



CIEE Taipei, Taiwan

Course title:	Chinese Language--Novice
Course code:	CHIN 1004 CTAI
Programs offering course:	Communications, Business and Political Economy
Language of instruction:	Chinese
U.S. semester credits:	6
Contact hours:	90
Term:	Spring 2020

Course Description

This course is the first level course designed for the novice to learn Mandarin Chinese language. Students improve their Chinese language proficiency in all four areas through interactive methods that help build communication skills in different speech contexts. Students also further their reading and writing skills through various activities and assignments. Each lesson has learning objectives and self-evaluation to give the learner a clear record of tasks completed. Classroom activities have specific learning objectives, activities, or tasks to help fortify learning while having fun.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Apply learned vocabulary in daily conversations
- Able to construct a short essay using learned sentence pattern
- Interpret most daily conversations between locals
- Able to recognize most Chinese characters

The students' Mandarin Chinese will steadily improve along with the implementation of the program.

The weekly plan includes:

Listening drills-1.5 Hours

Vocabulary practice- 1.5 Hours

Grammar drills and Test- 1 Hours

Tasks and Activities- 2 Hours

Course Prerequisites

N/A

Methods of Instruction

Interactive lectures, role plays, small group discussions, flash card, games, audio-visual aids, etc.

Course schedule is subject to change due to study tours, excursions, and local holidays. Final schedules will be included in the final syllabus provided to students on site.



Assessment and Final Grade

1.	Homework Assignments	20%
2.	Quizzes	20%
3.	Midterm Exam	20%
4.	Final Exam	30%
5.	Participation	10%
	TOTAL	100%

Course Requirements

Homework Assignments

Activity preparation for each class.

Quizzes

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Midterm Exam

Writing: Lesson 1-3 vocabularies, Oral: dialogue from L1-3

Final Exam

Writing: Lesson 4-6 vocabularies, Oral: final presentation on L4-6(pick one as your topic)

Participation

Class interactions, group discussion. Students are required to sign the attendances sheet upon arrival of each class. Students who arrive 30 minutes during class will be considered absent for one full hour.

Attendance

Weekly Schedule

Week 1

Class

Hanyu Pinyin: the official romanization system for Standard Chinese in mainland China and to some extent in Taiwan.

Week 2

Class

Lesson 1 Welcome to Taiwan! – Self introduction

Reading: L1 Teng. p.2



Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity/Quiz: Pinyin

Week 3

Class

Lesson 1 Welcome to Taiwan! – Self introduction

Reading: L1 Teng. p.5

Activity/Quiz: Dictation on lesson 1 vocabularies

Week 4

Class

Lesson 2 My Family– Family member

Reading: L2 Teng. p.24

Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity: Self introduction

Quiz: Lesson 1 Welcome to Taiwan! – Self introduction

Week 5

Class

Lesson 2 My Family– Family member

Reading: L2 Teng. p.27

Activity: Introduction on occupations

Quiz: Dictation on lesson 2 vocabularies

Week 6

Class

Lesson 3 What Are You Doing Over the Weekend?- Hobbies

Reading: L3 Teng. p.44

Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity: family introduction

Quiz: Lesson 2 My Family– Family member

Week 7

Class

Lesson 3 What Are You Doing Over the Weekend?- Hobbies

Reading: L3 Teng. p.47

Presentation: What's your favorite hobby

Quiz: Dictation on lesson 3 vocabularies & Lesson 3 What Are You Doing Over the Weekend?- Hobbies

Week 8

Class Oral Test and Mid-term exam: L1 L2 L3

Week 9

Class * Field trip: Shenkeng Old street. Tofu D.I.Y.

Lesson 4 Excuse me. How Much Does That Cost in Total? Shopping

Reading: L4 Teng. p.66

Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity: Tofu D.I.Y

Week 10

Class Lesson 4 Excuse me. How Much Does That Cost in Total? Shopping

Reading: L4 Teng. p.69

Activity: shopping scenario

Quiz: Dictation on lesson 4 vocabularies

Week 11

Class Lesson 5 Beef Noodles Are Really Delicious Food culture

Reading: L5 Teng. p.86

Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity: Introductions on the beef noodle culture in Taiwan

Quiz: Lesson 4 Excuse me. How Much Does That Cost in Total? Shopping

Week 12

Class Lesson 5 Beef Noodles Are Really Delicious Food culture

Reading: L5 Teng. p.89

Presentation: Favorite dish of your country

Quiz: Dictation on lesson 5 vocabularies

Week 13

Class Lesson 6 Their School Is Up in the Mountains Locations and directions



Reading: L6 Teng. p.104-105

Vocabulary and Grammar

Activity: Brief intro on NCCU

Quiz: Lesson 5 Beef Noodles Are Really Delicious Food culture

Week 14

Class Lesson 6 Their School Is Up in the Mountains Locations and directions

Reading: L6 Teng. p.108-110

Activity: Intro on your college

Quiz: Dictation on lesson 6 vocabularies

Week 15

Class Final exam

Course Materials

Readings

Shou-hsin Teng, Peiching (Jessica)Wang, Ching-Hua Chen, Kuei-ying (Jennifer)Huang. "A Course in Contemporary Chinese I".Mandarin Training Center National Taiwan Normal University , 2015. Taipei.