



Mandarin Chinese 30-days

2013-2014

Course Description:

This is an introductory course for Mandarin Chinese (Putonghua) and Chinese culture, designed for students who have had no prior exposure to Chinese language or culture. The emphasis in this class is to develop basic communication skills such as greetings; introductions; presentations; counting; shopping and asking and giving directions in both Pinyin phonetic system and Simplified Chinese characters in 30 days. Additionally, students will appreciate and understand basic Chinese traditional culture such as Beijing Opera; Chinese Fairy tales; Paper-cutting; Calligraphy; Ink and Water Painting; Chinese Knot Art; Tea Ceremony and Kung Fu.

Course Content:

1. Language and communication skills 语言交际能力方面
 - Greetings
 - Introductions
 - Chinese names
 - Numbers from 1 to 50
 - Names of colors
 - Family members
 - Interests and Hobbies
 - Shopping
 - Dining
 - Asking and Giving Directions
2. Culture Appreciation 文化欣赏
 - Geography and history of China
 - Sceneries of main cities in China (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Wuhan)
 - Popular Chinese songs (找朋友, 新年快乐)
 - Famous Chinese fairy tales (四大名著, 传说故事, 节日故事)
 - China talents (paper-cutting; calligraphy; ink and water painting; Chinese knots; tea ceremony; Beijing opera masks and Kung Fu)

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

The teacher chooses from among both conventional print and oral materials such as textbooks, audiovisual materials, and Web-based content designed for language learning. They also make use of materials generally used by native Chinese speakers, such as print and Web-based texts; animated computer programs; and video-, CD-, and DVD based products.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to

- To cultivate interest to learn Mandarin
- To comprehend the target language
- To understand the printed language on relevant topics
- To communicate about the basic real-life topics
- To appreciate the culture of the target language
- To demonstrate at least one simple Chinese talent.

Students are required to complete all projects, assignments, quizzes and final test. Students must also participate in oral class activities such as communicative or paired activities, role playing, dialogues and performances. Good attendance and consistent practice are very important in foreign language study.

Grade Components/Assessments:

There are several different ways that your learning will be assessed:

1. Homework on time will make up 10%
2. Class Participation and Oral Assessment 40%
3. Tests and Quizzes 50%

Final exam:

Part one: 60 % - 2-minute oral self-introduction and 3-minute dialogue with a partner

Part two: 40% - 5-minute Chinese talent show- relevant content and demonstration learned from 30 days course.)

Each marking period is worth 40% of a student's overall grade. The final exam is worth 20% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Final	20%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There is no summer reading requirements for this course.