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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & SYLLABI MANDARIN LANGUAGE COURSES

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CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSES

The Chinese language courses (Comprehensive Reading, Speaking, Listening and Writing) are intended to work as a unit, utilizing the immersion method developed at UIBE, one of the oldest language training programs in China. Students will take a placement exam during the orientation period to determine their level of proficiency. Each language course is the equivalent of 2 to 6 semester credits, depending on the level of proficiency. Collectively, language courses equal 20 semester credits (306 to 340 contact hours).

The Chinese language curriculum focuses on listening, speaking, reading and writing skills as well as modern grammar and essay writing. The courses are offered on the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels with each level further divided into 6-12 classes of 8-15 students each to allow learners at a similar Chinese level to be grouped together. Below is list of courses offered at each level.

Beginner

- Chinese Comprehensive Reading (136 hours) - 8 credits
- Chinese Speaking (102 hours) - 6 credits
- Chinese Listening (102 hours) - 6 credits

Intermediate

- Chinese Comprehensive Reading (102 hours) - 6 credits
- Chinese Speaking (68 hours) - 4 credits
- Chinese Listening (68 hours) - 4 credits
- Chinese Reading & Writing (68 hours) - 4 credits

Advanced

- Chinese Comprehensive Reading (102 hours) - 6 credits
- Chinese Speaking (68 hours) - 4 credits
- Chinese Listening (68 hours) - 4 credits
- Chinese Reading & Writing (68 hours) - 4 credits

Plus one of the following:

- Chinese Newspaper Reading (32 hours) - 2 credits
- Business Chinese (32 hours) - 2 credits

Chinese Comprehensive Reading

The goal of this course is to build listening skills and proper pronunciation of Chinese Mandarin. Grammar instructions and vocabulary acquisition are the main content of class.

Textbooks: *Modern Chinese Beginner's Course, Intermediate Chinese Course, Bridge, and International Business Chinese.*

Chinese Listening

The goal of this course is to build listening skills and proper pronunciation of Chinese Mandarin. Grammar instructions and vocabulary acquisition are the main content of class.

Textbooks: *Modern Chinese Beginner's Course, Intermediate Chinese Course, Bridge, and International Business Chinese.*

Chinese Speaking

The objective of this course is to facilitate the acquisition of language necessary to express oneself in daily situations as well as in more difficult contexts. Students will carry on daily communication, business conversations and negotiations throughout the course.

Textbooks: *Modern Chinese Beginner's Listening Course, Chinese Listening Comprehension and Advanced Listening Comprehension, Conversational Chinese 301, Chinese Situational Dialogues and Intermediate Chinese Speaking.*

Chinese Reading & Writing

Students are required to write and correct essays regularly. Part of the class is utilized for selected readings, discussion, grammar lessons and vocabulary building. By the end of the semester students will be able to read articles, periodicals and essays, and carry on daily writings in a wide variety of social and business situations.

Textbooks: *Understanding China through Newspaper Reading, Business Writing in Chinese and Chinese for Economics and Trade.*

Chinese Newspaper Reading

Students are required regularly read and analyze newspapers. Students will acquire advanced proficiency of Chinese through readings of newspapers, periodicals and essays.

Textbooks: *Understanding China through Newspaper Reading*

Business Chinese

The objective of this course is to facilitate the acquisition of language necessary to express oneself in formal and professional settings. Students will carry on daily business conversations and negotiations throughout the course.

Textbooks: *Business Writing*

Chinese Language & Culture

An overall language course that combines grammar, reading, writing and speaking. This course is offered in the summer only.