



SHAN CHIN 100 Beginning Chinese I

The Alliance for Global Education International Business Program

General Information

This class is designed for students who have not studied Chinese before, or have already learned a few basic Chinese grammar patterns less than 1 semester. This class meets 4 times a week for a total of 12 hours per week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours a day preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and doing homework. Only Chinese is allowed in the class. Students will mainly focus on improving their Chinese pronunciation and tones, learning new grammar patterns and practicing the newly learned grammar and vocabulary. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, bi-weekly tests, memorizing dialogues, and completing oral exercises such as retelling stories, making up dialogues, giving presentations, and performing skits.

Objectives

This class helps students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The topics in the textbook cover the most commonly used conversations. The class is designed for 14 weeks and mainly focuses on improving students' listening and speaking abilities. Students are expected to learn at least 17 new Chinese words every class, and to master approximately 550 new characters, to recognize and write 700 new words and 240 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to function in Chinese in their daily life with good confidence and to hold conversations with local Chinese people on most common topics, such as talking about Chinese culture, food, customs and local arts etc. In addition, with using some high level vocabularies, students can also talk about some social issues, such as birth control in China and women's social status in Chinese society, etc.

Students are required to take three Chinese courses; these are the Grammar class, Drill 1 & 2. Before each class, you should prepare by reviewing the new words for that lesson. During class, the teacher will introduce students to the new grammar patterns and vocabulary. After the grammar class, students will practice the grammar learned in the Drill 1 & 2 classes.

Textbook

New Practical Chinese Reader, Volumes 1 & 2, Lessons 1-18, Professor Liu Xun

Classroom and Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Chinese Class

- Section 1: 8:30-9:30
- Section 2: 9:40-10:30
- Section 3: 10:40-11:30

Friday: Weekly Composition and Bi-Weekly Quiz

Pre-Class Preparation

Before the Chinese class, students are expected to:

- Listen to the CDs included with the textbook regularly and frequently
- Be familiar with new vocabulary from the dialogues
- Be able to read and write the new words correctly
- Preview and try to understand the grammar patterns from the related chapters
- Memorize the dialogue/chapter assigned by the class instructors
- Complete homework assignments

In the Class

- It is important that students pay attention to the teachers.
- There is a daily dictation in session 1 with vocabulary and key sentences. Students are required to review what they have learned the day before and preview the new lesson. The dictation will start at the beginning of each class. Students are expected to learn how to write both in pinyin and characters.
- When retelling the dialogue, students should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

After the class

- Review the recently learned lessons and preview new vocabulary, grammar patterns, and dialogues for next class.
- Finish the homework in the workbook assigned by your professor.
- If you have enough time, practice with language partners: Role-play, culture experience and practical daily conversations.

Attendance Requirements

Class attendance is mandatory. It is essential that students come to the class on time and attend class regularly. Students are allowed to miss class only if it is approved by the Program Director. Make-up exams and homework will be offered to students who have Program Director's approval. The make-up work should be completed as soon as the student is available for class. Students who miss class for any reason not approved by the Program Director will receive a zero for any exams and/or homework given during missed class time.

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

Bi-Weekly quiz

Mid-Term exam

Final exam

Evaluation Methods

Attendance	10%
Dictation	10%
Homework	10%
Bi-weekly Quiz	15%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%

Grading Policies

A+	99-100%	Excellent performance
A	95-100%	
A-	90-94%	
B+	87-89%	Good performance
B	83-86%	
B-	80-82%	
C+	77-79%	Acceptable performance
C	73-76%	
C-	70-72%	
D+	65-69%	Unsatisfactory performance
D	60-64%	
F	Below 60%	Failure of the course

Class Schedule

Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L1 Phonetics (I)	L2 Phonetics (II)		L3 (I) Grammar	Review
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L3(II) Grammar	L4 (I) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly quiz
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2			

Week 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L4(II) Grammar	L5(I) Grammar		L5(II) Grammar	Review
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 4					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L6 Grammar	Bi-weekly quiz			Independent Trip
9:40-10:30	Drill 1				
10:40-11:30	Drill 2				

Week 5					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	Independent Trip				
9:40-10:30					
10:40-11:30					

Week 6					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L7(I) Grammar	L7(II) Grammar		L8(I) Grammar	Review
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 7					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L8(II) Grammar	L9(I) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly quiz
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2			

Week 8					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L9(II) Grammar	L10(I) Grammar		L10(II) Grammar	Weekend Trip
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 9					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L11(I) Grammar	L11(II) Grammar		Review	Mid-term Exam
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2			

Week 10					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L12(I) Grammar	L12(II) Grammar		L13(I) Grammar	Review
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 11					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L13(II) Grammar	L14(I) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly quiz
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2			

Week 12					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	Study Tour				
9:40-10:30					
10:40-11:30					

Week 13					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L14(II) Grammar	L15(I) Grammar		L15(II) Grammar	Review
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 14					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L16(I) Grammar	L16(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly quiz
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2			

Week 15					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	L17(I) Grammar	L17(II) Grammar		L18(I) Grammar	Exit exam
9:40-10:30	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	
10:40-11:30	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	

Week 16					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:30	May Day	Review		Office Hour 2:00-5:00pm 7:00-9:00pm	Last Day of Final Exams --- Closing Ceremony
9:40-10:30					
10:40-11:30					