

Chinese 1 Syllabus (2019-2020)

I. Introductory Information:

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Class Period: 1&2 period

II. Class Description

This introductory course in Chinese language provides the basic communication skills in the Modern Standard Chinese. This course is designed for the High school level students who have had no prior experience to Chinese language and are interested in learning basic Chinese language as well as culture. Throughout the course, students will develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. However, the emphasis in this course will be on building up students' communicative competence in oral and aural skills. Reading and writing will be minimally introduced along with speaking and listening skills. Students will be able to communicate verbally in Chinese language within given situations

III. Exposition:

A. Competencies:

The student will be able to:

- Pronounce the phonetic symbols in Chinese “pinyin”
- Distinguish the differences between the four tones in Chinese language
- Compare and contrast the differences between American English and Chinese language grammars
- learn how to greet each other when people meet.
- Introduce herself / himself in Chinese language
- Use simple daily conversations in Chinese language with colleagues
- Perform role-play of given situation in Chinese language
- Can speak all the colors in Chinese and ask and answer.

B. Activities & Requirements:

The major activities for this course will include:

- Drilling phonetic symbols and the four tones in Chinese language
- Recording the pronunciation of the words that represent different phonetic symbols and tones
- Reading and presenting simple Chinese language
- Completing the personal profile form in Chinese language with the minimum help from a partner
- Communicating verbally in Chinese language within given situations

IV. Class Expectations:

- Be respectful
- Come to class on time
- Be prepared before coming to class
- Be active and engage in the class activities
- Spend an adequate amount of time on the your homework
- Complete and submit all your homework assignments on time
- Seek help when you needed it

V. Required Materials:

Text Books:

Kuaile Hanyu (Happy Chinese).

VI. Procedures/Policies:

Attendance policy:

You are expected to attend class each week. You are required to be fully prepared before coming to class. Please be aware that submitting assignments on time contributes to your course grade. If you miss a part of a unit or an entire unit, your grade will be affected.

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Honesty policy:

You are personally responsible for the performance and achievement of your assignments. Each homework assignment, voice recording activity, should be your own sole work. Please do not even consider any act of academic dishonesty. Any violation of academic honesty policy will be subject to sanctions according to school policies.

Class Homework, Assignments, and Projects:

Homework will be given on a regular basis and will be due the next school day unless otherwise specified. Homework will be considered late if not submitted on the due date. Projects and other assignments will be given throughout the semester. *Any missed work will be graded zero points until it is complete and turned in.*

Make- up Policy:

If you have an excused absence, you will have a day for making up the missed assignments. You will be graded without losing any points for being late.

VII. Grading

The grading scale used in this course is as follows:

A=100 - 90%

D = 69.99 - 60%

B = 89.99 - 80%

F = 65.99 - 0%

C = 79.99 - 70%