

COURSE SYLLABUS

BEGINNING CHINESE---International Class [1] (Spring 2017)

国际成人 1 班

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Meeting Time: Sunday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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COURSE MATERIALS

New Practical Chinese Reader---Textbook Vol.1 (Latest version)

New Practical Chinese Reader---Workbook Vol.1 (Latest version)

Pens or Pencils

Notebook

Index Cards

DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING CHINESE is designed for students who are willing to learn basic communication skills in Chinese. Your attendance and participation are expected and required to succeed. Instruction will focus on the development of all four skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) and brief introduction of Chinese culture. Chapter 6-14 will be covered during this semester. Through a variety of communicative activities, students are expected to orally communicate using simple Chinese and write about 100 simple Chinese characters. Additionally, students are expected to develop the knowledge of Chinese etiquette. Remember, the most important theme in our class is to “ENJOY” Chinese.

TOPICS

1. Simple Characters and Vocabularies

2. Communication

Greetings	Talking about one's major
Asking what someone wants	Making an appointment
Identifying and introducing people	Making a complaint
Asking for permission	Asking about one's occupation
Making comments and suggestions	Refusing or declining politely
Shopping	Talking about one's health

3. Grammars

- V/A-not-V/A questions
- Sentence with “有”
- Sentences with a nominal predicate

- Sentence with double objects

SCHEDULES

1/8: Chapter 6

- Making comments/suggestions
- Sentence with a verbal predicate
- Beijing Opera

1/15: Chapter 6 & 7

- Review and Quiz on Chapter 6
- V/A-not-V/A questions
- The position of the adverbs “也” and “都”

11/22 Chapter 7

- Review of the grammar and characters
- Meeting someone for the first time
- Talking about one's major

11/29 Chapter 8

- Quiz on Chapter 7
- Numbers and numeral-measure words as attributives
- Sentence with “有”

2/5 Chapter 8 & 9

- Talking about one's family
- Talking about one's school
- Questions with “几” or “多少”
- Expressing the date and days of the week

2/12 Chapter 9

- Quiz on Chapter 8
- Sentence with a nominal predicate
- Questions with “....., 好吗?”
- Celebrating one's birthday

2/19 Chapter 10

- Sentences with double objects
- Sentences with an adjectival predicate and the verb “很”
- Shopping
- Solving language problems

2/26 Mardi gras, **NO CLASS**

3/5 Chapter 11

- Quiz on Chapter 9 & 10
- Telling times
- Sentences with the optative verbs
- Sentences with serial verb phrases

3/12 Chapter 11 & 12

- Asking the time
- Expressing one's ability
- Alternative questions

3/19 Chapter 12

- Quiz on Chapter 11
- Talking about one's health
- Expressing one's desire or need

3/26 Chapter 13

- The particle “了”
- Pivotal sentences
- Renting a house

4/2 Chapter 13 and 14

- Quiz on Chapter 12
- Asking for suggestions
- Making an invitation
- Extending holiday greetings

4/9 Easter; **NO CLASS**

4/23 Review and Final Exam

4/30 Graduation Ceremony