

CHINESE 121 – Beginning First Year Chinese Online Summer 2009

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Required Texts:

Active Chinese CD **part I**– available in bookstore
(Textbook, workbook and MP3 files included on disc)

How to succeed in this course:

- Learn how to use the EBook (read through "Using Active Chinese" in the Getting Started module on this site). Spend at least 5 hours to study each lesson. Complete the flash lessons (dialogues, language points are important)
- Practice listening, speaking, reading, writing Chinese. Use the textbook and workbook to review the lesson and answer questions.
- Make sure you know you have two kinds of homework – writing and speaking
- Do your homework; this is the most important part of the learning!
- Turn in your assignments on time.
- Pay attention to any Announcements on the class site.
- Review homework, (tests) slides for each lesson. I will post the general mistakes from your homework and test.
- Make good use of your instructor.

Necessary technology:

- You will need to have access to a computer and an internet connection to complete this course.
- The course site is accessed via the Web. You can use the Web browser of your choice as long as it is supported by the Blackboard Vista course management system. Be sure to check out the "Online Learning Resources" materials in the "Getting Started" section of this web site to ensure that your equipment and browser are formatted to work with Blackboard Vista.
- If you are using a Windows-based computer, audio files supplied by the instructor (in the event that you need recorded feedback) will be sent to you as ".wmv" files (Windows Media format). These should play back without issue using the built-in Windows Media Player.
- If you are using a Macintosh-based computer, and receive recorded feedback from the instructor, you may need to download a free utility to convert files between the .wmv format and Quicktime. This utility can be found at <http://www.flip4mac.com>

- If you decide to submit your verbal homework as recordings, you will need a microphone to attach to your computer, as well as a simple recording utility. For more information on recording your spoken voice on your computer, see the information within "Submitting Your Homework".

Course requirements:

- Assignments (60% of your final grade) Due dates for all assignments are posted within each lesson module, on the calendar below and also on the site calendar. It's important that you keep up with your assignments. They are the most important part of the learning. Homework will be assigned for every lesson. In order to receive full points, homework must be turned in on time and be fully corrected afterwards. Late assignments will have points deducted ([see online class site for more details](#)).

The assignments for this course consist of two kinds of homework:

- Written homework: the written assignments are from your workbook, so you can access them on the eBook CD-ROM; they are also posted as downloadable Word documents within each lesson module on our course website. ([see online class site for more details](#)).
- Verbal homework: it is highly recommended that you record yourself reading dialogue(s). Selected lessons will require that you demonstrate your speaking ability for the instructor. You have three ways to do your homework ([see online class site for more details](#))
 - Record yourself reading dialogue(s) and send the recording to the instructor. Please use vista site. ([see online class site for more details](#))
 - Record your dialogue by reading it over the phone and leaving it as a message on the instructor's office voice mail: 425-564-2755
 - Attend campus-based classroom discussion times. The dates for these are Thursday, July 2, 10:30-11:20, and August 6 10:30-11:20 @A245
You can come to classroom to see the instructor in person and read in the class.
- Tests and Quizzes (40% of your final grade) There will be two quizzes during the quarter.
 - Quiz 1: lesson 1, 2 and 3
 - Quiz 2: lesson 4, 5 and 6

You can find the quiz schedule in the calendar timetable below and noted on the site calendar.

- **Other assignments (extra credit 5%):** This will be posted in the middle of the quarter.

Grading System:

A = 94-100%	A- = 90-93%	
B+ = 87 - 89%	B = 83 - 86%	B- = 80 - 82%
C+ = 77 - 79%	C = 73 - 76%	C- = 70 - 72%
D+ = 67 - 69%	D = 60 - 66%	
F = 59% and below		