

HS4571

Introduction to Chinese Language (Basic Chinese 1)

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Office & Office Hours

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Office hours are by class days & appointment

Class Meeting Times

3 sessions/week (F slot)

Course Venue

HSB 336

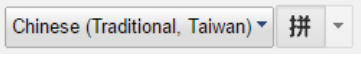
Course Description

This course is for beginners, including introduction of Chinese language (Pinyin system, **Traditional Chinese Characters** (正體字), common vocabulary, and basic grammars) and Chinese culture. This course is designed to build up all of the basic skills of Chinese listening, reading, speaking, typing, and writing (a selection of Chinese characters introduced in the lessons. Besides, this course offers an access to the Chinese world, helping students to break cultural boundaries and raise cultural literacy. At the end of the semester, students will be expected to perform in speaking, listening, reading, typing and writing (a selection of Chinese characters) at a basic level of proficiency. Students will be able to make simple conversations, handle some key daily life situations, read and type short Chinese messages, and also gain some cultural literacy.

Course Materials & Reference

- ◆ Practical Audio-Visual Chinese 1 (2nd edition) (<http://goo.gl/nhNA9n>)
- ◆ BBC Talk Mandarin Chinese (<https://goo.gl/NNcjyD>)
- ◆ The Ultimate Illustrated CHINESE Grammar Guide: Basic Level
- ◆ Structures of Mandarin Chinese for Speakers of English
- ◆ Fun in Learning- Chinese Vocabulary TOCFL Novice & Level 1

Online Tools and Resources

- ◆ [Pitch Perfect Pinyin](#) (A website for learning and practicing Pinyin)
- ◆ [Chinese pinyin chart with audio demonstrations and video explanations for English speakers](#)
- ◆ [Yoyo Chinese](#) (A YouTube channel for Chinese learners)
- ◆ [Text-to-Speech](#) (For checking the pronunciation of the words and sentences)
- ◆ [Chinese characters' stroke order](#) (For learning how to write Chinese characters correctly)
- ◆ [Google Chinese input tool](#) (Choose: Traditional Chinese, 漢語拼音 )

- ◆ Chinese Dictionary App Pleco (For iOS and Android, Choose: **Traditional Chinese**)
- ◆ MDBG Dictionary (Choose: **Traditional Chinese**)
- ◆ Traditional-Simplified Chinese characters Converter

Organization

The best way to learn a language is to use the language as much as possible. Therefore, the attendance of the course, classroom participation and assignments are valued during the course. Students are required to finish their assignments before the next session. During each session, students will be asked to interact with each other, do a short presentation or share their personal experiences. Since the instruction language will mainly be target language, Chinese, students are expected to pay full attention during the class to better understand the situation in class. Cultural events and activities will be introduced during some of the sessions.

Grading

Your grades will be based on the following activities:

Attendance& Classroom Participation	30%
Assignment	25%
Quiz	15%
Class Assessment	10%
Final exam	20%