

# Course Abstract

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## Course ID and Name: CHN 121 Elementary Chinese I

### Department:

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**Prerequisites:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

### Course Description:

This course is designed for students with no previous knowledge, or very limited knowledge, of Mandarin Chinese. Strong emphasis will be placed on acquiring conversational and comprehension skills, using practical and interesting situational materials that will stress both language and culture. Grammatical patterns and syntax will be introduced with the aim that students read Chinese (both Pinyin and simplified characters) and write Pinyin and simplified Chinese characters. **(This course is not open to native Chinese speakers or to students with more than two years of Chinese in high school, except by instructor approval.)**

**General Education Status:** GE HUM

**Credits:**

3

**Lecture Hours:**

3

**Lab Hours:**

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Comprehend short conversations in Chinese at a slow speed.
2. Speak at the novice mid-level through short dialogues.
3. Master Hanyu Pinyin – the Chinese Phonetic System.
4. Read a minimum of 200 Chinese characters, words, and phrases.
5. Write simple sentences with a minimum of 20 basic sentence structure patterns.
6. Examine Chinese culture and civilization, from a variety of perspectives, including the historical, geographical and artistic.

**Course Content Areas:**

1. Chinese writing systems including calligraphy
2. Chinese Pinyin
3. Tones
4. Useful expressions
  - a. Greetings
5. Classroom expressions
  - a. schedule
  - b. major
6. Survival expressions
  - a. making phone calls
  - b. ordering food in a restaurant
  - c. asking for directions
  - d. asking for help
  - e. shopping and bargaining
7. Family vocabulary
  - a. generic family names
  - b. specific family names
8. Dates and Times
  - a. days of the week
  - b. months
  - c. hours
9. Overview of Chinese history/culture