



XIAN CHIN 100 Beginning Chinese I

The Alliance for Global Education Xi'an: Art, History and the Silk Road Program, Fall 2009

General Information

This class is designed for students who have never studied Chinese or have learned basic Chinese grammar patterns for less than 1 semester. This class meets 5 times a week for a total of 12.5 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 to be spoken in the classroom. Students will focus mainly 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 230 new characters, to recognize and write 350 new words and 120 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, students should be able to use some higher level vocabulary to talk about social issues such as birth control in China and women's social status in Chinese society, etc. Students are required to take four Chinese courses; these are the Grammar class, Drill 1 & 2, and One-on-one.

Before each class, students 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. The weekly One-On-One class gives students the opportunity to chat with their teacher and focus on a specific aspect of the language.

Textbook

New Practical Chinese Reader, Volume 1, Lessons 1-20, Professor Liu Xun

Class Hours and Classroom

1. From Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
Section 1: 8:40-9:40
Section 2: 9:55-10:40
Section 3: 10:50-11:35
2. One on One: Wednesday 13:30 - 15:55
3. Friday: weekly composition and Bi-weekly Test

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 Class

- It is the most important that students should pay attention to listen 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.
- Retelling the dialogue, you should try to memorize the text and learn to retell it with accurate and natural pronunciation.

After 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 Chinese roommates: 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, homework will be offered to students who have program director's approval. It should be done as soon as the student is available for class.

During the semester, there will be the following tests:

Bi- weekly quiz

Mid-term exam

Final exam

Evaluation Methods

Attendance 15%

Daily performance 10%

Dictation 10%

Homework 10%

Weekly Quizzes 15%

Mid-term Examination 20%

Final Examination 20%

Class Schedule

Week 1					
8/31 – 9/4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L1(I) Pin Yin	L1(II) Pin Yin		L2(I) Grammar	L2(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35				Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35				Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 2					
9/7– 9/11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L3(I) Grammar	L3(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 3					
9/14 – 9/18	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L4(I) Grammar	L4(II) Grammar		L5(I) Grammar	L5(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 4 – Study Tour					
9/21 – 9/25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 5 – Study Tour					
9/28 – 10/2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip	Silk Road Study Trip
9:50-10:35					
10:50-11:35					
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 6					
10/5 – 10/9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L6(I) Grammar	L6(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 7					
10/12 – 10/16	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L7(I) Grammar	L7(II) Grammar		L8(I) Grammar	L8(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 8					
10/19 – 10/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L9(I) Grammar	L9(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-Weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 9					
10/26 – 10/30	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L10(I) Grammar	L10(II) Grammar		L11(I) Grammar	L11(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 10					
11/2 – 11/6	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L12(I) Grammar	L12(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 11					
11/9 – 11/13	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L13(I) Grammar	L13(II) Grammar		L14(I) Grammar	L14(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 12					
11/16 – 11/20	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L15(I) Grammar	L15(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 13					
11/23 – 11/27	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L16(I) Grammar	L16(II) Grammar		Thanksgiving Long Weekend	Thanksgiving Long Weekend
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 14					
11/30 – 12/4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L17(I) Grammar	L17(II) Grammar		Review	Bi-weekly Quiz
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 15					
12/7 – 12/11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L18(I) Grammar	L18(II) Grammar		L19(I) Grammar	L19(II) Grammar
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1		Drill 1	Drill 1
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2		Drill 2	Drill 2
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15			One on One		
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					

Week 16

12/14 – 12/18	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40-9:40	L20(I) Grammar	L20(II) Grammar	Office Hours 9:00am - 12:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm	Review	Final Exam
9:50-10:35	Drill 1	Drill 1			
10:50-11:35	Drill 2	Drill 2			
11:45-12:35					
12:35-13:20					
13:30-14:15					
14:25-15:10					
15:20-15:55					