



## CHIN 101-01, Elementary Mandarin Chinese, Fall 2008

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**Department of Modern Languages & Literatures  
Rhodes College**

**Elementary Mandarin Chinese**

**2008 FALL**

<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>Office</b>
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\* I am generally on campus everyday. If you want or need to speak with me at a time other than office hours, feel free to make an appointment or stop by my office. I may not be able to respond to emails on weekends and after 10pm on weekdays.

**Textbooks**

1. Integrated Chinese Textbook (Level I Part I)  
(Lessons covered: Lesson 1- Lesson 7 Dialogue One)
2. Integrated Chinese Workbook (Level I Part I)
3. Integrated Chinese Character Workbook (Level I Part I)

**Course Objectives**

1. Read and write with the Pinyin System.
2. Learn about 400 Chinese characters and 260 phrases.
3. Make sentences with vocabulary and sentence patterns learned in class.
4. Participate in short conversations in Chinese.
5. Write notes, dialogues, and skits in Chinese.

**Course Requirements**

1. **Attendance** is mandatory. For each \*unexcused absence, **3 points** will be deducted from your point accumulation for lack of participation. For **every 5 inexcusable absences** (a clear sign of lack of effort), **the final grade will result in one grade lower** (e.g. B-->B-).

**Excusable Absences:** Absences can be excused in case of illness, family emergency and other unforeseeable incidents beyond the control of a student. A signed note from a person (such as a doctor, a police officer) who can verify the reason for the absence and his/her phone numbers are required.

2. **Homework** will be assigned at the end of daily lecture and due the next day. The whole package is due on the day of the quiz. All homework must be done completely in order to receive full credit. **All late work will be deducted 3 points per day.**

3. **Daily Dictation:** A brief daily character quiz will be given at the beginning of each lecture. **Be on time!**

4. **Tests and Exams:**

Items	Times	Description
Chapter Tests	7	Tests are cumulative, focusing on the materials from the chapter covered that week, including vocabulary, sentence patterns and comprehension. The tests will involve character writing.
Daily Dictation	45	It will be given at the beginning of each lecture in the format of character recognition and character writing.
Homework	7	Homework assignments from the workbook and handout worksheets
Typing Exercise	1	Students will use Chinese word processing & Babel Fish Translation to type translation assignments.
Essay Translation	1	Translate a short passage using the learned patterns (typed)
Final Oral	1	Skit (typed); comprehensive and creative speaking skills
Final Exam	1	Comprehensive, multiple choices, 100 questions

5. **Outside class exercises:** **2 hours per week** on listening comprehension is recommended.

**Course Assessment:**

Items	Calculation	Subtotal
Homework	15 x 7	105
Chapter Tests	80 x 7	560
Daily Dictations	45 x 3	135*
Word processing	20 x 1	20
Essay	30 x 1	30
Final Written Exam	100 x 1	100
Final Oral Exam	50 x 1	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,000</b>

\* the number of dictation of this semester is subject to change.

**Academic Honesty:** *Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at Rhodes. If a student commits a dishonest conduct such as cheating or plagiarism, the student will receive a failing grade in the course.*

**Grading:** Grading is based upon the accumulated homework and tests. It may vary based upon other factors, such as effort, overall improvement versus overall decline, consistency, etc.

**Policies:**

**Add/Drop:** Students may add/drop a course or change grade options (letter grade↔ P/NP) before the deadlines indicated on the academic calendar.

**Classroom:** Please turn cell phones off during class. No text messaging. And please use your laptops only for class-related activities.

**Tests and Exams:** If in any case you are unable to take the test on the scheduled date, please notify me and take the test in advance. There will be no makeup for chapter tests or final exam.

**Disability:** If you are a student with a disability or special need, contact the SDS (Student Disability Services) immediately to arrange for accommodations that will assist you with this course.

\* See next page for detailed schedule.

Schedule:

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1			8/27	28	29 Pinyin initials
Week 2	9/1 <b>Labor Day</b>	2 Pinyin initials & finals	3 Pinyin finals	4	5 Pinyin finals & tones
Week 3	9/8 Pinyin tones	9 characters	10 characters	11	12 <b>Test #1 HW 1 Due</b>
Week 4	9/15 L1	16 L1	17 L1	18	19 L1
Week 5	9/22 L1	23 <b>Test #2 HW 2 Due</b>	24 L2	25	26 L2
Week 6	9/29 L2	30 L2	10/1 L2	2	3 <b>Test #3 HW 3 Due</b>
Week 7	10/6 L3	7 L3	8 L3	9	10 L3
Week 8	10/13 L3	14 L3	15 <b>Test #4 HW 4 Due</b>	16	17 L4
Week 9	10/20 <b>Fall break</b>	21 <b>Fall Break</b>	22 L4	23	24 L4
Week 10	10/27 L4	28 L4	29 L4	30	31 <b>Test #5 HW 5 Due</b>
Week 11	11/3 L5	4 L5	5 L5	6	7 L5
Week 12	10 L5	11 L5	12 <b>Test #6 HW 6 Due</b>	13	14 L6
Week 13	17 L6	18 L6	19 L6	20	21 L6
Week 14	24 L6	25 <b>Test #7 HW 7 Due</b>	26 L7	27 <b>Thanks giving</b>	28 <b>Thanks giving</b>
Week 15	12/1 L7	2 L7	3 L7	4	5 L7
Week 16	8 <b>Final Skit</b>	9 <b>Final Skit</b>	10 <b>Final Review</b>	11	12
Week 17	13 <b>Final Exam 1:00pm</b>				