

PAAS 218: Intensive Beginner Chinese II

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Course description:

Welcome to this second-year intensive Chinese language course (Congratulations on your success in the first-year Chinese course!). This course enhances your ability to communicate in Chinese. Through a communicative approach, you will lay a solid foundation in modern Chinese grammar and further develop your reading, writing, and oral communication skills. You will be able to (1) understand sentence length utterances that consist of recombination of learner elements from a limited number of content areas, particularly if strongly supported by the situational context, (2) handle a variety of basic communicative tasks and social situations, such as ordering a meal, asking directions, making purchases, identifying the main ideas in texts and understanding simple messages and personal notes, (3) read specially prepared passages for informative purposes and comprehend portions of some authentic material, (4) perform a variety of practical writing tasks, such as writing short messages, postcards, simple letters, and notes, producing statements about personal preferences, daily routines, everyday events, and other topics grounded in personal experience, and (5) acquire more in-depth knowledge of Chinese culture and civilization to produce the cultural obstacles to Chinese language learning, and 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	45%
Group skit	5%
Five quizzes	20%
Midterm exam	15%
Final exam	15%

Note: A minimum grade of **B (73%)** is required to proceed to PAAS318.

Textbooks:

Yuehua Liu, et al. 中文听说读写 Integrated Chinese 2. Boston: Cheng & Tsui, Fourth edition, 2018.
(textbook & workbook *required*)