Description:

Chinese 1A is a beginning level course. It is an introduction to Mandarin Chinese for speakers of English with no knowledge of the language. It is assumed the students have no previous knowledge of spoken or written Chinese. Focus is on developing students’ speaking and listening abilities to handle most common situations in daily life in China. Based on the needs of the students, the instructor will also teach Chinese writing and introduce Chinese culture.

Class Times and Classroom

M and W 6:30-8:00 at Room 102, Confucius Institute of Rutgers

COURSE WORK

Learning a language, especially one as difficult as Chinese, is a very demanding task. You are required to attend every class, and to participate in class activities actively.

GROUND RULES

1. You are expected to attend all classes.

2. All homework assignments should be finished and handed in before the class begins.

3. Please feel free to come to my office hours when you have questions that cannot be satisfactorily solved during class time, or simply when you need extra help. But you should not get in the habit of missing class and then trying to make up what you missed during our office hours.

Welcome to class! We hope you enjoy learning Chinese and discovering the world that the language opens up for you.

CHINESE 1A: SYLLABUS, Spring 2018

Week 1

- M 3/19 Course Introduction & Self-introduction
- W 3/21 Lesson 0.1
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Chinese Character Structure: Radicals and Strokes
  - Learn Characters (Hànzi): 你，我，他，是，哪，国，人
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 2

- **M3/26 Lesson 0.2**
  - Learn Hánzi: 誰，她，們，好，嗎，不，也
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

- **W3/28 Lesson 0.3**
  - Learn Hánzi: 大，衛，山，本，金，中，一
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 3

- **M4/2 Review: Lesson 0.1-0.3**
  - Learn Hánzi: 方，小，英，日，韩，美
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Test: Sound Structure 0.1-0.3 and Radicals [30 minutes]
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

- **W4/4 Lesson 0.4**
  - Learn Hánzi: 六，班，的，学，生，二，三，四
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 4

- **M4/9 Lesson 0.5 (General Review)**
  - Learn Hánzi: 五，七，八，九，十，这，个
  - Pronunciation Drills
  - Pīnyīn dictation practice
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

- **Th4/11 Test Lesson 0.1-0.5** [60 minutes following 20 minutes of review and warm up]
  - Learn Hánzi: 有，叫，什，么，名，字，那
  - Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 5

- **M4/16 Lesson 0.6**
  - Vocabulary Quiz
Learn Hánzi: 同，没，两，老，师，您，姓
vocabulary & grammar
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

W4/18 Lesson 0.7
Learn Hánzi: 多，很，男，女，少，安，娜，张
Classroom activity (课堂活动)
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 6

M4/23 Lesson 0.1-1.7 Review and Test
Hánzi
Phrases & sentences
Classroom activity
Test: 30 minutes
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

W4/25 Lesson 1 您贵姓(Part1)
Learn Characters (Hánzi): 贵姓，好，不，您，是，人，呢，同学，什么
Grammar: Subject + Verb(+ Object)
Text and dialogue: “您是不是加拿大人?”
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 7

M 4/30 Lesson 1 您贵姓(Part2)
Learn Characters (Hánzi): 哪国，老师，名字，还是，法语，汉语，英语
Grammar: Adverb + Verb
Text and dialogue: “您说英语还是汉语?”
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

W5/2 Lesson 2 认识你很高兴(Part1)
Learn Characters (Hánzi): 认识、高兴、学习、可以、邮件、给……打电话
Grammar: Subject + Adjective
Text and dialogue: “见到你很高兴”
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

Week 8

M 5/7 Lesson 2 认识你很高兴(Part2)
Learn Characters (Hánzi): 这儿，朋友，请进，谢谢，喝茶，怎么样，喜欢
Grammar: Tone Changes for “不”
Text and dialogue: “孔子学院怎么样?”
Homework: Hánzi on practice sheets

- W5/9 Lesson 0.1-2 Review and Test
  - Hánzi
  - Phrases & sentences
  - Classroom activity
  - Test: 50 minutes