

Chinese 165:121 Section 1
Beginning Chinese Reading and
Writing for Mandarin Speakers
Asian Languages & Cultures
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Syllabus

Instructor

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Class time and Location

Tuesday and Thursday 2:50pm – 4:10pm Scott Hall 103

Course Description

This course meets the needs of advanced beginners or "heritage learners" who already have oral proficiency in Chinese, but require instruction in reading and writing fundamentals before moving on to the next level. The course goes over the basics of standard Mandarin pronunciation and introduces students to Chinese characters.

Course Structure

This course consists of the following:

1. Lectures
2. Presentations
3. Quizzes (including vocabulary and/or grammar)
4. Unit tests
5. Cumulative Final

Text book

Oh, China! Elementary Reader of Modern Chinese for Advanced Beginners By Chih-p'ing Chou, Perry Link and Xuedong Wang. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997. (ISBN-13: 978-0691058788; ISBN-10: 0691058784)

Textbook: The textbook should be available from Rutgers Barnes & Noble, and also Amazon (https://www.amazon.com/Practical-Business-Chinese-SimplifiedCharacter/dp/7301291329/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=A+Practical+Business+Chinese+Reader&qid=1566781064&s=gateway&sr=8-1)

Class Attendance

Classes meet two times a week and you are expected to be in class on time every day. Please inform the instructor of your absence **in advance** via Rutgers Online Absences Report System at <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/>. (**Please note:** Reporting your absence does not "excuse" you). Absences can be excused only for religious reasons or by presentation of official documents explaining your absence (e.g., doctor's notes). If you miss class for more than 30 minutes, your lateness will be counted as a half absence. More than 3 (including 3) unexcused absences will lead automatically to an "F". Final grades will be lowered by 3% for each day of class missed.

Class Preparation

You are expected to come to class well prepared. Proper preparation for each class will take you a minimum of one to two hours. Please arrange your schedule so that you have enough time to prepare for this class. Language learning is a cumulative process and requires continuous, steady effort.

Homework

Homework assignments will be announced in class. We will collect your homework and go over it in class after we hand it back to you. Please submit your homework **on time** to receive full credit. Late submissions will receive no credit, but I would still be happy to review your work.

Quizzes, Tests, and Exams

There will be quizzes either on vocabulary, sentence patterns, or the lesson text. All unit tests and exams are cumulative. Therefore, review earlier material frequently. Make-ups will be given for unit tests & exams **only** for officially excused absences or conflicts (official documents have to be provided). It is your responsibility to get in touch with the instructor and schedule a make-up.

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy

Any form of plagiarism/cheating is strictly forbidden in this course. Plagiarism on exams and essays will automatically result in an "F" in the respective item. For more information regarding academic integrity, please check <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>.

Grading

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Quizzes	15%
Unit Tests	30%
Assignments	20%
Effort	5%
Final	30%

Course Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
		Sept. 3	4	5	6	7
Week 1		课程介绍		拼音 1		8
	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 2		拼音 2 & 笔画偏旁介绍 Last day to drop w/o W		小组练习		15
	16	17	18	19	20	21
Week 3		第一课 生词小考		课堂练习		22
	23	24	25	26	27	28
Week 4		第二课 生词小考		课堂练习		29
	30	Oct. 1	2	3	4	5
Week 5		单元考试:拼音、第一课和 second 课		第三课 生词小考		6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Week 6		课堂练习		第四课 生词小考		13
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Week 7		课堂练习		单元考试:第三课和第四课		20
	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 8		第五课 生词小考		课堂练习		27

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	28	29	30	31	Nov.1	2
Week 9		第六课		课堂练习		3
	4	5	6	7	8	9
Week 10		单元考试:第五课和第六课		第七课		10
	11	12	13	14	15	16
Week 11		课堂练习		第八课		17
	18	19	20	21	22	23
Week 12		课堂练习		单元考试:第七课和第八课		24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
Week 13		第九课		感恩节		Dec. 1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 14		课堂练习		第十课		8
	9	10	11	12	13	14
Week 15		课堂练习				15
	23					
Week 17	大考 12-3pm					