



Chinese 101 (WLC-CHIN-101)

Northeastern University

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Course Description

The current course (four credits) is designed to assist students to gain a rudimentary knowledge of Mandarin Chinese. No prior knowledge in Chinese is required. Emphases are given to basic principles of the writing system (both traditional and simplified characters), conversation, and other linguistic topics.
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Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

Required Texts

Wheatley, Julian K. *Learning Chinese: A Foundation Course in Mandarin, Elementary Level*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010. ISBN 9780300141177

McNaughton, William and Li Ying. *Reading and Writing Chinese: A Comprehensive Guide to the Chinese Writing System*. North Clarendon: Tuttle, 1999. ISBN 0804832064

Recommended for further Studies

Boltz, William G. “Early Chinese Writing” in Daniels and Bright, eds., *The World’s Writing Systems* (Oxford: 1996), 191–99.

Diringer, David, “Chinese Language and Writing” in *The Alphabet: A Key to the History of Mankind* (New York: Funk & Wagnalls), Vol. 1: 61–79 and Vol. 2: 74–94.

Mair, Victor H. “Modern Chinese Writing” in Daniels and Bright, eds., *The World’s Writing Systems* (Oxford: 1996), 200–08.

Manser, Martin H. *Concise English-Chinese Chinese-*

- III. Punctuality and active participation in class discussions are expected. Compensation for absences is possible if students choose to do an additional assignment (please discuss it with me first). However, students receive a nonnegotiable “F” for the course after seven (7) absences.
- IV. Students will receive a 0% for their Attendance and Participation grade if they are found deliberately disturbing the class or having intolerable behavioral problems such as talking

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Distribution:

Fine Arts FA 2 courses, 6 credit hours from two of the following areas of study:
Art, Mass Media & Theatre (in the CMT dept.), Music & Dance (in the Music dept.)

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