

Mandarin (Chinese) 1

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 OBJECTIVES:

In this course, the learner will learn to do the following, at the beginning level:

- 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: Two semesters

REQUIRED TEXT: None

REQUIRED SOFTWARE: None

COURSE OUTLINE:

Semester 1

Chinese

1. learn how to write in Chinese
2. learn how to type Chinese characters
3. learn the Chinese phonological system-Pinyin: initials, finals and tones

Greetings

1. introduce yourself to someone and ask their name
2. ask how someone is
3. ask where someone lives

Calendar

1. talk about the day of the week
2. learn the numbers 0-31
3. talk about the date

Weather

1. talk about the weather and seasons
2. express possession
3. learn some verbs
4. talk about what you wear in various situations
5. learn colors

Time

1. talk about places in a town
2. talk about things to do in school
3. talk about things you do at different places in a town
4. manipulate some verbs

Semester 2**Places**

1. describe where things are in relation to other things in your town
2. talk about things you do, like to do, need to do, want to do or have to do
3. learn choices in questions
4. learn how to express present and past tense in Chinese

Family

1. talk about your family members
2. talk about your family members birthdays and ages
3. review dates and numbers

Food

1. talk about foods, beverages, and meals
2. learn to order food and converse in a restaurant
3. learn about dining habits in the Chinese speaking world

Activities

1. talk about sports and leisure time activities in the China.
2. learn how to talk about what you like to do.
3. learn how to invite other people.
4. learn how to accept and refuse an invitation.

School

1. talk about schools and school activities in China
2. learn to talk about your school day in more detail
3. learn to talk about your house
4. learn to talk about chores and responsibilities you have at home