travel plans in China
- Make requests; make comments
- Final review

Course Materials
Readings

All handouts will be provided by CIEE.