

PAAS 118 Intensive Beginner Chinese I

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Note: PAAS 118 is a 3-unit course offered in the fall term. If you would like a 1.5-unit option for introductory Chinese, please consider PAAS 116 offered in the spring term. If you have some background in Chinese and are not sure whether PAAS 118 would be the best fit for you, please contact the instructor.



Course description:

PAAS-118 is designed for students with no or little background of Mandarin Chinese. The intensive (namely, three-unit) course focuses on developing learners' four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing through various topics that are related to students' everyday life, including greetings, introducing oneself and family, dates and time, hobbies, visiting friends, making appointments, learning Chinese as well as school life. Learners will first be familiarized with Pinyin, a Romanization system of transcribing Chinese characters, and the components of characters. The goal of Intensive Beginner Chinese I is to establish a solid foundation that prepares students to function in a culturally appropriate manner.

Proposed assessments (subject to change):

- Attendance: 5%
- Class performance & participation: 10%
- Lesson tests: 30%
- Oral performances: 30%
- Workbook assignments: 15%
- Final video project: 10%

Textbooks:

- *Integrated Chinese* (Volume 1), Textbook/Workbook (Fourth Edition), Yuehua Liu et al. Boston: Cheng & Tsui Company, 2017.