

ACCELERATED BEGINNING CHINESE (373.111)
Fall 2009

Time: M. W. & Fri. 11:00-11:50 am (Section 1); 12:00-12:50 am (Section 2)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is for those students who have already acquired ability to understand and speak standard Mandarin Chinese. The emphasis, therefore, is on reading and writing. Both traditional and simplified versions of Chinese characters are taught. Aspects of traditional Chinese culture are also introduced. Extensive supplementary materials will be used to supplement the text.

TEXTS:

--Practical Chinese Reader. Vol. 1 Hong Kong Commercial Press 1994.
--Practical Chinese Reader: Patterns & Exercises I. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company 1996

(Audio and video tapes accompanying the lessons, the Key software for writing Chinese characters, Wenlin software for learning stroke orders and Chinese satellite television programs are all available at the Language Laboratory in Krieger Hall.)

The course covers lessons 1 through 18 of the textbook, Practical Chinese Reader I. Audio, video and printed supplementary materials on Chinese culture will be used.

EVALUATION:

Students should prepare in advance for each class. Active participation in class discussions is emphasized. Attendance for this course is strictly enforced. More than four absences will result in the lowering of grade by one level.

Classroom Participation & Improvement	15% of the final grade
Homework	20% of the final grade
Character & Grammar Quizzes	30% of the final grade
Chapter Tests	30% of the final grade
Dialogue & Presentation	5% of the final grade

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Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Wed.& Fri., Sept. 2 & 4 9/2 Orientation 9/4 Lessons 1, 2, 3	9/9 Lessons 1 & 2 & 3 Character Sheets due	11 Character quiz Exercises (1-3) <i>Language Lab. Orientation</i>
9/14 Grammar quiz (1-3) Lesson 4 & 5 & 6	16 Lessons 4 & 5 & 6 C. S. due	18 Character quiz Exercises (4-6) Cultural Topic
9/21 Grammar quiz (4-6) Lesson 7 & 8 & 9	23 Lessons 7 & 8 & 9 C. S. due	25 Character quiz Exercises (7-9) Cultural Topic
9/28 Grammar quiz (7-9) Lesson 10 & 11 & 12	9/30 Lessons 10&11& 12 C. S. due	10/2 Character quiz Exercises (10&11&12) Cultural Topic
10/5 CHAPTER TEST (L. 1 -12)	7 ORAL INTERVIEW	9 ORAL INTERVIEW
10/12 Lesson 13	14 Lesson 13 C. S. due Dialogue/ Presentation	16 Character quiz Exercise (13) Dialogue/Presentation
10/19 Grammar quiz (13) Lesson 14 Lab. Assignment #1 due	21 Lesson 14 C. S. due Dialogue/ Presentation	23 Character quiz Exercise (14) Dialogue/Presentation
10/26 Grammar quiz (14) Lesson 15	10/28 Lesson 15 C. S. due Dialogue/ Presentation	30 Character quiz Exercise (15) Dialogue/Presentation
11/2 Grammar quiz (15) Lesson 16	4 Lesson 16 C. S. due Dialogue/Presentation	6 Character quiz Exercise (16) Dialogue/Presentation
11/9 Grammar quiz (16) Lesson 17	11 Lesson 17 C. S. due Dialogue/ Presentation	13 Character quiz Exercise (17) Dialogue/Presentation
11/16 Culture Topic Evolution of Chinese Characters	18 ACTFL Conference	20 ACTFL Conference
11/23 Grammar Quiz (17) Lesson 18 Lab. Assignment #2 due	11/25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!	11/27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!!!
11/30 Lesson 18 C. S. due, Exercise	2 character quiz (18) Chinese Brush Writing	4 Review, Lesson 1-18

12/7 CHAPTER TEST (LESSONS 1-18)