



Elementary Chinese 1

CHN 101.4 - Accelerated Comprehensive

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Elementary Chinese 1 – Accelerated Comprehensive (CHN 101.4) is an intensive introduction to the basic fundamentals of Mandarin Chinese. CHN 101.4 is designed for students who have very limited to no background in the Chinese language, and will cover basic language skills in speaking, reading, writing, and listening through one-on-one lessons.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Recognize and use ~150 vocabulary words and key grammar patterns
- Use simple grammar and sentence structures
- Develop listening comprehension at the beginner level
- Gain familiarity with Chinese cultural practices relevant to course topics
- Successfully formulate sentences in Mandarin Chinese
- Write simple Chinese characters

TEXTBOOKS

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- Integrated Chinese, Level 1 (textbook & workbook) 4th Edition by Tao-chung Yao, Yuehua Liu, et al., Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2017.

CREDITS

Students will earn three academic credits upon the completion of CHN 101.4, awarded by CLI's official university affiliate, Guangxi Normal University (GXNU).

GRADING

Each student will be required to participate in final evaluation, which will be used by GXNU's teaching staff to assess student progress. In addition, timely completion of homework assignments is expected, and teachers will utilize various informal methods (i.e., oral practice, in-class assignments, pop quizzes) to monitor comprehension.

- Midterm evaluation 20%
- Homework 20%
- Informal assessments 10%
- Final evaluation 50%

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned for every class and will be due the following day (unless otherwise noted). Students will receive a zero mark for each missed homework assignment and a



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reduced grade for each late assignment – missed and late homework will be noted during the final grading process.

EXAMS

Students will be required to take one examination: a comprehensive final exam (50%). This examination will feature written and oral elements. The Midterm exam will consist of five separate short assessments given after the completion of each chapter in the text.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Introduction

- Introduction to *pinyin*
- Discussion of Chinese language and dialects
- System of Chinese pronunciation
- Basic information about the Chinese writing system
- Continuation of *pinyin*
- Pronunciation drills
- Using common expressions in the classroom and daily life

Lesson 1 – Greetings (问好)

- Exchanging greetings
- Asking about someone's nationality
- 姓,呢,叫,是,吗,不,也

Lesson 2 – Family (家庭)

- Asking about someone's family and profession
- Names of basic kinship terms and common professions
- 的,有,二,两,都
- Measure words and question pronouns

Lesson 3 – Dates and Time (时间)

- Expressing times and dates
- Discussing someone's age and birthday
- Inviting someone to dinner
- Numbers
- 我请你,还,的 (II)

Lesson 4 – Hobbies (爱好)

- Talking about hobbies



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- Setting up plans for the weekend
- Word order in Chinese
- 去,那(么),好吗,想

Lesson 5 – Visiting Friends (看朋友)

- Welcoming a visitor
- Introducing one person to another
- Describing a visit to a friend's home
- 一下,在,吧,了,才

Final course review