

MLC 101: Intro to Chinese
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欢迎上中文课！

Welcome to *Introduction to Chinese Language and Culture!*

This course will introduce you to the basics of Beijing-standard Mandarin Chinese as well as many aspects of Chinese Culture. In this course you will learn the sounds, tones and foundations of Chinese as well as basic grammar and vocabulary. While language will be the primary focus of this class you will also get a look at various aspects of Chinese culture, as cultural understanding is of paramount importance in the study of any foreign language.

Course Expectations

This course is designed to be language intensive and requires attention and dedication both in and outside of class. Students are expected to be honest and respectful and comply with the Gustavus Honors Policy. Students will be graded on classroom participation and attendance, homework assignments quizzes, a presentation in English on a Chinese cultural topic, and a final exam. The grading scale is as follows:

Attendance & In-Class Participation: 20%
Daily Homework Assignments: 30%
Cultural Presentation: 10%
Quizzes: 25%
Final Exam: 15%

Textbooks

For this course you are required to purchase the following:

The New Practical Chinese Reader, Vol. 1
The New Practical Chinese Reader Workbook, Vol. 1

Please bring both texts to class every day. Audio files to accompany both the textbook and workbook are available on Moodle, and should be used to complete homework assignments. Additional readings or worksheets will be handed out in class and be available on the course Moodle site. Purchase of a Chinese-English dictionary is also recommended but not required.

Films

To widen your understanding of Chinese Culture, you will be required to view 3 Chinese films outside of class for this course: *Hero*, *Eat Drink Man Woman*, and *To Live*. These films will be available for viewing in the Culpeper Language Center viewing station all term. There also will be a public viewing in the Culpeper Center on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Please see the schedule for more details.

Office Hours

My official office hours for students of Intro to Chinese are: Mon – Fri from 9 – 10 am. However, as the director of the Culpeper Language Center I can also often be found in my office during regular business hours (8 am – 4:45 pm, Mon – Fri). Please don't hesitate to come see me if you are having any difficulties or questions regarding the class.

Language Tutor

International student Gao Tianyu will be the Chinese language tutor for this course. She will be available in the Culpeper Center. She is available to help you with language related questions, such as homework problems and general language practice. But remember, she will not do your homework for you, and she is the only tutor for the whole class, so be sure you are prepared with your questions before you see her.