

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.

Learning Outcomes:

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;

II. 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, 2009. This set consists of a Textbook, a Workbook. The textbook and workbook are available to purchase at Western Bookstore, total cost: \$156.45:

Textbook: <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/9781622917457>

Workbook: <https://bookstore.uwo.ca/product/9781622911363>

- Students need to purchase this edition. Older editions will not be sufficient.
- Students are welcome to purchase second-hand of the textbook. Second-hand of the workbook is not permitted.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	10
Homework	See course schedule	10
Quizzes	See course schedule	20
Interviews	12/09/2025; 04/09/2026	10
Group presentation	04/02/2026	5
Tests	See course schedule	20
Final Exam	Final exam period	25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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