**Non-IntensiveBasic Chinese：Level 1--Part 1 (Heritage)**

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**Class Time and Classrooms:**

**Section 001: 10:00-10:50**

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| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Buchanan D207 | Buchanan B308 | Buchanan B304 | Buchanan D316 |

**Course Objectives**

Chinese 141 is a 3-credit introductory course for heritage students. With communicative classroom activities and on-line practices, the course seeks to help students:

1. Acquire basic skills in understanding, speaking, especially reading and writing of the Chinese language.
2. Learn the Hanyu Pinyin system and the standard pronunciation of Mandarin.
3. Obtain the basic knowledge of Chinese character components and learn how to handwrite and type them.
4. Gain the ability to read and write short passages with an active vocabulary of about 300 words.
5. Speak and talk on the topics introduced in the textbook, and those who already have a good command of speaking ability will learn how to speak formally.
6. Develop an understanding of Chinese social and cultural phenomena.

The continuation of CHIN 141 for next term is CHIN 143.

**Required Textbook**

* **Textbook:** *A Primer For Advanced Beginners of Chinese, Vol. 1* (Duanduan Li, et al,.)

《大学语文》Simplified Character Edition, Columbia University Press, 2004 **(required)**

**Dictionaries:**

* *Concise English-Chinese Chinese-English Dictionary* 《精选英汉汉英辞典》, The Commercial Press & Oxford University Press, 4th edition, 2010.
* *XiandaiHanyuCidian*《现代汉语词典》, 中国社会科学院语言研究所 (The Language Research Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), 北京：商务印书馆 (Beijing: The Commercial Press), 6th edition, 2012.

**Useful Websites**

* Chinese-Chinese dictionary: [http://www.zdic.net](http://www.zdic.net/)
* Chinese-English dictionary: <http://www.yellowbridge.com/chinese/chinese-dictionary.php>
* Chinese text annotation tool <http://mandarinspot.com/annotate>

**Course Schedule**

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| **W** | **Dates** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| 1 | 9/5-9/9 | ***Labour Day*** | **Orientation** | Course Introduction  Pinyin | Pinyin |
| 2 | 9/12-9/16 | Pinyin | Chinese Characters | L1 | L1 |
| 3 | 9/19-9/23 | L1 | L1 | L1 | L1 |
| 4 | 9/26-9/30 | L1 | L1 | L2 | L2 |
| 5 | 10/3-10/7 | L2 | L2 | L2 | L2 |
| 6 | 10/10-10/14 | ***Thanksgiving Day*** | L2  ***Chinese Fun Night*** | L2 | L1-L2 Review |
| 7 | 10/17-10/21 | **Midterm oral** | **Midterm Oral** | **Midterm written** | L3 |
| 8 | 10/24-10/28 | L3 | L3 | L3 | L3 |
| 9 | 10/31-11/4 | L3 | L3 | L4 | L4 |
| 10 | 11/7-11/11 | L4 | L4 | L4 | ***Remembrance Day*** |
| 11 | 11/14-11/18 | L4 | L4 | L5 | L5 |
| 12 | 11/21-11/25 | L5 | L5 | L5 | L5 |
| 13 | 11/28-12/2 | L5 | Review | **Final Oral Project** | **Final Oral Project** |

* **The schedule is subject to change according to the class’ progress.**
* **All quiz and exam details will be announced later.**
* **Midterm Oral Test Date:**

Students will be scheduled to attend the Midterm Oral Test on Oct17 or Oct 18, not both days. Students only need to show up at the scheduled time to attend the test. The class of these two days are cancelled in lieu of the Midterm Oral Test and Chinese Fun Night.

* **Chinese Fun Night --- NEW: “Nice to meet you! --- In Chinese”**

This Chinese Fun Night is designed for beginning learners from all CHIN131 and CHIN141 sections. You will get to know your fellow students in other CHIN131/141 sections in the event. With your business card in Chinese and family pictures (real or imaginary), you will be chatting with other students about yourself and your family IN CHINESE. You will also play games and win prizes. Through these activities, you will find CHIN131/141 not just a language class but a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and have fun. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Clear your schedule and come join us.

**Note: Chinese Fun Night is part of your course and is obligatory. Details will be distributed later.**

**Hint: How to achieve more with less time?**

1. Attend every class, come to class on time, and actively participate class activities.
2. Preview and review what you will learn and what you have learned, using the 5-10 min. before or after class.
3. Ask for help as soon as you have any questions or problems.
4. Do your homework on the day it is assigned and submit it on time.

**Evaluation Profile**

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| **Attendance and Participation** | **10 %** | **Attendance (6%), Participation in class (4%)** |
| **Homework** | **20 %** | **Written homework (8%), Essay (8%), Oral Homework (4%)** |
| **Quizzes** | **15 %** |  |
| **Oral Test** | **20 %** | **Midterm Oral Test (8%), Final Oral Test (12%)** |
| **Written Exam** | **35 %** | **Midterm (10%), Final (25%)** |

**Attendance (6%): 0.5% deduction** will be levied against the final grade for each unexcused absence. Being late for 20 minutes or more or leaving class early for 20 minutes or more will be counted as one absence. Please see Chinese Language Program Regulation for more details.

**Participation (4%):** Different kinds of in-class activities will be introduced to facilitate your learning. In a Google doc shared between you and the instructor, you should keep records of what you do in class. Your participation grade will be decided referring to this Google doc.

**Written Homework (8%):** After each class, some exercises in the homework will be assigned to help you review the lesson. We will go over the exercises of the lesson on the homework due day. You can make corrections before handing in your homework. Late homework will be accepted, but the highest possible score will be a C+. Please see the homework instruction of each lesson for more information.

**Oral homework (4%):** Students will find a partner and prepare a conversation on the assigned topic. Please see the homework instruction of each lesson for more information.

**Essay (8%)**: Handwrite your essay and turn it in on the due day. Type it and upload it to Connect after you receive it from your teacher. Please see the homework instruction of each lesson for more information.

**Quizzes (15%):** There will be online Vocabulary Quizzes, Vocabulary fill in the blank and Translation Quizzes. Please see the class schedule for each lesson for more information. Note: No make-up quizzes!

**Midterm Oral Test (8%):** (1)Pinyin and paragraph reading (2) A 1-minute self-introduction video. Details will be announced later.

**Final Oral Test (12%):** (1) Pinyin and Paragraph reading. (2) In group of 3~4, students make a video or stage presentation based on the topics, vocabulary and grammar from Lesson 1-5. Details will be announced later.

**Midterm Exam (10%):** Exam Pinyin and Lesson 1-2. Details will be announced later.

**Final Exam (25%):** Exam on Pinyin and Lesson 1-5. Details will be announced later.

Note: Students who miss class for more than 12 times will NOT be allowed to take the final exam.