Elementary Chinese Listening
CHN 120 LS - GXNU Language Elective

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to build students' foundational Chinese listening comprehension skills. Using 汉语听力教程（第3版）第一册, students will practice listening to short conversations, simple narratives, and real-life dialogues, with a focus on improving their ability to understand Chinese as spoken by native speakers at a natural pace. The course emphasizes recognition of common vocabulary, sentence patterns, and tones, and develops strategies for listening in real-life situations.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you will be able to:
- Comprehend basic spoken Chinese in everyday contexts.
- Recognize and understand the most frequent vocabulary and sentence patterns used in beginner-level listening.
- Differentiate between similar sounds and tones through repeated listening drills.
- Understand the gist and key details in short spoken texts such as conversations, classroom Chinese, and situational dialogues.
- Build confidence in participating in oral classroom activities related to listening comprehension.

TEXTBOOKS

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.
- 《汉语听力教程（第3版）第一册》 Chinese Listening Course I, 3rd Edition

CREDITS

Students will earn three academic credits upon the completion of CHN 120 LS, awarded by CLI's official university affiliate, Guangxi Normal University (GXNU).

GRADING

- Participation & Attendance: 20%
- Homework & Dictations: 20%
- Unit Quizzes (every 2–3 lessons): 20%
- Midterm Exam (Lessons 1–10): 20%
- Final Exam (Lessons 11–20): 20%