

Instructor: Mrs. Hui-Ling Singer **Course:** Chinese (Mandarin)

Academic year: 2008-09

Course philosophy: There are many good reasons to take this course. 1) Chinese is spoken by one-quarter of the world's population and in the United States, it is the language of the second-largest group of non-English speakers, after only Spanish. 2) China's economy has been blooming for the last decade and will continue to thrive. Being able to speak Mandarin Chinese will certainly open up a lot of job opportunities for you in the future. 3) China is one of the oldest countries, which has a lot of cultural and historical heritage that will enrich your knowledge and vision about the world you live in. 4) In 2007 Mandarin Chinese was offered for the first time as an Advanced Placement course by the College Board in the United States. With all these and maybe more good reasons in mind, this course will serve you as a foundation for learning Mandarin Chinese. Have fun and enjoy the adventure!

Course requirements: 1) textbook-Huanying Volume I
2) workbooks-Huanying Volume I Part 1 and Part 2
3) one section of a 3-ring binder for hand-outs, notes and homework 4) pencil or pen (black or blue only) for note-taking and test-taking
5) CD player or computer that allows you to download audio file from Internet for the course
6) an audio recorder (optional)
7) a smile and an open heart

Grading procedure: Your grade will be determined by the following assessment methods: Class Participation: 20%
Homework: 20%
Quizzes: 20%
Tests: 20%
Trimester Exam and Final Exam: 20%

Extra Points: Communication Skills (Listening & Speaking): 5%
Special Projects: 5%

Grading scale: The following scale is also listed in the Student Handbook:
90-100 A- to A+ 0-59 F
80-89 B- to B+
70-79 C- to C+
60-69 D- to D+

Homework policies: You will be given homework every day. Get it done and hand it in on time.

Classroom policies: 1) be in class on time
2) come prepared
3) be respectful
4) be responsible

- 5) be honest
- 6) water only
- 7) have fun

Calendar

Week Topic

1. 8/25-8/29 Unit 1 My Classmates and I
2. 9/2-9/5 Unit 1 Continue
3. 9/8-9/12 Unit 1 Continue
4. 9/15-9/19 Unit 1 Continue
5. 9/22-9/26 Unit 1 Continue
6. 9/29-10/3 Unit 1 Review
7. 10/6-10/10 Unit 2 My family
8. 10/13-10/17 Unit 2 Continue
9. 10/20-10/24 Unit 2 Continue
10. 10/27-10/31 Unit 2 Continue
11. 11/3-11/7 Unit 2 Continue
12. 11/10-11/14 Unit 2 Review and 1st Trimester Exam

Second Trimester

1. 11/17-11/21 Unit 3 Time and Dates
2. 11/24-11/28 *Thanksgiving Break*
3. 12/1-12/5 Unit 3 Continue
4. 12/8-12/12 Unit 3 Continue
5. 12/15-12/19 Unit 3 Continue
6. 12/22-12/26 *Winter Break (Merry Christmas)*
7. 12/29-1/2/09 *Winter Break (Happy New Year)*
8. 1/6-1/9 Unit 3 Review
9. 1/12-1/16 Unit 4 Things We Use Every Day
10. 1/19-1/23 Unit 4 Continue
11. 1/26-1/30 Unit 4 Continue
12. 2/2-2/6 Unit 4 Continue
13. 2/9-2/13 Unit 4 Review
14. 2/16-2/20 Unit 5 Things We Do for Fun

Third Trimester

1. 2/23-2/27 Unit 5 Continue
2. 3/2-3/6 Unit 5 Continue
3. 3/9-3/13 Unit 5 Continue
4. 3/16-3/18* (short week) Unit 5 Continue
5. 3/23-3/27 *Spring Break*
6. 3/30-4/3 Unit 5 Review
7. 4/6-4/9 Unit 6 The Places where We Live
8. 4/14-4/17 Unit 6 Continue

9. 4/20-4/24 Unit 6 Continue
10. 4/27-5/1 Unit 6 Continue
11. 5/4-5/8 Unit 6 Continue
12. 5/11-5/15 Unit 6 Review
13. 5/18-5/20 Final Review and Cumulative Final Exam

Course Outline

I. Introduction

1. Chinese Sound System-Pinyin
2. Initials
3. Finals
4. Tones and Tone Marks
5. Pinyin Spelling Rules
6. How to Pronounce Chinese Using Pinyin
7. Pronunciation Practice
8. Classroom Expressions
9. Basic Greetings

II. Grammar

1. Word Order
2. Positive and Negative Statements
3. Tag Questions
4. Yes/No Questions
5. Questions with Interrogative Pronouns
6. Possessive Pronouns
7. The Order of Times and Dates
8. Adverbial of Time
9. Adverbial of Place
10. Measure Words
11. Basic Sentence Structures for Indicating Distance Between two Things
12. Basic Structure for Indicating the Completion of an Action

III. Vocabulary

1. My Classmates and I
2. Basic Greetings
3. My Family
4. Numbers 1-99
5. Names of Some Countries and Languages
6. Some Common Occupations
7. Time and Dates
8. Names of High School Courses
9. Things We Use Every Day
10. Colors
11. Basic School Supplies

12. Sports
13. Basic Computer Supplies
14. Basic Eating Utensils
15. Recreational Activities (Computer Games, TV Programs, Musical Instruments, Movies, Concerts and Travel)
16. The Places Where We Live

IV. **Culture**

1. The Chinese-Speaking World
2. Chinese Customs
3. Basic Knowledge of the Structures of Chinese Characters

V. **Writing**

1. Writing Chinese Characters in the Correct Stroke Order
2. Writing Simple Sentences

VI. **Reading**

1. Dialogues
2. Multi-Paragraph selections answered in Chinese in complete sentences

VII. **Listening**

1. Free downloadable audio files that correspond to both the textbook and workbooks
2. CD
3. Instructor and other students

VIII. **Speaking**

1. Repeat after the instructor in class
2. Practice Dialogues
3. Roll Play
4. Record your own speaking