

COURSE OUTLINE

CHINESE 100 (FALL, 2004)

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Text: Contemporary Chinese Volume 1 (Beijing: Sinolingua, 2003)
Workbooks: Contemporary Chinese Character Book & Exercise Book

Dictionary: Concise English-Chinese Chinese-English Dictionary,
The Commercial Press, Oxford University Press

Course Description:

This is an introductory course in Modern Standard Chinese designed for students with no background in Chinese. The course objective is to provide a systematic introduction to modern Chinese in both its spoken and written forms. The important aspects of the course consist of the acquisition of a thorough grounding in pronunciation, the introduction of basic grammar and written characters. The textbook begins with “Preparation” which introduces the Chinese sound system and is the most important part of this course. At the end of the course, students will master Mandarin sounds (Pin Yin) and be able to understand simple Chinese sentences and read and write about 150 Chinese characters. Classes will be so structured as to provide maximum opportunity for students’ participation with the aim of acquiring both fluency and accuracy in the use of Mandarin Chinese.

Assignments:

Written and oral exercises will be assigned at the end of each lesson. All assignments are expected to be completed on time.

Tests and Examinations:

A quiz will be given upon completion of each lesson. There will be a Mid-term Exam, an Oral Exam and a Final Exam. The specific date for each exam will be notified in advance.

Evaluation:

1. Term Work (attendance, recitation, tests)	45%
2. Language Lab. (attendance and quizzes)	10%
3. Mid-term Exam	15%
4. Oral Exam	15%
5. Final Exam	15%

Please Note:

For all language courses, your FULL participation in all classes and language lab sessions is a Must in order to achieve the best result.

All tests will be given on the set dates. No make-up test will be arranged without a valid reason.

Grading Scale:

A+ = 95---100%	B- = 70---74
A = 90---94	C+ = 65---69
A- = 85---89	C = 60---64
B+ = 80---84	D = 50---59
B = 75---79	F = Below 50

Schedule:

Week	Lessons in classes
Sept. 7---10	Preparation 0.1
Sept. 13---17	Preparation 0.2 & 0.3 (Test 1)
Sept. 20---24	Preparation 0.4 (Test 2)
Sept. 27---1	Preparation 0.5 & 0.6 (Test 3)
Oct. 4---8	Preparation 0.7& Review (Mid-term)
Oct. 11---15	Lesson 1
Oct. 18---22	Lesson 1 (Test 4)
Oct. 25---29	Lesson 2
Nov. 1---5	Lesson 2 (Test 5)
Nov. 8---12	Lesson 3
Nov. 15---19	Lesson 3 (Test 6)
Nov. 22---26	Lesson 4
Nov. 29---3	Lesson 4 (Test 7)
Dec. 6---10	Review (Oral Exam)

