

PAAS 118: Intensive Beginner Chinese I

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Course description:

You are welcomed to this intensive introductory Chinese language course if you have strong interests in Chinese language and culture and have no prior knowledge of the language. You will lay a solid foundation in modern Chinese grammar and develop your reading, writing, and oral communication skills. In addition to the linguistic aspects of the language, the social and cultural background of the language will also be integrated throughout the course. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to conduct a basic conversation about family members, age, address, time, location, interests, needs, and daily activities and write names, numbers, dates, nationalities, and other simple autobiographical information. Meanwhile, you will acquire a basic knowledge of Chinese culture and civilization to reduce the cultural obstacles and will follow the appropriate rules of etiquette when communicating on topics related to day-to-day situations and social occasions in a Mandarin Chinese-speaking environment.

Proposed assignments:

Weekly written and oral assignments	40%
Group skit	5%
Five quizzes	15%
Oral exam	10%
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	15%

Note: A minimum grade of **B (73%)** is required to proceed to PAAS 218.

Textbooks:

Yuehua Liu, et al. 中文听说读写 Integrated Chinese 1. Boston: Cheng & Tsui, Fourth edition. (textbook & workbook *required*; character workbook *optional*)