

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Beginners' Chinese 1**

Course Number and Section

CHINESE

1150 550

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Course Description:

This course serves as an introduction to Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin) as a foreign language for beginners. The main goal for this course is for students to acquire a culturally contextualized working knowledge of and essential skills in introductory Chinese. The course aims at developing four basic skills, reading, writing, listening, and speaking, and at building a solid foundation in preparation for more advanced studies. Special emphasis will be given to recognition and writing of Chinese characters.

This course adopts a learner-centered teaching approach. Students are expected to get prepared for each and every class by doing previews and reviews. They must actively participate in the classroom activities.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Establish a mastery of the pinyin romanization system and can pronounce and transcribe correctly sounds used in modern standard Chinese;

Have a good command of basic strokes and stroke-order for writing Chinese characters;

Read short texts and write approximately 400 characters;

Master basic sentence patterns and use them to produce sentences;

Conduct simple conversations in Chinese;

Prepare for the next level Chinese course, Chinese 2250.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

- Required textbook: Yuehua Liu, et al., Integrated Chinese 中文听说读写 Vol.1, Fourth edition. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2017. This set consists of a Textbook and a Workbook. The textbook and workbook are available to purchase at Western Bookstore: Textbook: <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/9781622917457> Cost: \$100.60
Workbook: <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/9781622911363> Cost: \$51.75
- Students need to purchase this new edition with supplemental readings. Older editions will not be sufficient.
- Students are welcome to purchase second-hand copies of this textbook. Second-hand copies of the workbook are not permitted.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	10
Homework	Upon completion of each lesson	10
Quizzes	Upon completion of each lesson	20
Interview 1	12/08/2026	5
Interview 2	04/08/2027	5
Test 1	11/05/2026	10
Test 2	02/04/2027	10
Group presentation	04/01/2027	5
Final exam	Exam period	25

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In-course Costs \$152.35

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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