



# Elementary Chinese Reading and Writing

## CHN 120RW - GXNU Language Elective

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course develops students' basic reading and writing ability in Chinese, using 汉语阅读教程 第一册. Students will build a working foundation in character recognition, word formation, and sentence reading, while also practicing short paragraph writing. Readings focus on everyday topics such as greetings, family, food, and study life. Writing practice emphasizes characters, simple sentences, and guided composition.

### **OBJECTIVES**

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

- Recognize and write the most common 300–350 Chinese characters.
- Read short passages and dialogues on familiar daily-life topics.
- Use basic sentence patterns in written form.
- Write short guided paragraphs (~50 characters) about self and daily life.
- Develop strategies for character memorization and reading fluency.
- Achieve reading/writing proficiency at approximately HSK 1 level.

### **TEXTBOOKS**

Students will purchase the following textbook after arrival in Guilin.

- 汉语阅读教程 第一册 Chinese Reading Course I (3rd Edition)

### **CREDITS**

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

### **GRADING**

- Participation & Attendance: 20%
- Homework (reading analysis + written assignments): 20%
- Weekly Quizzes (reading comprehension & vocabulary): 15%
- Midterm Exam (Lessons 1–10): 20%
- Final Exam (Lessons 11–20): 25%