CIEE Shanghai, China

Course title: Chinese—Accelerated Beginning I
Course code: CHIN 1002 SACS
Programs offering course: Accelerated Chinese Language
Language of instruction: Chinese
U.S. semester credits: 6.00
Contact hours: 90.00
Term: Spring 2021

Course Description
The goal of the course is to establish a solid foundation in modern standard Mandarin Chinese language through the integration of all 5 skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural skills. Characters, vocabulary and grammatical patterns are learned through communicative contexts.

Learning Objectives
By completing this course, students will:

- Identify and use approximately 350 frequently used beginning level Chinese characters and 450 lexical items or expressions.
- Converse in Chinese on a wide range of daily-life topics.
- Comprehend and produce short Chinese texts.

Course Prerequisites
None

Methods of Instruction
Class instruction emphasizes communication, interaction, performance, and group work. Language meals, language clinic, peer tutors, and trips outside of class support this learning system.

Assessment and Final Grade
1. Quizzes 10%
2. Homework 15%
3. Oral Tests 20%
4. Written Tests 30%
5. Language Commitment 5%
6. Participation 20%
TOTAL 100%

Course Requirements
Quizzes
Quizzes are given nearly every day except the exam days, and typically take the form of dictations, in which you are asked to write Chinese characters, Pinyin, and/or English for words or sentences. No make-up quizzes are allowed.

Homework
Homework is assigned on a daily basis, and it is important that you hand in your homework on time. Late homework is accepted up to one week after the deadline and will be marked down 1 point (out of 10) on each assignment grade. Missing homework will reduce your final course grade by 0.5% per assignment, up to 15% of your final grade.
Oral Tests

There is an oral test at the end of every two to three chapters, in the form of individual, pair, or group work. Instructions will be given to you prior to the tests. There are also midterm and final oral exams. The oral tests are worth 20% of the final grade.

Written Tests

Tests are given at the end of every two to three chapters, consisting of listening, reading, and writing tests. There are also midterm and final written exams. The written tests are worth 30% of the final grade.

Language Commitment

Language commitment is worth 5% of the final grade. Speaking Chinese is required in the Chinese classroom building and the Chinese-Language-Only Areas in the CIEE Study Center building, offices, conference rooms, and other CIEE-affiliated areas. Speaking Chinese is also required when interacting with CIEE staff, host family or Chinese roommate, with other CIEE students in the campus residence hall, and in any other environment whenever possible. Speaking language other than Mandarin Chinese in these areas or environments may reduce the final grade in Chinese class by 1 - 5% points.

Participation

Your attendance and active participation in each class session is essential for a successful language course. It is important that you come to class well-prepared. Attendance is worth 10% and participation is worth another 10% of your final grade. Participation means both physical attendance and active engagement in class. Your final grade will be reduced 1% per day of unexcused absences in language classes, or 0.5% per class hour, up to 10%. Absences may be excused in the event of a medical necessity or family emergency. In such cases, you may request an Excused Absence Form from the CIEE office. First submit the form to the head language instructor for her or his approval and signature, prior to submitting the completed form, together with a note from the attending physician or other supporting documentation, for approval from the Language Director. The Excused Absence Form may not be used more than two times per semester. Absence for three weeks of Chinese classes or more may result in failure of the course.

All coursework must be submitted directly to the instructor of record, unless the student has received other explicit, documented instructions to the contrary. You are required to keep hard copies of all assignments for up to one year after the completion of the program, in addition to any digital copies required by the instructor. It is your responsibility to make sure the instructor has received all your required work. Failure to do so may result in zero credit for lost assignments.

Neither individual instructors, the Language Director nor the Center Director have final authority to extend deadlines past the end of the semester, make special arrangements for students to submit late work, or otherwise modify CIEE academic policies. The CIEE Chief Academic Officer is the only person authorized to approve exceptions to these policies.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is required throughout the program, and all 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, 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 any required field placement. Students may not miss placement/work hours at an internship or service learning site unless approved in advance by the Academic Director and placement supervisor. All students must complete all of the requisite 100 minimum work hours on site at the internship or service learning placement to be eligible for academic credit.

Students who miss class for personal travel, including unforeseen delays that arise as a result of personal travel, will be marked as absent. 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.

Absences for classes will lead to the following penalties:

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<th>Percentage of Total Course Hours Missed</th>
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<td>Up to 10%</td>
<td>Participation graded as per class requirements</td>
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<td>10 – 20%</td>
<td>Participation graded as per class requirements; 3% grade penalty &amp; written warning</td>
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<td>More than 20%</td>
<td>Automatic course failure, and possible expulsion</td>
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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 of Pinyin

Learning Chinese pinyin system; Learning basic knowledge of Chinese characters

Readings: Textbook, page 1-31

Class: 1.2 Introduction of Pinyin

Learning Chinese pinyin system; Learning basic knowledge of Chinese characters

Readings: Textbook, page 1-31

Class: 1.3 Hello! & Glad to Meet You!

Identifying one's name; Identifying one's nationality; Identifying one's language; Exchanging personal information; Making comments; Receiving guests

Readings: Textbook, page 33-58

Class: 1.4 Unit Test 1

**Week 2**

Class: 2.1 How Many People Are There in Your Family?

Chatting about family and school; Identifying numbers; Intentions and reasons

Readings: Textbook, page 59-72

Class: 2.2 I Want to Go to China

Making requests; Making comments; Identifying possessions; Talking about school things

Readings: Textbook, page 73-86
Week 3
Class: 3.1 Can You Make It Cheaper?
Shopping; Dining; Making suggestions; Preference, permission and ability
Readings: Textbook, page 87-112

Class: 3.2 What Are You Going to Do Tomorrow?
Inviting; Plans and preference; Identifying when and where
Readings: Textbook, page 87-112

Class: 3.3 When Will You Come Back?
Plans and arrangements; Identifying dates; Worries and reassurance; Describing people’s appearance
Readings: Textbook, page 113-128

Class: 3.4 Unit Test 3

Week 4
Class: 4.1 Is There a Bank Nearby?
Asking the way; Identifying direction; Identifying location
Readings: Textbook, page 129-147

Class: 4.2 Is There a Bank Nearby?
Asking the way; Identifying direction; Identifying location
Readings: Textbook, page 129-147

Class: 4.3 Panda
Leaning new words and expressions; Learning two Chinese Folk Songs
Readings: Textbook, page 148-152

Class: 4.4 Unit Test 4

Week 5
Class: 5.1 Chinese Characters I
Learning structure of Chinese characters; Learning fundamental strokes of Chinese characters; Learning and recognizing common radicals of Chinese characters
Readings: Supplementary textbook, page 1-30

Class: 5.2 Chinese Characters II
Learning structure of Chinese characters; Learning fundamental strokes of Chinese characters;
Learning and recognizing common radicals of Chinese characters
Readings: Supplementary textbook, page 1-30

Class:  5.3  I Feel Uncomfortable
Talking about health condition; Describing feelings; Asking for suggestions
Readings: Supplementary textbook, page 32-39

Class:  5.4  Unit Test 5

**Week 6**
Class:  6.1  I Met a Beautiful Girl
Making appointment
Readings: Supplementary textbook, page 40-56

Class:  6.2  School Life
Talking about school life; Learning the format of letters
Readings: Supplementary textbook, page 40-56

Class:  6.3  Review Class

Class:  6.4  Final Exam

**Course Materials**

**Readings**

吴中伟.《当代中文 1》. 北京: 华语教学出版社, 2003; 补充教材