

Beginning Modern Chinese I

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CHN 1011

5 credits

Sponsoring U of M Department: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

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Office hours: 8:00 am to 8:30 am and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Prerequisite: Chinese 2 or equivalent

Course Description: CHN 1011 is a course that teaches Chinese as a foreign language. It is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in first-year modern Standard Chinese at University of Minnesota. This course introduces elementary Mandarin pronunciation, grammar, and orthography (in both Pinyin and characters). This course will develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills with an emphasis on promoting communicative competency in Chinese; it will also provide opportunities for using Mandarin Chinese in meaningful, real life applications.

Course Objectives: To learn to communicate in Chinese well enough to survive in a Chinese-speaking environment and to be able to carry on simple conversations about daily life. The basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing will continue to be developed. If students attend class regularly, actively participate, complete assignments/activities, and spend at least fifty minutes each day studying Chinese outside of class, they will be able to...

- Make arrangements to meet with someone for an appointment, meeting, and activity.
- Acquire goods and services through basic conversational skills.
- Ask for and give directions from one place to another within a city.
- Interpret schedules and prices of different means of transportation.
- Discuss your life in and out of school, including weekend activities, special events, and celebrations.
- Express plan for the future in terms of travel, profession, and activities.
- Comprehend the main idea and some supporting details of selected authentic texts on familiar topics, daily routines.
- Learn to use a Chinese/English dictionary, both paper and electronic.
- Know the basic components and radicals of Chinese characters.
- Gain understanding of the geography, history, people, daily life, values and philosophy of China and the Chinese-speaking people.
- Compare, contrast, and analyze one's culture with Chinese culture.

Themes of Study may include:

- Global Issues
- Health
- Cultural Diversities
- Communication and Media
- Social Relationships
- Customs and Traditions

Textbook: *Integrated Chinese, Level One, Part One*, Tao-chung Yao, et. al., Cheng & Tsui Company, 2009 (3rd edition)

Required Materials:

#2 pencils, highlighters, a red marking pen, a notebook, loose-leaf paper, and a 1 1/2" three ring binder

Methods of Assessment:

A variety of assessment methods, both formative and summative will be used. Highland Park Senior High School uses a 30%/70% system. 30% of the grade is based on formative assessment. The formative assessment will include a combination of daily class work, homework, and oral activities while summative assessment, which will be 70% of their overall grade, will consist of quizzes, tests, and projects.

Grading and Reporting:

Grades will be given at the conclusion of each quarter with a progress grade given midway through the quarter. All grades will be given based upon the percentage of points earned on the measures of assessment.

Grading Scale

	B+ = 87-89.99%	C+ = 77-79.99%	D+ = 67-69.99%
A = 93-100%	B = 83-86.99%	C = 73-76.99%	D = 63-66.99%
A- = 90-92.99%	B- = 80-82.99%	C- = 70-72.99%	D- = 60-62.99%
			F = 59.99% and below

Assignments:

Assignments will be given everyday. Students at this level are expected to spend 5-7 hours studying Chinese on a weekly basis. When there is no specific assignment, students should review vocabulary and sentence pattern. It is important that you get things in on time. If you do not hand in homework on time, it will affect your grade. If you are absent for any reason, it is your responsibility to find out what you have missed.

Quizzes/Tests:

Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Quizzes will be given periodically during the unit. Final exam will be given. It will be included as part of your test grade. If you are absent for the quiz/test you must make arrangement to make it up.

Attendance, Preparation and Participation:

Attendance is required for you to succeed in this class. In order for us to be able to use class time effectively, it is really important that you come to class having studied the material and having completed the assignment to the best of your ability. If you have to be absent, I'd appreciate you let me know ahead of time so that I can plan my class activities accordingly. If you miss a class, you are responsible for finding out what you missed (get notes from another student) and for coming completely prepared to the following class. Your grade for this grading category will be based on your attendance, your preparation for the class, and your participation in class.

Participation grades in this course are based on timely completion of daily assignments and correct verbal responses to oral questions posed in class. Each month you will receive a calendar sheet, which will be stamped throughout the month in accordance to your achievements in the above-mentioned areas. The accumulation of stamps earned on the calendar sheet will be your participation grade for that month.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus Academic Policies, Fall 2019

Student Conduct Code

The University seeks an environment that promotes academic achievement and integrity, that is protective of free inquiry, and that serves the educational mission of the University. Similarly, the University seeks a community that is free from violence, threats, and intimidation; that is respectful of the rights, opportunities, and welfare of students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University; and that does not threaten the physical or mental health or safety of members of the University community.

As a student at the University you are expected adhere to Board of Regents Policy: *Student Conduct Code*. To review the Student Conduct Code, please see: http://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Student_Conduct_Code.pdf.

Note that the conduct code specifically addresses disruptive classroom conduct, which means "engaging in behavior that substantially or repeatedly interrupts either the instructor's ability to teach or student learning. The classroom extends to any setting where a student is engaged in work toward academic credit or satisfaction of program-based requirements or related activities."

Use of Personal Electronic Devices in the Classroom

Using personal electronic devices in the classroom setting can hinder instruction and learning, not only for the student using the device but also for other students in the class. To this end, the University establishes the right of each faculty member to determine if and how personal electronic devices are allowed to be used in the classroom. For complete information, please reference: <http://policy.umn.edu/education/studentresp>.

Scholastic Dishonesty

You are expected to do your own academic work and cite sources as necessary. Failing to do so is scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty means plagiarizing; cheating on assignments or examinations; engaging in unauthorized collaboration on academic work; taking, acquiring, or using test materials without faculty permission; submitting false or incomplete records of academic achievement; acting alone or in cooperation with another to falsify records or to obtain dishonestly grades, honors, awards, or professional endorsement; altering, forging, or misusing a University academic record; or fabricating or falsifying data, research procedures, or data analysis. (Student Conduct

Code: http://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Student_Conduct_Code.pdf) If it is determined that a student has cheated, the student may be given an "F" or an "N" for the course, and may face additional sanctions from the University. For additional information, please see: <http://policy.umn.edu/education/instructorresp>.

The Office for Community Standards has compiled a useful list of Frequently Asked Questions pertaining to scholastic dishonesty: <https://communitystandards.umn.edu/avoid-violations/avoiding-scholastic-...>. If you have additional questions, please clarify with your instructor for the course. Your instructor can respond to your specific questions regarding what would constitute scholastic dishonesty in the context of a particular class-e.g., whether collaboration on assignments is permitted, requirements and methods for citing sources, if electronic aids are permitted or prohibited during an exam.

Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences

Students will not be penalized for absence during the semester due to unavoidable or legitimate circumstances. Such circumstances include verified illness, participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoenas, jury duty, military service, bereavement, and religious observances. Such circumstances do not include voting in local, state, or national elections. For complete information, please see: <http://policy.umn.edu/education/makeupwork>.

Appropriate Student Use of Class Notes and Course Materials

Taking notes is a means of recording information but more importantly of personally absorbing and integrating the educational experience. However, broadly disseminating class notes beyond the classroom community or accepting compensation for taking and distributing classroom notes undermines instructor interests in their intellectual work product while not substantially furthering instructor and student interests in effective learning. Such actions violate shared norms and standards of the academic community. For additional information, please see: <http://policy.umn.edu/education/studentresp>.

Grading and Transcripts

The University utilizes plus and minus grading on a 4.000 cumulative grade point scale in accordance with the following:

A	4.000 - Represents achievement that is outstanding relative to the level necessary to meet course requirements
A-	3.667
B+	3.333
B	3.000 - Represents achievement that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course requirements
B-	2.667
C+	2.333
C	2.000 - Represents achievement that meets the course requirements in every respect
C-	1.667
D+	1.333

D	1.000 - Represents achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully the course requirements
S	Represents achievement that is satisfactory, which is equivalent to a C- or better.

For additional information, please refer to: <http://policy.umn.edu/education/gradingtranscripts>.

Sexual Harassment

"Sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and/or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or academic environment in any University activity or program. Such behavior is not acceptable in the University setting. For additional information, please consult Board of Regents Policy: https://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Sexual_Harassment_Sexual_Assault_Stalking_Relationship_Violence.pdf

Equity, Diversity, Equal Opportunity, and Affirmative Action

The University provides equal access to and opportunity in its programs and facilities, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. For more information, please consult Board of Regents Policy: http://regents.umn.edu/sites/regents.umn.edu/files/policies/Equity_Diversity_EO_AA.pdf.

Disability Accommodations

The University of Minnesota views disability as an important aspect of diversity, and is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) is the campus office that collaborates with students who have disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable accommodations.

- If you have, or think you have, a disability in any area such as, mental health, attention, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical, please contact the DRC office on your campus (UM Twin Cities - [612.626.1333](tel:612.626.1333)) or CIS Associate Director, Jan Erickson (j-eric1@umn.edu or 612.624.9898), to arrange a confidential discussion regarding equitable access and reasonable accommodations.
- Students with short-term disabilities, such as a broken arm, **can** often work with instructors to **minimize** classroom barriers. In situations where additional assistance is needed, students should contact the DRC as noted above.
- If you are registered with the DRC and have a disability accommodation letter dated for this semester or this year, please contact your instructor early in the semester to review how the accommodations will be applied in the course.

Additional information is available on the DRC website: (UM Twin Cities - <https://diversity.umn.edu/disability/>) or e-mail (UM Twin Cities - drc@umn.edu) with questions.

Mental Health and Stress Management

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance and may reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. University of Minnesota services are available to assist you. You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Student Mental Health Website: <http://www.mentalhealth.umn.edu>.

Academic Freedom and Responsibility: for courses that do not involve students in research

Academic freedom is a cornerstone of the University. Within the scope and content of the course as defined by the instructor, it includes the freedom to discuss relevant matters in the classroom. Along with this freedom comes responsibility. Students are encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. Students are free to take reasoned exception to the views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.*

Reports of concerns about academic freedom are taken seriously, and there are individuals and offices available for help. Contact the instructor, the Department Chair, your adviser, the associate dean of the college, or the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs in the Office of the Provost. *[Customize with names and contact information as appropriate for the course/college/campus.]*

* Language adapted from the American Association of University Professors "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students".