



XIAN CHIN 101 Beginning Chinese II

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

General Information

This class is designed for foreign students. On average, the students have previously studied Chinese for 2 semesters before taking this course and have already learned some intermediate Chinese grammar patterns, with necessary language skills to survive in China. It is a regular course, with 12.5 hours weekly scheduled for 14 weeks, meeting 5 days a week. Students are expected to spend 2-3 hours every day beyond class time preparing for class, previewing for daily dictation, and completing 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 new grammar and vocabulary during the class hours. Organized in-class activities include daily dictation, memorizing dialogue, bi-weekly tests, and oral exercises such as retelling stories, making up dialogues, skit performances and role playing.

Objectives

This class helps students strengthen their skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, through the in classroom language instruction and after class self-practice. The topics in the textbook cover most commonly used daily 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 20 new Chinese words every class. Students are expected to master approximately 330 new characters, to recognize and write 600 new words, as well as 130 new grammar patterns. Students should be able to function in Chinese in their daily life with good confidence. They will learn to hold conversations with local Chinese people on most common topics, such as talking about Chinese culture, food, Chinese customs and local arts in China. In addition, with using some high level vocabularies, students can also talk about some social issues happened in China, such as birth control in China and women's social status in Chinese society, etc.

Students are required to take four Chinese courses; these courses are the Grammar class, Drill 1 & 2, One-on-one. Before class, you should prepare the new words for every lesson. During class, your teacher will introduce to you the new grammar patterns and use of new vocabulary. After the grammar class, you will be able to practice the grammar that you have learned in the Drill 1& 2 classes. One-On-One class, which you are only required to attend once a week, will give you an opportunity to chat with your teacher and work on any particular problems you might have

Textbook

New Practical Chinese Reader Volumes 2 & 3 Lessons 15-34, Professor Liu Xun

Class Hours and Classroom

1. From Monday to 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	L15(I) Grammar	L15(II) Grammar		L16(I) Grammar	L16(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 2					
9/7– 9/11	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 3					
9/14 – 9/18	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 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	L20(I) Grammar	L20(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	L21(I) Grammar	L21(II) Grammar		L22(I) Grammar	L22(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	L23(I) Grammar	L23(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	L24(I) Grammar	L24(II) Grammar		L25(I) Grammar	L25(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	L26(I) Grammar	L26(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	L27(I) Grammar	L27(II) Grammar		L28(I) Grammar	L28(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	L29(I) Grammar	L29(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	L30(I) Grammar	L30(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	L31(I) Grammar	L31(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	L32(I) Grammar	L32(II) Grammar		L33(I) Grammar	L33(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	L34(I) Grammar	L34(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					