

汉语课 Chinese 10

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Course Description:

This course is designed for students who have little or no prior knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. While the main focus of this course is to develop the students' oral communication skills in Mandarin, as well as to give the students basic tools to enable them to further their studies in the language such as by mastering the Pinyin system, students will also learn how to read and write several Chinese characters. Students will also be introduced to aspects of Chinese culture, history and traditions. By the end of the course, students should be able to engage in simple conversations in Mandarin.

Course Requirements & Grading System:

Class Participation	10%
Quizzes	20%
Long Tests	25%
Final Project	15%
Final Examination	30%

100%

96 - 100 = 1.0	71 - 75 = 2.25
91 - 95 = 1.25	66 - 70 = 2.5
86 - 90 = 1.5	61 - 65 = 2.75
81 - 85 = 1.75	60 = 3.0
76 - 80 = 2.0	Below 60 = 5.0

Grading Criteria for Individual Oral Exams and Group Presentations

- A. Individual exams with instructor
 - a. Communication skills
(correct and prompt responses, ability to ask questions for clarification, etc)
 - b. Application of grammatical knowledge
 - c. Pronunciation
- B. Graded group presentations
 - a. Creativity
 - b. Vocabular and grammar
 - c. Organization & coherence
 - d. Performance (cooperation, flow of presentation, props & visual aids, memorization, fluency, clarity, expressiveness and pronunciation)

Course Outline

- I. Introduction to Mandarin Chinese and Other Chinese dialects
- II. Introduction to the Chinese Writing System
- III. The Pinyin System
- IV. Common Greetings and Everyday Expressions
- V. Making Introductions
- VI. Numbers 0-99
- VII. Introducing Yourself and Others
- VIII. Talking about Your Family
- IX. Pointing Objects Out
- X. Saying Where
- XI. Focus on Verbs
- XII. Making Appointments
- XIII. Talking about Plans, Hobbies and Habits
- XIV. Numbers 100 - 9999, Shopping & Describing People and Objects

XV. Expressing Wants and Desires

Classroom Policies

1. A student who comes in 15 mins after the start of the class will be marked as late. Three marks of tardiness is equivalent to one mark of absence from class. A student who is absent for more than 6 sessions will be given a failing grade of 5.0 unless he/she formally drops the course.
2. Late submissions of projects and assignments will not be accepted.
3. There are no make-up quizzes. If a student misses a quiz, he will receive the equivalent grade from his/her next quiz.
4. If a student misses an exam, he/she must first present a medical certificate or a formal excuse letter from a parent/guardian/instructor/coach before he/she can take the make-up exam.
5. For consultations and rescheduling of exams due to excused absences, set an appointment first with the instructor. You must inform the instructor if you have missed any lessons, quizzes or exams. The teacher will not follow up on you. Check the class' Facebook page for announcements, assignments, etc.
6. Feel free to email me your questions. Contact me through my mobile phone only if urgent.

Online Resources

1. UP Chinese Classes Facebook Group
www.facebook.com/UPD.Chinese
2. Online Dictionaries and Translation Tools
 - a. www.mdbg.net
 - b. www.nciku.com
 - c. www.archchinese.com
3. Online Language Learning Resources
 - a. www.chinese hacks.com
 - b. www.ctcfl.ox.ac.uk/index.html
 - c. www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese
 - d. www.chinese-tools.com
 - e. www.socialmandarin.com
4. Chinese Podcasts and Videos
 - a. www.chinesepod.com
 - b. www.popupchinese.com
 - c. search YouTube, Tudou.com