

CHI 1130

BEGINNING CHINESE I

Fall 2024

This syllabus is the general version for all the CHI 1130 sections for fall 2024. Class schedule, course activities and evaluation criteria and grading percentages may slightly vary depending on sections.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

CHI 1130 is designed for students studying modern Chinese (Mandarin) as a second or “acquired” language. Students will build vocabulary and become familiar with basic sentence patterns. Students will also develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students are expected to carry out real life communication at an elementary level upon completion of this course (two semesters). Culture embedded in the language will also be introduced. To be more specific, students will attain approximately the Novice-High level on the ACTFL/ETS proficiency scale after completing one year of Chinese:

Listening: Able to understand short, learned utterances and some sentence-length utterances, particularly where context strongly supports understanding and speech is clearly audible. May require repetition, rephrasing and/or a slowed rate of speech for comprehension.

Speaking: Able to satisfy partially the requirements of basic communicative exchanges by relying heavily on learned utterances but occasionally expanding these through simple recombination of their elements. Can ask questions or make statements involving learned material.

Reading: Where vocabulary has been learned, can read for instructional and directional purposes standardized messages, phrases or expressions, such as some items on menu, schedules, timetables, maps, and signs.

Writing: Able to write simple fixed expressions and limited memorized material and some recombination thereof. Can supply information on simple forms and documents.

TIME:

Period	Class Number	Room	Instructor
4	11063	TBA	Fresh 艾老師
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INSTRUCTOR:

Name	Fresh, Elinore 艾老師
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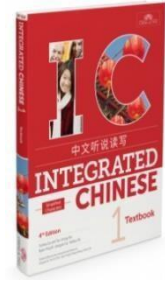
Required Textbooks:

Integrated Chinese (Level I, Part I) in Traditional characters, 4th edition, 2016, Yuehua Liu and Tao-chung Yao et al. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company

Vol. 1 Textbook. Lesson 1 ~ 8 will be covered in fall semester (ISBN: 9781622911349) 4th edition, 2016

Vol. 1 Workbook (ISBN: 9781622911318) 4th edition, 2016

The books are available at **UF Campus Bookstore and online bookstores.**

**AUDIO FILES**

Audio files accompanying the textbook and workbook are available to download at <https://www.cheng-tsui.com/resources/ic>

COURSE REQUIREMENTS 1. Prerequisite

No prerequisite. This course is designed for students with no prior Chinese background. Anyone who has the abilities in listening, speaking, reading and/or writing Chinese (Mandarin) will have to take a placement test and be placed into the appropriate class level. Please see:

<https://languages.ufl.edu/academics/llc-languages/chinese-studies/>

If you do not abide by this policy and it is discovered by your instructor that you have previous background in Chinese, your instructor has the right to either place you into the appropriate level (if one exists) or drop you from the class rolls.

Chinese placement test

If you have not taken Beginning Chinese at the University of Florida or the UF in Chengdu Study Abroad Programs you must consult your instructor and take the placement test. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Chinese language courses require a placement test administered by the department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. For Placement test registration please go to https://languages.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/119/Fall24_Chinese_Placement_Test_Flier.pdf and fill out the registration form online. Please contact Xu laoshi at hanxu@ufl.edu if you have any questions.

2. Attendance

Since this is an intensive course, attendance is essential part of the class. All students are expected to attend class every day. You are allowed to have **four unexcused absences**. Each additional unexcused absence after the 4th will result in 1 point deduction from the final scores. Medical related absences including disability related absences **may not exceed 10 class times** due to interfering with the essential course requirements. Each additional medical related absence after the 10th will result in 1point deduction from the final score.

UF Covid-19 Recommendations-

- If you are not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Vaccines are readily available and have been demonstrated to be safe and effective against the COVID-19 virus. Visit one.uf for screening / testing and vaccination opportunities.
- If you are sick, stay home. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 to be evaluated.
- As with any excused absence, you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work.

For an excused absence: You need to contact the office of the Dean of Students at dsocares@dso.ufl.edu by email or call 352-294-2273 to request assistance by phone. The office of the Dean of Students will alert your instructor and certify the related documentation.

Students who work with the Dean of Students Office or are registered with the Disability Resource Center are responsible for providing related documentation.

Please be punctual. If you are late to class, you will not be given extra time to complete exams and quizzes. If you are more than **5** minutes late three times without your instructor's consent, they will be counted as one absence. If you are more than **30** minutes late, it will be considered as one absence. If you leave **10 minutes** prior to the end of class without your instructor's permission, it will be counted as one absence as well. **If you are late or miss class for any reason, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor or ask your classmates to find out what you have missed and what you need to do.**

Religious holidays

Students shall be excused from class to observe a religious holy day of their faith upon prior notification to their instructors. Students shall be permitted to make up the material or activities covered in their absence and shall not be penalized. Please refer to attendance policies at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#religiousholidaystext>

3. Participation

Students will be judged by their **daily** performance in class. Students are expected to preview lessons, and prepare for classroom activities. **Since this is a five-credit course, students are expected to study for at least 2 hours every day outside of class.** Sleeping, talking or doing homework during class is considered as disengaged from class activities. **Any absence is considered as 'no participation' on the day of absence. The grading criteria for class participation will be on a 10 point scale:**

- 10 = excellent performance (including excellent preparation of the Situational Responses); high level of fluency and accuracy
- 8 = very good /strong performance (including very good preparation of the Situational Responses); with some minor weak areas; memorized most materials; no need to refer to textbook
- 6 = good performance (including full preparation of the Situational Responses); with some weakness; memorized some materials; occasional need to refer to textbook
- 4 = fair performance (including partial preparation of the Situational Responses); weak in major area; memorized only limited materials; frequent need to refer to textbook
- 2 = poor performance (including very limited preparation of the Situational Responses); weak in most area, refer constantly to textbook
- 1 = completely unprepared or disengaged from class activities (no preparation of the Situational Responses).
- 0 = absent; or any interrupts to the lecture

*** 0.2 points will be taken off from the participation grade for each missed Situational Responses assignment.**

Important Classroom Etiquette: During class please do not eat or chew gum and also put away all electronic devices—Cell phones, computers, tablets, etc. **If you use any of the above devices without prior consent of the instructor, you will be asked to leave class and you will receive a Zero for class participation.**

4. Homework

All homework assignments are to be submitted via Canvas at 3 PM on the due date. No homework will be accepted after the due date indicated on your assignment sheet, unless it is an excused absence. Any missing homework assignments will receive a 0. Any copied homework (see item 8 below) will also receive a 0. If you know that you will miss class on the day that an assignment is due and it is excused, turn it in **ahead of time**.

5. Vocabulary quizzes, mini orals, speaking test, final skit & chapter tests.

There are two **vocabulary quizzes** for each lesson. Students will memorize the pinyin, Chinese character and English definition for each new word from the lesson.

A written **chapter test** is given every two lessons (L1 &2, L3 &4, L5 &6). Students will be tested on listening, grammar, reading and writing for the written test.

You will have **mini orals** throughout the semester. The mini oral is an assignment to practice speaking. Instructions for mini orals will be given beforehand. Students sometimes need to work in pairs or groups.

A **Speaking test** is given half-way through the semester. Each student will sign up for a 5 -10 minutes interview with the course instructor. Most questions are given ahead of time so that students can prepare.

The end-of-semester final skit is the final speaking product of the semester. Students will work individually or in groups. Instructions will be given two weeks prior to the performance.

The **Last test** is cumulative in nature, but will focus on lesson 7 (80%) and will be given during the last two days of class.

6. Canvas/E-Learning(elearning.ufl.edu)

Canvas is an online Course Management System (CMS) to support study in and outside of class. Students are required to check the **Canvas/E-learning** for the weekly course schedule, class and homework assignments, Grammar PowerPoint notes and other supplementary materials.

7. Makeup Policy

- A. Make-up tests, quizzes, homework, and oral presentations (individual and group) are given strictly to those with valid proof of illness, emergency and approved school activities. Official documentation must be provided for the **exact date of absence**. Pre-arranged make-ups are only for official activities, not for personal activities.
- B. In addition to an official document, the instructor must be contacted by email before the class time and a make-up section must be scheduled **within three class days** after the student's return to class. It is important not to miss the group presentations as other members in the group can be affected. **Also see Attendance.**

There will be no make-ups for any quiz, test, or oral presentation if any of the above requirements is not fulfilled.

8 Chinese Speaking Policy in Class

You are required to speak Chinese in class. You will be taught how to ask permission to speak English, if it becomes absolutely necessary.

9. In-Class Recording

- Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.
- A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.
- Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

GRADING

Attendance and Participation	10%
In-class Quizzes	15%
Homework	15%
Written Chapter Tests	25%
Mini Orals	8%
Speaking test	7%
Final Skit	5%
The Last test	15%

Letter Grades

Score	Grade
93 -100	A
90 - 92	A-
87 - 89	B+
83 - 86	B
80 - 82	B-
77 - 79	C+
73 - 76	*C (S)
70 - 72	C-
67 - 69	D+
63 - 66	D
60 - 62	D-
59 or less	E

***IMPORTANT NOTE: A grade of C(S) or better is considered a passing grade. Students receiving grades below C (including C-, D+, D, D- and E) will not be permitted to move on to CHI 1131 Beginning Chinese 2.**

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

[UF Graduate Catalog](#)

[Grades and Grading Policies](#)

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the [Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing [online evaluations](#). Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students on the [Gator Evals page](#).

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” [The Honor Code](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see the [Notification to Students of FERPA Rights](#).

Campus

Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352-392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 352-392-1575; and the University Police Department: 352-392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS) Student Health Care Center, 352-392-1161.

GatorWell Health Promotion Services: For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the [GatorWell website](#) or call 352-273-4450.

University Police Department at 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or police.ufl.edu.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.

Library Support, Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints Campus On-Line Students Complaints

CHI 1130 Fall Semester 2024 Weekly Class Schedule and Homework Assignments (Subject to change)

Audio files accompanying the textbook and workbook are available to download at <https://www.cheng-tsui.com/resources/ic>

L1 D1 homework due means Lesson 1 Dialogue 1 character worksheet (available to print at course canvas site).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8/22-8/23 Week 1				Introduction to the course and Chinese basics.	Pinyin & characters.
8/26-8/30 Week 2	Pinyin & characters. Pinyin HW 1	Pinyin & characters. Pinyin HW 2	Pinyin & characters. Pinyin HW 3	L1 你好 Pinyin quiz	L1
9/2-9/6 Week 3	Labor Day No class.	L1 Vocab quiz1.1	HW L1.1 DUE	Vocab quiz1.2	HW L1.2 DUE
9/9-9/13 Week 4	Mini Oral 1	L1 Review/SR1	L2 家庭	L2 Vocab quiz2.1	L2 HW L2.1 DUE
9/16-9/20 Week 5	L2 Vocab quiz2.2	L2 Moon Festival	L2 HW L2.2 DUE	SR2	Review L 1-2

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9/23-9/27 Week 6	Test 1, L1&2	L3 時間	L3 Vocab quiz3.1	L3	L3 HW L3.1
9/30-10/4 Week 7	L3 Vocab quiz3.2	L3 HW L3.2	L3 SR3	L 4 Review	L4 愛好
10/7-10/11 Week 8	L4 愛好 Mini oral 2	L4 Vocab quiz4.1	L4	L4 HW L4.1	L4 Vocab quiz4.2
10/14-10/18 Week 9	L4 HW L4.2	L4 SR4/Review	Test 2, L3&4	L5 看朋友	Homecoming No class.
10/21-10/25 Week 10	L5 Vocab quiz5.1	L5	L5 HW L5.1	L5 Vocab quiz5.2	L5
10/28-11/1 Week 11	L5 HW L5.2	L5 Speaking Test	L5 Speaking Test	L5 SR 5	L6 約時間
11/4-11/8 Week 12	L6 Vocab quiz6.1	L6 HW L6.1	L6 Vocab quiz6.2	L6 HW L6.2	L6 SR6/Test Review
11/11-11/15 Week 13	Veterans Day No class	Test 3, L5&6	L7 學中文 Final skit discussion and draft due.	L7 Vocab quiz7.1	L7 HW L7.1
11/18-11/22 Week 14	L7 Vocab quiz7.2	L7 Final Skit Due	L7 HW L7.2	L7 SR7	Review
11/25-11/29	Thanksgiving break. No class.				
12/2-12/4 Week 15	Review	Test 4.1, L7	Test 4.2, L7 Last Day of class.		

Homework is due at 3 pm on the due date. You can start working on your homework ahead of the due date and feel free to ask any questions.

Homework is an effective way to test your knowledge, but sometimes it can be challenging. If you have questions, ask your instructor or simply write a note in your homework so that your instructor can read your question(s) and answer them.

Make sure you do your homework and understand your errors. Errors are inevitable when learning a new language and are an invaluable way to learn.

Character worksheet- must be printed from Canvas/files/character worksheets.

1. Trace the example characters following the stroke numbers/order.
2. Write each word/character at least 5 times.
3. It is helpful to use different colors representing different radicals.

Homework schedule

Homework due dates	Character worksheet	Listening comprehension	Pinyin & Tones	Reading Comprehension	Writing and Grammar
L1D1 9/4	L1D1	A, B, C	A	A, B	B, C, D, E
L1D2 9/6	L1D2	A, B, C	A	A, B, C, D, E	C, D, F, H #3, 4
L2D1 9/13	L2D1	A, B, C	B	A, B, C	D, E, F #2, 4
L2D2 9/18	L2D2	A, B, C, D	A	A, B, C	C #1, 5; D; F #3
L3D1 9/27	L3D1	A, B, C	B	A, B, C, D	B, C, D, F #5
L3D2 10/1	L3D2	A, B, C	A	A, B, C	B, C, D #1, 3; G #3
L4D1 10/10	L4D1	A, B, C	B	A, B, C, D	B, D #2, 4
L4D2 10/14	L4D2	A, B, C, D	A	A, B, C, D	B, C, E #1, 3
L5D1 10/23	L5D1	A, B, C, D	A	A, B, C	B, C, D #1, 4, 5; E
L5D2 10/28	L5D2	A, B, C	B	A, B, C, D	C #1, 2; D #2, 3; E #3
L6D1 11/5	L6D1	A, B, C	A	A, B, C	B, C #2,3; D #3
L6D2 11/7	L6D2	A, B, C	B	B, C, D	B, D, E #3
L7D1 11/15	L7D1	A, B, C	B	A, B, C	B, C, D #2, 3; E; G #5

L7D2 11/20	L7D2	A, B	A	A, B, C	C, D, E #3
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