

CHINESE 112 Elementary Chinese for Heritage Learners (2019 Fall) COURSE INFORMATION & SYLLABUS

Chinese 112 is a beginning level class designed for students who may have grown up in the U.S., speak Chinese at home, but cannot read and write. Students in this class must take a placement test to determine their language level, and have a one-to-one oral interview with Li laoshi.

Course Information

- When and Where: 2:15 – 4:05 pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays; Queens Hall 265H
- Course websites:
 - a. <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/~xli/> (for syllabus, course schedule, assignments, etc.)
 - b. Blackboard (for Online assignments, audio assignments, all grades)
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Course Objectives

- Master the Chinese phonetic symbols (*pīnyīn*) with satisfactory pronunciation.
- Be able to comprehend short reading passages with words learned in the course.
- Be able to use pinyin or Hanzi to write short essays of 200-300 words in length.
- Be able to use Chinese to describe stories and express thoughts.

Course Materials

1. **Textbook:** New Practical Chinese Reader Vol. 1. By Liu, Xun. Beijing: Beijing Language & Culture University Press, 2002. ISBN: 756191040. (also available on blackboard→Course Materials)
2. **Quizlet.com:** On-line vocabulary memorization tool using flashcards and games. Join in our class at <https://quizlet.com/join/ZpP6pNMMW> Sign up for Quizlet.com with a username in the format “[last name]_[first name] (for example, “Li_Xiao”).
3. **No workbook is required.** All homework assignments are posted on the course website--weekly schedule (http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/~xli/Chin101/Course_Schedule_101.html) and also blackboard.

Some Useful Resources

How to type Pinyin with tones: http://web.csulb.edu/~txie/Ittool/type_pinyin_with_tones.htm

How to type Hanzi: <https://chinese.yabla.com/type-chinese-characters.php?platform=win7>

Course work

I. Required Assignments

1. One written assignment for each lesson. Each assignment consists of (a) a character writing practice, and (b) a sentence pattern practice. Homework assignments are usually available on Tuesday and due on Thursday.
2. One quizlet assignment for each lesson: (a) please sign up for Quizlet.com (<https://quizlet.com/join/Rpzx9g8J2>) with a username in the format “[last name]_[first name]” (ex, “Li_Xiao”); (b) Complete at least one **STUDY** activity and one **PLAY** activity.
3. One online assignment for each lesson on blackboard → the online assignment folder.
4. One audio assignment for each lesson on blackboard → the audio assignment folder. You are required to create an audio file of Pinyin drills and sentence patterns.

II. Optional Assignments For each chapter there are additional review exercises available on blackboard → Addition Exercise folder. These assignments will not be collected and graded, but completing them will help you to learn Chinese.

III. Quizzes and Tests

1. Upon the completion of each lesson, there is a 5-minute quiz testing the vocabulary of the lesson.
2. Upon the completion of each 2 lessons, there is a 20-minute test, testing the vocabulary, dialogues and grammar.

IV. Two Presentations (in Chinese or a mixture of Chinese and English):

- a. Presentation 1: Self-introduction (自我介绍: zìwǒjièshào), in which you tell us your name, your major, your hobbies, your friends, your family, your hometown in China.
- b. Presentation 2 on a topic related to Chinese culture, holidays, or current events.

Suggested Topics:

Chinese Holidays

- a. Spring Festival (春节, chūnjié) and Chinese New Year (中国新年, zhōngguóxīnnián)
Lantern Festival (元宵节, yuánxiāojié)
- b. Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节, zhōngqiūjié)
- c. Dragon Boat Festival (端午节, duānwǔjié)
- d. Chinese Valentines' Day (七夕, qīxī)
- e. Single's Day (光棍节, guānggùnjié)

Culture:

- a. Beijing Opera (京剧, jīngjù)
- b. 'Butterfly Lovers' (梁祝, liángzhù)
- c. Chinese Movies
- d. Chinese Music
- e. Chinese painting and Calligraphy

Society:

- a. One Child Policy (独生子女, dúshēngzǐnǚ)
- b. Chinese Educational System and China's College Entrance Exam (中国高考, zhōngguógāokǎo)
- c. Chinese Environmental issues (中国的环境问题, zhōngguó de huánjìng wèntí)
4. China's Media censorship

V. Midterm & Final Exams: Cumulative.

Assessment: Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

1. Effort & Participation		10%
2. Assignments	Homework	10 %
	Quizlet	5%
	Audio	10%
	Online	5
3. Presentations		10%
4. Quizzes and Tests		15%
5. Midterm written exam		15%
6. Final written exam		20%

Final letter grade will be assigned based on the following scale:

A+ = 97-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77- 79	D+ = 67-69
A= 93-96	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	D = 60-69
A- = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C- =70-72	F = 0-59

G. Ground Rules

1. **Absolutely No Make-ups** will be given for quizzes, tests or homework. If you are ill (and present a note from your doctor) or observing a religious holiday, you will be excused from that test or quiz.
2. It is important to arrive at **every class on time** as part of your commitment to good language learning. Attendance will be taken 5 minutes after the class begins. You can miss **four** classes without penalty as we all understand that college life can be very demanding. Nevertheless, if you miss a class you will have to check online or with your classmates for the lecture notes or handouts and will still be *responsible* for homework and quizzes in the next class. If you miss classes **more than four** times, you will lose all your points from 'Participation & Effort'.
3. **Active Participation** in class room activities is as important as your attendance. Hard working and enthusiasm in learning will be rewarded with extra effort grades. In the telecollaboration project, a higher number of exchanges on WeChat beyond the required minimum will be rewarded.
4. All the course related materials are on **the course website**. It is your responsibility to check the course website on a regular basis for updated course information.

5. Special accommodations: If there are any special accommodations needed, please let me know as soon as possible so that the appropriate support can be provided. Additional information can be found here:

http://www.qc.cuny.edu/student_affairs/special_services.php

6. Academic integrity: Cheating will be reported to the Dean. Always acknowledge the source of the materials you use, whether it be from the textbook, the internet, other books, etc. See the following link for details on writing citations: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

The University's policy on Academic Integrity can be found here:

<http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/provost/Policies/index.html>

Finally: welcome to class! We hope you enjoy learning Chinese and discovering the world that the language opens up for you.