Syllabus

CHINESE 101-01 **Fall 2007**

Time: M, W, F: 1:00-1:50 pm
T: 12:30-1:45 pm

Place: Palmer 206
Kennedy Hall 207

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Course Materials

We will use Integrated Chinese Level I Part I which consists of a textbook and a workbook. The audio CDs to accompany the lessons can be accessed on the Rhodes website under the section of the Language Center. As you will be asked to master the contents of the texts, **you are required to listen to audio CDs regularly.** There is also a workbook audio CD on the website. You must access it so as to do the Listening part of homework (go to the website of Acad_Dept and select Mod_Lang. Then select Language_Lab, Chinese, Intergrated_Chinese_1 and Level_1).

Course Objectives

Chinese 101 is designed to introduce you to the Chinese language and culture. Since Chinese characters are very different from any western languages' writing forms, we will learn how to effectively read and remember them from the beginning. By the end of this course, students should be able to recognize every Chinese character we learn and communicate rudimentary information in Chinese.

Grading

Attendance and participation: 15%
Homework: 20%
Tests: 40%
Final examination: 15%
Oral exam: 10%

Total: 100%

Note: We have a test right after we finish each lesson. And basically we have a small vocabulary quiz every class.

Attendance: Since attendance is crucial both to learning and participating, I will take attendance and grade participation every class. However, I realize that you may occasionally have legitimate reasons to be absent from class. More than three unexcused absences and more than five absences in total will lower your final grade by a minor letter grade (e.g., from A- to B+). Additional absences will lower your participation grade. Repeated tardiness will also begin to count as additional absences. A word of caution: If you miss more than 30% of the semester's class sessions, you will fail this course. If you are ill or have another legitimate excuse to miss class (i.e., conference participation, family emergencies – documentation may be required), you must notify me either via telephone or via email.

Remember: If you have difficulties of any kind, please do not hesitate to ask the instructor for help.

Note: Learning a language well always requires an environment of this language. Students will be encouraged to speak Chinese as much as possible in the class.

Activity:

Chinese Night: This activity is designed to give you a chance to taste some interesting Chinese cultural aspects and give you a space to speak Chinese with native Chinese speakers and your classmates. We will have topic discussions, listen to Chinese songs, watch Chinese videos and have culture panel etc. The time is every Tuesday 6:10-7:00pm (9/11-11/13). The place is 410 Rhodes Tower. The attendance of this activity will be taken as a part of participation grade.

Final Exams:

The final exams will be comprehensive. Here is the schedule:

Written Exam: (including listening)	**12/7**	Friday 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Oral Exam:	**12/7**	Friday 7:00 – 8:00 pm