

Cleveland State University  
The Modern Language Department  
**Course Syllabus for Chinese 101**  
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### TEXTBOOK

- Integrated Chinese Level One, Part 1, Textbook** (Simplified Character Edition), 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, by Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Cheng & Tsui Company, Inc., 2008.
- Integrated Chinese Level One, Part 1, Workbook** (Simplified Character Edition), 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, by Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Cheng & Tsui Company, Inc., 2008.
- Integrated Chinese Level One, Part 1, Character Workbook** 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, by Tao-chung Yao and Yuehua Liu, Cheng & Tsui Company, Inc., 2008.
- Audio CDs** are available through electronic course reserve in RT 301. You can listen to it from the internet or use it in the library.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Chinese 101 is a basic introductory language course in Chinese designed for the students without previous knowledge of the language. This course will develop students' basic communicative competence in the Chinese language and their understanding of the Chinese culture. The course focuses on the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will experience Chinese culture such as Chinese painting or calligraphy, Chinese festivals, Chinese folk music, Chinese food and so on. This semester, rules of pinyin, rules of Chinese character writing, and basic Chinese patterns and grammar points will be taught.

### PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of Chinese 101, the students should be able to:

- Pronounce initials and finals of the standard “Pinyin” system
- Pronounce four tones of any syllables.
- Understand and use the basic vocabulary, sentence patterns, and grammar in the lessons learned.
- Read simple texts written in Chinese characters.
- Write from memory 170 basic Chinese characters.
- Ask and answer questions on a variety of everyday topics such as greeting, introducing friends, talking about hobbies, time and date...
- Gain basic knowledge, awareness and appreciation of Chinese culture.

### TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Introduction: Chinese pronunciation (Pinyin/tones); Chinese writing system.

2. Greeting
3. Family
4. Dates and Time
5. Hobbies
6. Visiting Friends
7. Chinese Culture

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Attendance is obligatory.** Absences will be excused only upon presentation of a valid excuse, such as a work related, medical, or other to be consulted with and determined by your instructor. For each inexcusable absence, a student's performance numerical grade will drop by five points. The good attendance will add extra credits to your grade.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:**

The student is expected to make an effort to participate in class activities and conversation, and attempt to respond to questions. .

**HOMEWORK:**

Homework will be given at the end of each class. It is to be turned in at the beginning of the class on the day it is due. It is important that you plan enough time (e.g. at least one hour a day) for studying: reading, memorizing, practicing, reviewing, and doing listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing exercises.

**QUIZZES:**

Ten quizzes will be given during this semester.

**EXAMS:**

Two exams will be administered during the semester.

**The midterm**

**The final exam**

**TUTORING:**

Tutoring is available by appointment. It is free for our students. Our Chinese tutors are Wenyan He and Yujia Feng. You can make appointment with them by calling tutoring center at: 216- 687-4790.

**EXTRA CREDIT**

Earning of extra credit points will be made possible for deserving students, those with good attendance, active participation and additional work.

**EVALUATION:**

The course grade will be based on the following:

- Student performance: attendance, participation 30%
- Homework and quizzes 20%
- Language lab/ Culture 20%
- Midterm exam 10%
- Final exam 20%

**GRADING SCALE**

100-94 =A	90-93=A-	
89-87 =B+	86-84=B	83-80=B-
79-77=C+	76-74=C	73-70=C-
69-67=D+	66-64=D	63-60=D-
60 or less=F		

**\* Time spent throughout the semester on regular and conscientious preparation of all homework assignments will lessen the stress at the last minute before the final exam, and most importantly, it will insure a good grade. Cheating on tests will result in a grade of F.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Note on Disabilities: Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the coordinating instructor privately to discuss their specific needs.
- Some extra material may be added in class if necessary.
- Students are welcome to forward their suggestions or concerns on class instructing which will be appreciated and well considered by the instructor.

### **HOW TO USE THE ELECTRONIC COURSE RESERVE SYSTEM**

The Electronic Course Reserve provides the full text of selected reserve materials online both from inside the Library or remotely from any computer with Internet access. With CSU Library's **Electronic Course Reserve (ECR)** system, Chinese 101 and 102 audio CDs are available to CSU students at all hours and anywhere there is Internet access. Please follow the following steps:

- at: [www.csuohio.edu](http://www.csuohio.edu)
- click: Academics
- Click: University Library
- Under: start your research here, Click: [Electronic Course Reserves](#)
- Click: [Course](#).
- Typy: chn 101 in the window and cliclk “search”.
- Click: Chn 101
- Click: [CHN 101-102 Streaming Audio](#) : (Audio CD 4 is for workbook)
- Click: Next and you will see **Materials for this course**
- Click the “track” you want to listen and then click: [Click to play audio](#)  
(You need to enter your **CSU ID Number** for listening )

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Integrated Chinese (IC) Home Page:** <http://eastasia.hawaii.edu/yao/icusers/>
- Listen to the recordings of the text** at: <http://www.language.berkeley.edu/ic/gb/toc.html>
- Writing Practice** at: <http://www.usc.edu/dept/ealc/chinese/character/>
- Flashcards printable:** <http://eall.hawaii.edu/yao/ic1flashcards/>
- E- Dictionary:**  
English to simplify Chinese  
[http://www.worldlingo.com/en/products\\_services/worldlingo\\_translator.html](http://www.worldlingo.com/en/products_services/worldlingo_translator.html)  
<http://dictionary.reference.com/translate/text.html>  
Chinese to English  
[http://www.google.com/language\\_tools?hl=en](http://www.google.com/language_tools?hl=en)
- Get a Chinese name:** <http://www.mandarintools.com/chinesename.html>

**ChinesePod.com:**

<http://podcasts.yahoo.com/series?s=16407703049c6994a49d72080762dc85>

## **HOW TO VIEW AND WRITE CHINESE WITH YOUR PC**

To view html documents

For windows 98, you need to download from Microsoft simplified and traditional Chinese fonts.

For Windows 2000, Chinese fonts are in your system CD.

For Windows XP, Chinese fonts are included.

When viewing a document, especially when the page has both English and Chinese contents, you may need to change the setting of encoding. If you use Internet Explorer, click “view” and “encoding,” then choose Chinese traditional (Big5) or Chinese simplified (GB2312) or Unicode 8. If you use Netscape, click “view” and “character set,” then make choice the same as above.

To view word documents

Word 2000 or above recognizes Chinese characters with or without Chinese software. If your Word is an older version, you need to have a Chinese software to view.

To write Chinese

For Windows XP, download Chinese IME (free) from Microsoft. The simplified Chinese (GB 2312) version is much easier to use.

For older versions, you have to install a Chinese software such as NJ star, Chinese Star, Twin Bridge, etc. Each software has its own advantages. These softwares may also cause your computer to malfunction. XP with Chinese IME is recommended.

When you write html documents or sending e-mails in Chinese, you must set your page as GB2312, Big 5 or unicode8. Otherwise, your documents may not be readable by Chinese viewers.

## **HOW TO INSTALL CHINESE INPUTTING SYSTEM IN YOUR COMPUTER**

On your windows XP

-Control panel

-Regional and Language Options (double click)

-Ch Chinese (PRC)

-Key board

Chinese (Simplified) Microsoft pinyin

Chinese (Simplified) –Quan Pin

Chinese (Simplified)-US key board

-click: add