

# Syllabus for Elementary Chinese 1 (CL036)

## Course Description

This course is to build a preliminary foundation in spoken Chinese for the students within limited time and enable them to communicate in the target language for some basic functions. 250 most frequently used Chinese characters will also be taught. Meanwhile passing HSK 2 is an optional target. This course is also helpful to those who want to study Chinese language in depth in the future. No prerequisite is required.

## Teaching Materials and tools

Textbook: *Hello, Chinese! (I)* by Wang Jun & An Na Shanghai Jiao Tong University Press (digital version will be provided to students)

*Hello, Chinese! (introduction to Chinese characters)* by An N & Wang Jun Shanghai Jiao Tong University Press (Starting from Lesson 8) (digital version will be provided to students)

Online material (MOOC): <https://www.coursera.org/specializations/learn-mandarin>

Live broadcasting: Tencent meeting/Voov meeting

Wechat group: see canvas

## Course Objectives

By the end of this course, the students will:

1. Be familiar with the phonetic system in Chinese (hanyu pinyin).
2. Build up a vocabulary of approximately 400 words.
3. Be familiar with about 30 basic sentence patterns in Chinese and communicate with them.
4. Have a command of 13 communicative functions as listed in the textbook, which facilitate life in China.
5. Be able to recognize and write about 250 most frequently used Chinese characters.
6. Be able to pass HSK 2 test.

## Course structure and requirements

The course provides students with MOOC (online course) support in both MOOC platform and course videos format. A student can view the entire MOOC chapter on the platform (including videos and exercises), or only the course videos after each live class. He/she can also view the live class playback once the instructor uploads it to Canvas.

Homework is on-paper written work after each live broadcasting, and students need to take photographs of them and upload to the canvas system as one source of grade (Once a week, 13 in total). The table below shows the procedures

Attendance in tencent meeting will be a crucial part of the course, anyone who fail to attend more than 1/3 of classes will fail the course immediately. A teaching assistant will check the attendance twice during each live class (one at the beginning and one by the end of the class) Quizzes will be given at the beginning of a class once the previous chapter of the book has been finished, however, due to the online instruction situation, they will not consist part of your grade. Homework (which should be uploaded to Canvas) consists a big part of the total grade. The form of Mid-term and Final exam will be introduced in the live classes.

## Grading System

Quizzes.....	0 %
Homeworks.....	30 %
Mid-term.....	30 %
Final Exam .....	40%
Total.....	100% (passing grade: 60%)

**Course Schedule (two 1.5 hr live-streamed classes per week)**

Week	Contents	Objectives
2	Introduction, Phonetics	Learning the Pinyin system in Chinese
	Lesson 1 Hello!	Learning how to greet people
3	Practice for Lesson 1	Learning how to introduce one's name and nationality
	Lesson 2 What's the time?	Learning how to express numbers
4	Practice for Lesson 2	Learning how to express time: the time, years, month and dates
	Lesson 3 Go shopping	Learning how to talk about money
5	Practice for Lesson 3	Learning the expressions used in shopping
	Lesson 4 How many people are in your family?	Learning how to bargain
6	Practice for Lesson 4	Learning how to talk about family, occupations and age
	Lesson 5 What would you like to eat?	Learning how to order and talk about food
7	Practice for Lesson 5	Learning how to ask for directions and places
	Lesson 6 How to get to the library?	Learning how to talk to taxi drivers
8	Practice for Lesson 6	Learning how to ask for phone numbers
	Lesson 7 What's your phone number?	Learning how to talk about hobbies and leisure activities
9	Practice for Lesson 7	Learning how to make phone calls
	Lesson 8 What's up?	Learning how to make an appointment
10	Practice for Lesson 8	Learning how to express the location of things and places
	<b>Mid-term Exam</b>	
11	Lesson 9 Where is my cell phone?	Learning how to express the location of things and places
	Practice for Lesson 9	Learning some vocabulary for the human body
12	Lesson 10 Are you feeling sick?	Learning how to ask about and describe one's health
	Practice for Lesson 10	Learning the expressions related to the
	Lesson 11 I want to borrow	

	some Chinese books	library
13	Practice for Lesson 11	Learning how to express capability and possibility
	Lesson 12 I would like to exchange for some RMB	Learning the expressions related to the bank
14	Practice for Lesson 12	Learning how to express big numbers
	Lesson 13 Please clear the table	Learning the expressions for housework
15	Practice for Lesson 13	Learning the “bǎ ” sentence
	Lesson 14 I want to take a trip	Learning the expressions related to travel
16	Practice for Lesson 14	Learning how to talk about travel plans
	Lesson 15 I want to book a flight ticket	Learning how to book flight tickets and hotel rooms
17	Practice for Lesson 15	Learning the expressions used in the airport
	<b>Final Exam</b>	