PAAS 218: Intensive Beginner Chinese II

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Note: If you have prior Chinese learning experience and are not sure whether PAAS 218 would be the best fit for you, please contact the instructor.

Course description:

PAAS 218, a continuation of PAAS 118, is an intensive (namely, three-unit) upper-beginner level Chinese language course, designed to further enhance the students’ proficiency level and expand their knowledge about the cultures of Mandarin Chinese speakers. Building upon the basic vocabulary and sentence structures covered in Beginner Chinese I, we will continue to learn more complex grammatical patterns and expressions needed for daily life situations. With an integrated focus on the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, this course aims to prepare the learners to function in a culturally appropriate manner.

Proposed assessments (subject to change):

- Attendance: 5%
- Class performance & participation: 10%
- Lesson tests: 30%
- Oral performances: 20%
- Workbook assignments: 20%
- Learning portfolio: 15%

Textbooks: