

Spring 2008

EAC 102 : Elementary CHINESE

Session I MWF	10:25~11:20	TBA	
	TTh	10:15~11:10	TBA
Session II MWF/TTh	2:45~3:40	TBA	

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course is designed to learn both spoken and written Mandarin Chinese. Emphasis will be put on the training of the four communicative skills, listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Each lesson will focus on a typical daily conversational topic to teach the students to use the language in linguistically and socially appropriate ways, whereas the situation exercises and the interaction with fellow students will help to enable the students to integrate what they have learned into their everyday practice. By the end of the course, we expect our students to move from the novice to the intermediate level in both oral and written communicative proficiency, a standard set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). To be specific, our students are expected to be able to communicate their ideas correctly at sentence level and handle simple survival situations.

Textbooks:

1. Required: **BOOKS (Simplified Character edition)**

1. Yuehua Liu, et al, *Integrated Chinese Level I, part 2 Textbook, Second Edition*
2. Yuehua Liu, et al, *Integrated Chinese Level I, part 2 Workbook, Second Edition*
3. Yuehua Liu, et al, *Integrated Chinese Level I, part 2 Character Workbook, Second Edition*

These three textbooks are available at the **Mary Jane Bookstore**.

Workbook DVD and Multimedia Companion CD-ROM: It is recommended that you purchase (1) the *Workbook DVD* and (2) the *Multimedia Companion CD-ROM*, both of which are designed for use with *Integrated Chinese, Level 1, Part 1*. These materials can be purchased directly from the publisher: Cheng and Tsui, 25 West St., Boston, MA, 02111-1268.

Some useful Internet resources related to this class:

Listening materials for *Integrated Chinese*: <http://www.language.berkeley.edu/ic/>

Pronunciation guide: <http://www.people.fas.harvard.edu/~pinyin/>

On-line dictionary: zhongwen.com

Requirements

Chinese character forms: All written work in this class will be done in simplified-form Chinese characters, which are used in China today.

Attendance and Makeups: Students are expected to attend all classes. Attendance will be taken daily. *Three absences* are allowed during the semester. An additional class cut beyond three absences will result in a plus/minus reduction in the final grade. In other words, if you cut four classes and earn a "B" in the course, your final grade will be B-; five class cuts would get you a C+, and so on. *Makeups for missed exams and quizzes will be given only if the absence was due to a documented medical (this means you must have a signed note from an MD saying you were physically unable to attend class) or documented personal emergency.* If possible, consult with Ye Laoshi *before* the absence.

Exams and quizzes: Exams will be given approximately once every two weeks (covering two lessons); quizzes will be given at least once a week (covering one lesson).

Homework: Assignments are listed in each week's Weekly Schedule. **Late homework will not receive a grade after 4pm on the due date.** You may turn in your homework in class or in homework box labeled 'EAC 102 Homework', located outside HU 284.

Final Written Exam: TBA

Grading System:

Classroom performance (attendance and participation)	15%
Homework (written exercises)	15%
Quizzes	20%
Tests	30%
Final exam	20%

GRADE SCALE: 93-100%=A; 90-92%=A-; 87-89%=B+; 83-86%=B; 80-82%=B-; 77-79%=C+; 73-76%=C; 70-72%=C-; 67-69%=D+; 63-66%=D; 60-62%=D-; 0-59%=E.