Course Title: Chinese 1

Course #: 1370-1371

Course Description:
This is a beginning level, integrated course which focuses on daily conversational and written Chinese language development, meeting the World Language Content Standards—Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, Structures, and Settings. It is designed to develop four language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing, and build up students' vocabulary and knowledge of Chinese culture. Topics revolve around the students' immediate world: introducing self (Greetings, age, nationality, school) family, time and location (calendar, location), food (fruits, Chinese food items, Western food items). Students build good pronunciation and listening skills and read simple authentic texts. Students also learn Pinyin Romanization system along with the Chinese writing system and progress to recognizing Chinese characters.

UC/CSU Approval: “e” approved

Grade Level: 9-12

Estimated Homework Per Week: 1-2 hrs

Prerequisite: None

Recommended Prerequisite Skills:
Experience has shown that successful Chinese 1 students come to class ready to learn with a positive attitude and a willingness to ask questions, speak, read, write and listen at a novice level.

Course Grade Scale:
Homework/Classwork/Projects: 40%
Tests/Quizzes: 40%
Final Exam: 20%

Major Assessments/Units/Topics:
Intro: Pinyin & Introduction to Chinese
Students learn the Chinese phonetics pronunciation system Pinyin and brief history and knowledge about Chinese character writing; students also learn some basic classroom language in Chinese and some words related to Pinyin study.

Major Assessments:
- Three quizzes on Pinyin & basic vocabulary.
- One unit test on Pinyin & introduction of Chinese.
- Pinyin presentation oral project.

Unit 1: Greetings & Introductions: This unit includes three lessons
- Lesson 1: Greetings; Grammar & Language Usage: Pronouns 我, 你; suffix 们; Question particle ---吗？Adverb 很.
- Lesson 2: Exchange Names; Grammar & Language Usage: 叫---and 姓---; Question word 什么; Pronouns 他 versus 她
- Lesson 3: Age; Grammar & Language Usage: Asking 你多大 or 你几岁？; ---呢？; 也

Major Assessments:
- Quizzes: There will be two quizzes per lesson, one is character quiz and one is comprehensive quiz, including listening, reading, writing with the vocabulary and grammar.
- One unit test including listening, reading, writing & grammar.
- Project on recording of dialog of greeting and exchange name and age.
- Greeting comic project

Unit 2: About me: This unit includes three lessons
- Lesson 4: Country and Nationality; Grammar & Language Usage: 是; interrogative pronoun: 哪---?; 不 to negate a sentence; Affirmative-negative question ---不---?
- Lesson 5: School and Grade; Grammar & Language Usage: Verb 上; measure word 个; Question word 几---?
- Lesson 6: Family; Grammar & Language Usage: 有; conjunction 和; 的

Major Assessments:
- Quizzes: There will be two quizzes per lesson, one is character quiz and one is comprehensive quiz, including listening, reading, writing with the vocabulary and grammar.
- One unit test including listening, reading, writing & grammar.
- Chinese character arts project

Unit 3: Time and Location: This unit includes three lessons
- Lesson 7: Location; Grammar & Language Usage: Adverb of location 在; ---哪儿？; Adverb 都
- Lesson 8: Year, Month, Date, Day of the week; Grammar & Language Usage: ---是星期 几？; 啊; ---是几月几号？
Lesson 9: What’s inside the classroom; Grammar & Language Usage:

Major Assessments:
- Quizzes: There will be two quizzes per lesson, one is character quiz and one is comprehensive quiz, including listening, reading, writing with the vocabulary and grammar.
- One unit test including listening, reading, writing & grammar.

Unit 4: Food: This unit includes three lessons
- Lesson 10: Fruits; Grammar & Language Usage: Degree verb 最; 喜欢; Conjuction: 那
- Lesson 11: Western Food; Grammar & Language Usage: 了 to indicate change; 想; 了吧; Verb + 的
- Lesson 12: Chinese Food; Grammar & Language Usage: 去---Verb; 太---了!；好+Verb =Adjective; 了

Major Assessments:
- Quizzes: There will be two quizzes per lesson, one is character quiz and one is comprehensive quiz, including listening, reading, writing with the vocabulary and grammar.
- One unit test including listening, reading, writing & grammar.
- Field Trip & Group project on Chinese food

Additional Assessments:
- Oral presentation: “About me” (cover the topics from Lesson 1- Lesson 12)
- Project about Mid-Autumn Festival
- Project about Chinese Zodics.
- Project about Chinese New Year.
- Final Exams: There will be a final exam for each semester.