



Department of World Languages
Mandarin Level 1 P Syllabus

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Course Materials:

- 1) Textbooks: Communicating in Chinese
Ni Hao Level 1
- 2) Workbook: Ni Hao Level 1 Workbook

*Note: If there are not enough textbooks, students will be given handouts. You must bring the textbooks/handouts every day.

Course Description:

Students develop cultural awareness and communication skills involving reading, writing, and especially, listening and speaking. The emphasis is on teaching the sounds and tonal system of the language, comprehension and production of frequently used language, including time, weather, greetings, basic objects, family, clothing, entertainment, community, ordering in restaurants, and basic grammar forms, pronouns, and commands.

Students practice extensively in oral communication using the learned vocabulary. A small percentage of the course time will be used to develop reading and writing skills in the language. They learn to write and type simple, high frequency Chinese characters for reading and writing purposes (e.g., letter to pen pal).

Classroom activities are related to the real world and include developing awareness for acceptable behavior in the Chinese culture.

Prerequisite: None

Units Overview

Unit 1: Introduction to China, the language, and tonal system

- Unit 2: Introduction to basic Chinese Characters
- Unit 3: Numbers 1-100
- Unit 4: Sentence Structures
- Unit 5: Grammar forms, pronouns and commands
- Unit 6: Family
- Unit 7: Pets
- Unit 8: Countries
- Unit 9: Sports
- Unit 10: Friends
- Unit 11: Food
- Unit 12: Review
- Unit 13: Letter to Pen Pal

Methods of Instruction:

- Oral practice
- Hands-on and Group projects
- Real Situation dialogues (Role Play)
- Writing letters to pen pals
- Computer-based assignments
- TPR (Total Physical Response) listening practice
- Story Telling
- Learn the Chinese culture and history. Includes calligraphy, brush painting and martial arts performances
- Activities using your five senses such as taste, sight, smell, touch, and hearing

Classroom Rules:

- 1) You must be in your seat when the bell rings. Be prepared. Have all materials ready. (pencil, textbooks, etc).
- 2) If you are tardy, be sure that the instructor is made aware of it so that attendance can be corrected. If you do not have a valid pass with you, you will be marked tardy. For every 3rd tardy, your parents will receive a phone call. You will get detention for every 5th tardy in T-14.
- 3) You must let the instructor know one day ahead of time if you are attending an extracurricular or sporting event.
- 4) No beverages/snacks in class. Only water is allowed.
- 5) All cell phones need to be **turned off**. If you are caught, the cell phone will be taken away from you and you will be able to pick it up after school. If there is an emergency you will be given a pass to the Attendance Office to make that call.
- 6) If you need to use the restroom, you will be given a bathroom pass. The instructor will hold the right to refuse a student a pass if a student abuses the passes.
- 7) The instructor has the right to move you from your seat and place you in another seat. **No Complaining.**
- 8) Vandalism, stealing, and cheating **will not** be allowed. This will result in a U in citizenship and may result in suspension.

- 9) Do not interfere with classroom instruction. This means no listening to music on your i-pod, playing video games or card games in class.
- 10) Keep the room or computer lab clean.
- 11) You can not do other class work without permission.
- 12) All the rules and regulations of John F. Kennedy High School will be enforced in this classroom.

ALL RULES WILL BE ENFORCED. IF ANY RULES ARE VIOLATED, THE INSTRUCTOR MAY HAVE A HALL MONITOR TAKE YOU OUT OF THE CLASS AND TO THE VP FOR A REFERRAL.

Citizenship

Student can earn a satisfactory grade by showing

- Positive approach to learning
- Respect for teacher and fellow students
- Responsibility for oneself
- Preparation and participation
- Following classroom rules

NOTE: If students break any classroom rules, they may receive an “Unsatisfactory” grade for citizenship. This class can be fun if everyone follows the rule.

Academics

All grades are calculated on the following scale:

90-100 = A

80-89=B

70-79=C

60-69=D

0-59=F

SCHOLARSHIP GRADES will be developed from the following areas:

Participation/Attendance 10%

Homework and Daily Assignments 20%

Projects 20%

Oral and Written Assessments (Tests, Quizzes) 30%

Final (Oral and Written) 20%

- **Participation points will be deducted if classroom rules are broken**

Mandarin Tutoring

If you need help with Mandarin, there will be a Mandarin Tutoring Lab every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30. You will receive two extra credit points for every tutoring session you attend.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit will be offered throughout the semester. Extra credit **cannot** exceed 25 points.

Examples of Extra Credit

- 1) Students who make flashcards for the Chinese Characters will receive extra credit at the end of the semester.
 - 2) Students who attend Chinese Culture events sponsored by the Chinese Culture Club will receive 10 extra credit points. Events include Chinese New Year Celebration, Moon Festival Performance and the Asian Nursing Home Christmas Performance.
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