

# Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

**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. The course will make use of audio-visual facilities as assistance. Special emphasis will be given to recognition and writing of Chinese characters.

### 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:

Yuehua Liu, et al., Integrated Chinese 中文听说读写 Level 1 Part 1, Fourth edition. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009. This set consists of a Textbook, a Workbook, and a Character Workbook.

### Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance and Participation	Ongoing	10%
Character writing	Ongoing	5%
Assignment	Ongoing	10%
Quizzes	Ongoing	20%

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date mm/dd/yy</b>	<b>Weight - %</b>
Interview	12/06/2023	5%
Group presentation	04/03/2024	5%
Written tests	11/08/2023 and 02/07/2024	20%
Final examination	April Exam Period	25%

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