

Course Description

Course Code

Course Name	Credit Hours	Credits	Prerequisite	Semester
Elementary Chinese			N/A	

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This course is aimed to develop students' comprehensive language skills, especially speaking, listening and reading at the early stage of study, The goal of the course is to help students have better understanding about Chinese, in order to meet basic needs in daily life, study and other social occasions.

Students will start from the pronunciation of Chinese. They will learn initials and finals, including simple and compound finals, tones, variation of tones, intonation and spelling rules of pinyin.

Then students will move on to the next stage for language points, fundamental sentence structures and frequently-used words and expressions. These items are arranged in useful topics and conversations covering different real life situations such as introducing people, dining at cafeteria, at the cafe or restaurant, taking taxi and talking with taxi drivers, buying fruits, telephone cards and shoes, asking directions, making appointment, renting apartment, partying, asking for favor, traveling by train and checking in hotel, etc. Students have plenty of time to respond to these situations in the classroom by participating in role-playing, group discussion and free talks. In this way, students will develop their ability in daily conversations. At the time, a lot of exercises are available to students for reviewing language points, sentence structures and vocabulary. This course also help students develop their listening and reading ability by providing listening and reading exercises which are carefully designed and useful in real life situation.

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