

**HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**CHN 1150 Beginners' Chinese 1**  
**2018-2019**  
**Course Outline**

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**Class:** 10:30AM-12:30PM Tuesday and Thursday  
Classroom HC-W101, Huron University College

**Office Hour:** 12:30PM-1:30PM Thursday or by appointment

**Conversation Hour:** TBA

**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.

**Course Prerequisites:** Permission of the department

**Learning Objectives:**

- I. Acquire basic language skills of modern standard Chinese:
  - ❖ 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.

**Class Methods:**

This course adopts a learner-centered teaching approach. Classes are composed of weekly mini tests (quizzes and dictations) and task-oriented activities and the instructor leads such activities and provides necessary explanation for important grammar items, sentence structures, and vocabulary. Students are expected to get prepared for each and every class by doing preview and review. They must actively participate in the classroom activities.

**Textbooks:**

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.

**Evaluation:**

1. Attendance	15%
2. Character writing	5% (late submission penalty)
3. Homework	10% (late submission penalty)
4. Quizzes & Dictation	20%
5. Interview & Group presentation	10% (late submission penalty)
6. Written tests	20% (two, 10% each)
7. Final examination	20%

**Special Instructions:**

1. Students are required to work in the language lab for a minimum of 20 minutes each week. Lab work accounts for 5% for attendance.
2. There is a penalty for late submission of written assignments (homework, character writing, etc.). Penalty is **one** mark for **each calendar day** to a total of **seven** days. Assignments more than seven days late will not be accepted.
3. Daily practice of character writing will be collected on the **last** Thursday of every month (except for the last collection that falls on Thursday April 9th, 2019). Character writing must be clearly marked by dates (e.g., September 13th, 2018).
4. Quizzes and dictations are done in class and there is **no make-up**.
5. There will be one major test each term. **No make-ups** will be given, except in the case of documented medical or compassionate circumstances.

**Please see the accommodation policies outlined in the Huron Appendix to Course Outlines, posted on the OWL course site.**

**Class Schedule, Term 1 Sept.-Dec. 2018**

<b>TERM ONE:</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Quiz/Dictation/Test*</b>
<b>WEEK 1</b> (Sept. 6)	Introduction	
<b>WEEK 2</b> (Sept. 11&13)	Basics	Quiz 1
<b>WEEK 3</b> (Sept. 18&20)	Basics	Quiz 2
<b>WEEK 4</b> (Sept. 25&27)	Lesson One Lesson One	Dictation 1
<b>WEEK 5</b> (Oct. 2&4)	Lesson One Lesson Two	Quiz 3
(Oct. 9&11)	<b>Reading Week. No Class</b>	
<b>WEEK 6</b> (Oct. 16&18)	Lesson Two Lesson Two	Dictation 2
<b>WEEK 7</b> (Oct. 23&25)	Lesson Three Lesson Three	Quiz 4
<b>WEEK 8</b> (Oct. 30&Nov. 1)	Lesson Three Review	Dictation 3
<b>WEEK 9</b> (Nov. 6&8)	<b>Tuesday November 6th</b> Lesson Four	<b>Test 1 (10%)</b>
<b>WEEK 10</b> (Nov. 13&15)	Lesson Four Lesson Four	Dictation 4
<b>WEEK 11</b> (Nov. 20&22)	Lesson Four Lesson Five	Quiz 5
<b>WEEK 12</b> (Nov. 27&29)	Lesson Five Lesson Five	Dictation 5
<b>WEEK 13</b> (Dec. 4&6)	Lesson Five <b>Thursday December 6th</b>	<b>Interview</b>

**Class Schedule, Term 2 January-April, 2019**

<b>TERM TWO:</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Quiz/Dictation/Test*</b>
<b>WEEK 14</b> (Jan. 8&10)	Lesson Six Lesson Six	Dictation 6
<b>WEEK 15</b> (Jan. 15&17)	Lesson Six Lesson Six	Quiz 6
<b>WEEK 16</b> (Jan. 22&24)	Lesson Seven Lesson Seven	Dictation 7
<b>WEEK 17</b> (Jan. 29&31)	Lesson Seven Lesson Seven	Quiz 7
<b>WEEK 18</b> (Feb. 5&7)	<b>Review</b> <b>Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Test 2 (10%)</b>
<b>WEEK 19</b> (Feb. 12&14)	Lesson Eight Lesson Eight	Dictation 8
<b>(Feb. 19&amp;21)</b>	<b>Reading Week</b>	
<b>WEEK 20</b> (Feb. 26&28)	Lesson Eight Lesson Eight	Quiz 8
<b>WEEK 21</b> (Mar. 5&7)	Lesson Nine Lesson Nine	Dictation 9
<b>WEEK 22</b> (Mar. 12&14)	Lesson Nine Lesson Nine	Quiz 9
<b>WEEK 23</b> (Mar. 19&21)	Lesson Ten Lesson Ten	Dictation 10
<b>WEEK 24</b> (Mar. 26&28)	Lesson Ten Lesson Ten	Quiz 10
<b>WEEK 25</b> (Apr. 2& 4)	Review and Preparation for group presentation <b>Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Group presentations</b>
<b>WEEK 26</b> (Apr. 9)	Review	

**\*Quizzes and dictations may take place on Tuesday or Thursday.**



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